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**Did you know that a "cockmaster" is someone who breeds game cocks?**

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## R.I.P. Picaro

By: Andre Duchene

In 1965 the Picaro was born. It's creation was shrouded in mystery. Motherless, we were left no choice but to suppose that it had come to be by immaculate conception. But what was this strange creature and what in God's name did Picaro mean?

For those of you unfamiliar with the Picaro, it was the student newspaper for Mount Saint Vincent until its brutal demise this year at the hands of the vicious, intolerable and horribly obnoxious Jargon. The poor sob to the right was the last remaining member. For the record he cried like a schoolgirl.

The Picaro, Spanish for rogue, changed a great deal over the years at MSVU. It saw countless staff come and go. And, like any respectable rogue, it's look changed as well. We have seen the Picaro publishing weekly, with 20 pages, a color cover and avid student readership. We have seen it monthly, in black and white, on paper not fit for one's bottom. And finally, there have been times when we have not seen it at all.

For the last two years the Picaro was mired by insufficient funding and understaffing. The result is that what sporadically did appear on campus was thin, unattractive and largely irrelevant to the student body. The Picaro had begun to die.

Well that was too much for us. We just couldn't permit ourselves to allow this senseless suffering to continue. And so, in the interest of alleviating suffering, we euthanized the Picaro.

Alright, alright, enough morbid humor. The truth is the Picaro just hasn't been reflective of the student body for the last couple of years. The role of a student newspaper is to entertain and enlighten the student body and that just wasn't happening. This year we offer a new alternative to the Picaro and a brand new start: MSVU Jargon. Not to be confused with "the Jargon." Virtually every paper I've ever seen is "the somethingoranother." We're not, so get it right.

At this point I should probably backtrack a little and apologize on behalf of fate for the tardiness of the paper. Yes you heard me right, on behalf of fate, not me, not us. We didn't

even begin negotiations with the student union to have a paper until September third. Our printing contract wasn't finalized until last Wednesday. The reason I'm telling you this is not to liberate us of responsibility. I'm telling you this so that you don't expect this in the future. From here on end, baring nuclear apocalypses and plague outbreaks you will have a paper on campus (other than the SMU Journal) on the second Thursday of every month.

The format for Jargon is still somewhat liquid. We're experimenting with the idea of having a classifieds column where people can place mock ads and personals. We're toying with the idea of having a sex columnist that you can write in to, modelled after *Savage Love of The Coast*. We already have the columnist (me) and you will find his writing at the end of this issue. But if you want his column to be interactive you're going to

have to play along and send him an email or three. Bottom line: if you people tell us what you want to see in the paper outside of hate literature and porno (you'll just have to go online for that), we will do our best to put out.

Now then, we've just cleaned up the office and we have a HUGE amount of crap. Some of it is even kind of cool. If you want some free crap you can come down and find us. I'm bad with directions so I'll just say we're somewhere in Rosaria. Free Stuff! We have about twenty cds of some of the most obscure, shittiest music I've even seen. But then again, you never know, you might like shitty music. Come on by for a free cd just for saying hello. Actually you can come by and tell us to go to hell and we'll still give you a free cd. Come by quick while our godawful supplies last.



## Songs of Hope

By: Andrea Newell

"Zip-Ah-Dee-Doo-Dah, Zip-Ah-Dee-Ay, my oh my what a wonderful day..." Music bounces through the mind of Tara-Ann Wilson, a student at Mount Saint Vincent University and co-ordinator of a Sing-A-Thon. Her group, Voices of Hope, sang for 24 hours on September 20 and 21 to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy (MD).

In 1998, Wilson lost a childhood friend to MD. Donald Muise died at age 19, a mere two months before his 20th birthday.

MD is a disease that gradually deteriorates the muscles that control body movement. There are over 40 types of MD. Muise was afflicted with a childhood form; Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy.

Wilson felt that there were better ways to deal with her grief than sulking. Gathering her strength, she decided to do something constructive with her energy.

Realizing that music played an important role in Muise's life, singing in his memory seemed the logical approach.

It was in high school, over lunch hour that Wilson suggested a Sing-A-Thon. "At first, I didn't think people would like the idea. I thought people would laugh at it, but they actually thought it was cool."

It was at that moment that friends banded together and

formed Teens with a Hope, which later became Voices of Hope. The first Sing-A-Thon was held in November of 1999, raising just over \$900. Queen Elizabeth High School and Global News were great supporters.

Voices of Hope, buoyed up with such great success, that they carried on singing each year. Continuing to raise more money and gaining publicity, the group crescendoed. Fundraising efforts eventually expanded to door-to-door campaigns and Barbeques. Local supermarkets pitched in, and St. Andrew's United Church offered to house the performance.

In 2002, after days of fundraising the group had surpassed their \$1,000 goal and was now over \$1,500. Money raised, the only thing left to do was sing. Voices of students from Mount Saint Vincent, Dalhousie, and Saint Mary's Universities struck a chord at 6 p.m. Friday. Guitars, keyboards and voices carried melodies nonstop. Before one song ended another began. The keynote of the event was singing the very last song Saturday evening, knowing that they had succeeded yet again.

The Sing-A-Thon is a personal investment for Wilson. "Everyone has a fear that when a friend dies they will be forgotten. This is a way of keeping him here for me, in an emotional sense."

Voices of Hope are proud of their efforts and feel they are

making a difference. Although medical equipment and procedures are expensive, it is possible that a modest \$1,500 will help find a cure. Voices of Hope plan to sing again next year, striving to increase awareness of MD.

## Solutions to Homelessness

There is a new course at MSVU designed to tackle the growing problem of housing shortages in Nova Scotia.

Developing Affordable Housing is a continuing education certificate course, sponsored by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). The course starts on October 5, 2002 and continues for 12 Saturdays this fall and winter. The course is designed to train individuals or groups who are considering or currently developing affordable housing projects. Students will learn how to manage the planning, design, construction and operation of non-profit community housing.

"Every day there seems to be another story on the news about a tent city. We walk by homeless people on our streets all the time. We need to create good, affordable places for people to live. We need to fix this problem. It's not going to fix itself," says Dr. Deborah Norris, MSVU Professor of Family Studies and Gerontology. Dr. Norris worked with the Coalition for Community Action on

Homelessness to design the new course. CMHC also acted as a resource in developing the course and providing educational materials.

Students include community activists, housing developers and people from social service agencies. There's even a homeless man registered to take the program.

Ann Bromley is one of the students. She's working to develop an affordable housing project in rural Nova Scotia.

"Our population is aging and as baby boomers sell their homes to retire, they often have to leave their rural communities to find affordable housing. And it's only going to get worse. Because I am new to the development business this course will give me the tools I need to actually make something happen," says Ms. Bromley. "Rents are sky-high. Developers are only building homes for high-income people. If we don't do something there are going to be a lot more people living in poverty and overcrowded conditions."

"This course will give people who are passionate about providing affordable housing the practical skills to make it happen."

Instructors with experience in finance, design and construction will teach the course. Response has been even greater than expected - the course is full and there's a waiting list.

# EDITORIAL

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## A War Worth Protesting

By: Andre Duchene

It's very difficult to look at the news these days and not read something about the War on Terrorism. What makes me angry though is the media's inability to cover the events accurately. It seems as though the media, what should be a reporting entity and one to keep governments in check, has become a propaganda machine. It's perhaps too much to say that the media lies for the deception exists in the omission of information in the mainstream media. What I would like to do is throw a few facts and ideas out to you so that you might better understand what is going on, or at least understand that we are not well informed enough to expect to understand.

Virtually everyday we are inundated with news about the US and their new war plans. They have become international bullies. We, the remaining Western world, have become their "yes men." The UN, in an attempt to create an international setting where crimes would never go unpunished, regardless of the perpetrator, is in the process of putting an International Criminal Court into affect. This ICC would be able to try anyone for international crimes. Presidents and soldiers alike would fall under its jurisdiction. The US has refused any participation in such a court. Nothing short of immunity has been acceptable

to the US. The ICC would enable the international community to help prevent crimes against humanity. The most heinous of crimes are perpetrated by people in power and beyond the reach of local authority. The ICC would render genocide and other gross human rights violations punishable. That the US is unwilling to recognize such a court is prophetic of their attitude. We have seen a reflection of this in the US's unwillingness to participate in the Kyoto plan. Again they wash their hands clean of any responsibility.

This idea of a war on terrorism is a mysterious idea. As of yet I have heard no good definition of terrorism in any media. I would offer that what we call terrorists now are nothing more than militant factions, too small to fight a battle in the open, fighting against a larger superpower. Rebels are now popularly referred to as terrorists whenever a government wants to exterminate them while maintaining international (US) approval. I would recommend that we forget this word terrorism altogether. The world is at war, period.

Another article of information not often mentioned is how much oil is at stake in this war. It would perhaps be too much of a stretch to accuse the US of fighting this war for nothing more than oil but we would be foolish to not be suspicious of that potential economic gain.

But what of the potential for Iraq to strike out against the US? Ridiculous. There has been no evidence to support

the idea of Iraq harbouring nuclear firepower. For that matter, so what if they did? The use of nuclear weaponry is suicide no matter who uses it. Who does have it? The US of course. Israel has them because the US supplied them. Likewise does China. Possession of nuclear weapons is not uncommon.

It is ironic that the US should cite the possession of powerful weaponry as grounds for the declaration of war. The US are, of course, not only the biggest militant power in the world but also the biggest military salesman in the world. Indeed it will probably be US weapons that will be firing on F18s during their bombing runs. Saddam, like the Taliban were once supported by US military aid. Do not suppose that the US are righteous because they are warring with

a vicious despot. Years ago, the US still supported Saddam in times of the most extreme of human rights violations. It is clear that the US government cries for none but their own.

If the US does go to war with Iraq, as we all expect it will, who will die? Civilians will die. Whole cities of Iraqi civilians will burn in US fires for it is civilians that fight for Saddam. For what end? I do not know.

What I'm asking here is not that you snarl and froth at every mention of the US. What I ask is that you read the news with a critical mind in these next few months. What I'm asking is that you keep your eyes and ears open for avenues whereby you can express your distaste with this war and your extreme opposition to any Canadian involvement in this slaughter.

## Jargon is currently hiring for the following positions:

**News Editor (good luck in Toronto Paul)**

**Writers for A&E**

**Advertising Manager**

**Jargon supports peace, equality and environmentally friendly behaviour. If you are hosting an event for any of the above causes and would like to promote it, we would be more than happy to lend a hand, free of charge.**

Jargon reserves the right to refuse any material. The above invitation is subject to space limitations.

Donald Rumsfeld: "We can say with the utmost certainty that Osama Bin Laden is either in Afghanistan, dead or in some other country."

## Vinnies Pub — not just for Thursdays anymore

By: Lara Sifton

Kenny Fitzpatrick wants to change things at Vinnie's Pub.

The general manager of the Students Union (SU) is vowing to make a few changes at Vinnies, and hopes to solve some past problems.

"Last year was all about bringing people in, this year is about fixing some of the problems," says Fitzpatrick, who believes there's a lot of change happening.

Fitzpatrick, who worked as Retail Operations Manager for the Student Association of George Brown College in Toronto, works with the managers of such student services as Vinnie's, the Crow's Nest (a student lounge), the Corner Store, the Student Union info desk, and the Fountain Play Centre (a day care service).

By the time Fitzpatrick arrived last year, the pub had gone one term without a SU manager and was in rough financial shape. Although the pub is slowly starting to recover from past losses, Fitzpatrick says it will take no less than 5 years to pay off the \$12,000 debt it has accumulated.

"This year we're hoping to make enough to pay back the SU start-up costs and make some extra cash," says Fitzpatrick.

Last year the SU's computer

budgeting system crashed while it was being converted into an updated version. This meant that all financial records from the 2001-2002 year were lost. Vinnie's exact losses are not known, but Fitzpatrick assures no profit was made. "Last year's profits were used to pay for the cumulative debt."

SU Chief Financial Officer Katie McMullin stresses that Vinnie's has never been under any great pressure to act as a profitable enterprise, instead it has focused on adding to student life and to offering students a cheap alternative form of entertainment.

Vinnie's receives all of its funding from the SU. This is the first year that Vinnie's \$18,376 budget is being kept separately from the overall SU budget, making it harder for the pub to bury its finances under the general, overall SU budget. It is important that students realize and understand the changes, since student fees go directly towards the cost of operating Vinnie's.

Fitzpatrick says that if Vinnie's does make a profit, it will be reinvested next year to improve the pub. Eventually down the line that's what you should see — that the pub keeps enough to take care of itself and builds and grows. Excess would go back into student events. Obviously there are some things to take care of first before that can happen. Because these changes won't be tangibly visible, he worries

that students may begin to feel left out of the loop.

"It's all the mechanics behind the scenes that sometimes can be very frustrating to people. It's hard to make that visible to them."

Fitzpatrick blames the pub's lack of self-promotion and poorly planned special events for its failures.

"People didn't come during the daytime, they didn't come into the pub on Fridays, they didn't know when they could go into

the pub."

He realized a new schedule of events was needed to attract students to the campus pub and worked to give Vinnie's a competitive edge in the community by creating weekly theme nights like cheep beer and wings and a pool tournament. Local bands with student appeal replaced such costly house bands as I Mother Earth and Kim Mitchell that brought out poor attendance.

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At a cost of \$3,000 a night, only about 10 students came to either event, causing the pub to suffer a major loss.

Fitzpatrick has learned from past mistakes that the Mount does not have a large enough population to support such events. He does not try to compete with the downtown bars, calling it a losing battle because of the location, student population and lack of money to compete.

There have been some definite improvements to the pub's image.

"We really jazzed up Friday nights to get people in here. We're trying to hit all areas of the student body."

Fitzpatrick says that Thursday nights attract younger students, while Friday nights draw a more eclectic group — those who have gotten past the party mode. Wednesdays, which boast Poor Student & Wing night, draw those people who just happen to be around.

Another objective of Fitzpatrick's is to have events in the pub that aren't necessarily alcohol driven. Underagers and those who don't drink should be able to feel like they can come out and still enjoy themselves. Making it clear that Vinnies is a great place to have fun, with or without alcohol is a definite priority.

Vinnie's is the only university pub in all of Halifax open to minors. His goal for this year

is to make students aware that Vinnie's is a place where anybody, whether of age or not, can go and just hang out.

In reaction to concerns by students regarding the line up at Vinnie's, Fitzpatrick points out that the sign-in procedure for those who are signing people in will take a bit longer.

He says pub staff are aware of the Mount students, but can't be held accountable for those not attending MSVU. If anything were to go wrong, Vinnie's would want to hold the person in question responsible.

Fitzpatrick notes that the change is to protect our own students and ourselves. The pub's tight relationship with campus security has enabled them to keep a closer eye on security procedures. Even though upgraded security measures have slowed down the line for the moment, Fitzpatrick anticipates the wait will be much shorter as the bugs get worked out.

Fitzpatrick's dedication to his work and the students of Mount Saint Vincent is obvious. He has a vested interest in making Vinnie's the hub of student life. Fitzpatrick stresses that everyone is welcome.

"We're open for more than just students, we're open for this entire community and we would like everybody to take advantage of that."

## How Embarrassing!

By: Francis Mullins

My recent trip to Sobeys was ignominiously cut short when I was caught sneaking a slightly broken cookie from the bulk-cookie bin. I guess I should have known better than to perpetrate such a heinous crime at night in a nearly empty store, especially since I was simply accompanying a couple friends and not making any purchases myself. The floor-

It seemed innocent enough. He had no idea of the savage retribution awaiting him. For Francis, Sobeys would never be the same.



walker, complete with backwards baseball cap and a shopping cart, observed my clandestine confiscation. He confronted me and said "You know you have to pay for those cookies," and "Don't laugh, this is serious," and "You could be arrested for this." He released me, momentarily, to patrol his domain while I shared the ill-gotten creme-filled biscuit and some giggling about my transgression with my companion. I had just enough time to find my other friend before he barreled his cart up to me once again and said "I changed my mind, I want you out of here. If I see you here

again you will be barred."

"Yes Sir!" I responded with a salute, and walked out. The look of shock on the face of friend #2 sent the undeniable message that she isn't going to want to take me anywhere again. I was careful to keep a straight face and to avoid looking around as I exited, lest the accusing stares of those without sin should shame me to tears and negate the giddy exhilaration of having a brush with the bad side of the authoritarian equivalent of a flight attendant and escaping scot-free. Free from him, though not from the eternity of torment I can expect to spend doing stock inventories in Hell's grocery store.

But do not think I am a heartless thief. I did have sympathy for the poor floorwalker as I waited for my friends in the rain and surreptitiously observed him on his depressing rounds. Pushing a cart half-filled with unchanging unpurchases for hour after interminable hour, the oblivious pedestrian unaware of his gaze, with only the sporadic power trip to break the monotony. That's liable to turn even good apples sour.

My concern is not with this crass prole, but with the evil geniuses who realized how profitable it could be to pay someone hourly to halt what is known in industry circles as "stealing food."

How do their calculations work?

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It is absolutely impossible to lick your elbow. (I'm sure you'll have fun trying though)

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## Proud to be Canadian

By: Keiran Gibbs

It's about that time of year when the maple leaves really start to look beautiful. There is nothing like those fall colours of purple, yellow, orange and red to make one really admire her surroundings. These maple leaves may be stunning, but they don't have anything on the one that is going to play centre stage on Parliament Hill in November.

On October 28th to the 30th, 64 universities from around the country are going to take part in signing the largest Canadian flag in history- or a piece of it anyway. The WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER "WWAR" project, primarily organized by first and second year students from Concordia University, is organizing the distribution of a 15 foot by 15 foot piece of the Canadian flag to each of the participating 64 schools. Pieces will "hang around" for three days in order to allow for students to sign it

as they please. The projected number of student signatures is at least 200,000. On November 10th, each piece of the flag will be sent to Ottawa where all of the pieces will be joined, thus making the largest Canadian flag in history at 144 feet long and 72 feet wide.

However patriotic the project is, Mount Saint Vincent has a few reasons of its own for deciding to take part in the WWAR project. Not only is it an opportunity to show respect to the veterans who fought and died for freedom, but it is also a time to acknowledge the man who designed one of the symbols of Canadian identity; the Canadian flag. The recently deceased George Stanley: historian, educator, author, and former Lieutenant Governor and the man who designed the Canadian flag was also the father of Della Stanley, the Dean of the Canadian Studies Department.

Therefore, students who want to pay their respects to veterans and George Stanley by

those taxes that could have rendered unnecessary the \$1 million cut by the Conservatives to Child Welfare Services announced on October 2 on CBC. If Sobeys wasn't making such profits, I would also say they might have been too poor to hire a stalker to kick me out.

So I did another calculation. With about 812 000 people in Nova Scotia, those millions work out to 89¢ per person per year. I got about 10¢ of mine



What does a puppy have to do with all of this?

**Absolutely nothing!**

I'm just guessing you all know what a Canadian flag looks like though so I figured I'd show you Finnigan here instead. Besides, you can never have too much puppy.

signing a piece of the flag will be able to catch the Canadian Studies Society booth at different locations in Rosaria and the Link from October 28th to the 30th.

For more information on this project, look up [www.wwar.ca](http://www.wwar.ca) or call the Canadian Studies Society office at 457-6463 in Seton 545, or by email at [canadianstudies.society@msvu.ca](mailto:canadianstudies.society@msvu.ca).

## (Sobeys)

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It goes something like this. First, get a \$3.5 million payroll rebate, spread over 5 years, from the Nova Scotia government in exchange for creating 140 jobs, like Sobeys got in August 2000. Simple, no? That works out to \$5000 per new employee, per year. In other words, tuition.

Quite a burn, considering

*Puppy:* I'm looking for a loving home, full of loving people. If you are one such loving person with one such loving home you can find me at the Dartmouth branch SPCA. (902) 468-7877.

back, though I would not suggest that the respectable citizens of Nova Scotia would risk tarnishing their souls by breaking the 8th commandment. I know it is tempting to think of recovering our money through a grassroots cookie tax, implemented by a horde of underfed kids, but that's wrong wrong wrong. I've learned the error of my ways. I'm going to get my money back from Sobeys on the level. I think they're hiring.

## A Special Thanks:

**Jargon would like to thank William Hart of the physical plant for all of the help he provided with setting up our office this year.**

**Cheers Will!**

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## Protecting the Earth starts with you

By: Andre Duchene

Tell me friends, is this world not beautiful? Are we not lucky to have clean air to breathe and clean water to drink? How often have we had these thoughts and felt helpless to act on them as industry tramples our environment like a six-year old ravaging his mother's garden?

*As the forests are butchered:* the Department of Natural Resources has time and time

again ignored its commitments to enforce sustainable forestry practices in Nova Scotia. At every turn they have found opposition in the Ecology Action Center. Protected site proposals, petitions and letters to the appropriate officials pepper DNR, urging them to set aside sites as nature sanctuaries.

*As the oceans are poisoned:* the Ecology Action Centre is currently in court with the Department of Fisheries and

Oceans for reopening fisheries in the Georges Bank area. Permitting dragging in this area could potentially destroy this delicate region.

Perhaps we are not so helpless.

The Ecology Action Centre is an organization determined to educate the public about environmental issues and to affect legislation in a manner that encourages sustainable practices. They are a volunteer-driven organization and always welcomes new members.

So where do your concerns lie?

**Wilderness Committee**  
Meetings every third Thursday of every month at 6:00

**Coastal Issues Committee**  
Meetings on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

**Marine Issues Committee**  
Meetings last Wednesday of every month at 5:00

**Energy Committee**  
Meetings third Tuesday of every month at 5:00 pm

### Transportation Issues Committee

Meetings first Wednesday of every month at 5:15 pm

### Urban Development Issues Committee

Contact the EAC to check meeting times

**The Ecology Actions Center's mission is to encourage a society in Nova Scotia which respects and protects nature and provides environmentally and economically sustainable jobs for its citizens.**

**To join one of our committees, become an EAC member or simply get more information, please call us at 902-429-2202 or check out our website at [www.ecologyaction.ca](http://www.ecologyaction.ca) Our office is located at 1568 Argyle St., Suite 31.**

**With the Ecology Action Centre you don't have to be a treehugging hippie and you don't need a PhD in Environmental Sciences. You just need to care about the world around you.**

**The Women's Theatre and Creativity Centre**  
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Tuesdays Oct. 15 - Nov. 26  
more information.

Call 453-5854 to register or for

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## MSVU: History at a glance

By: Paul Hutchings

As you walk through the halls, fighting the crowds to get to your next class, take a moment to recognize the history that surrounds you. It's a past that sees its start almost two centuries ago, and one to which until recently I was quite oblivious.

Mount Saint Vincent University started as an academy established by the Sisters of Charity in 1873 with an original purpose of training novices and sisters as teachers. The Sisters quickly recognized the need to provide opportunities in post-secondary education for other women as well.

In 1914 the Sisters signed an agreement with Dalhousie University, enabling students to enroll in the first two years of a bachelor's degree program at the Mount and to continue for the last two years and the awarding of the degree at Dalhousie. The agreement continued over the next 11 years, but in 1925, the provincial legislature awarded the Mount the right to grant its own degrees, making it the only women's college in the British Commonwealth.

Disaster struck on January 31, 1951 when the entire building of Mount Saint Vincent was destroyed by fire. Fortunately, with construction already begun, Evaristus Hall was ready in time for classes to resume normally the following fall, and the residents of the

City of Halifax helped with the rebuilding. We still show our thanks each year during Carritas Day, when Mount students volunteer at various charitable organizations around the city.

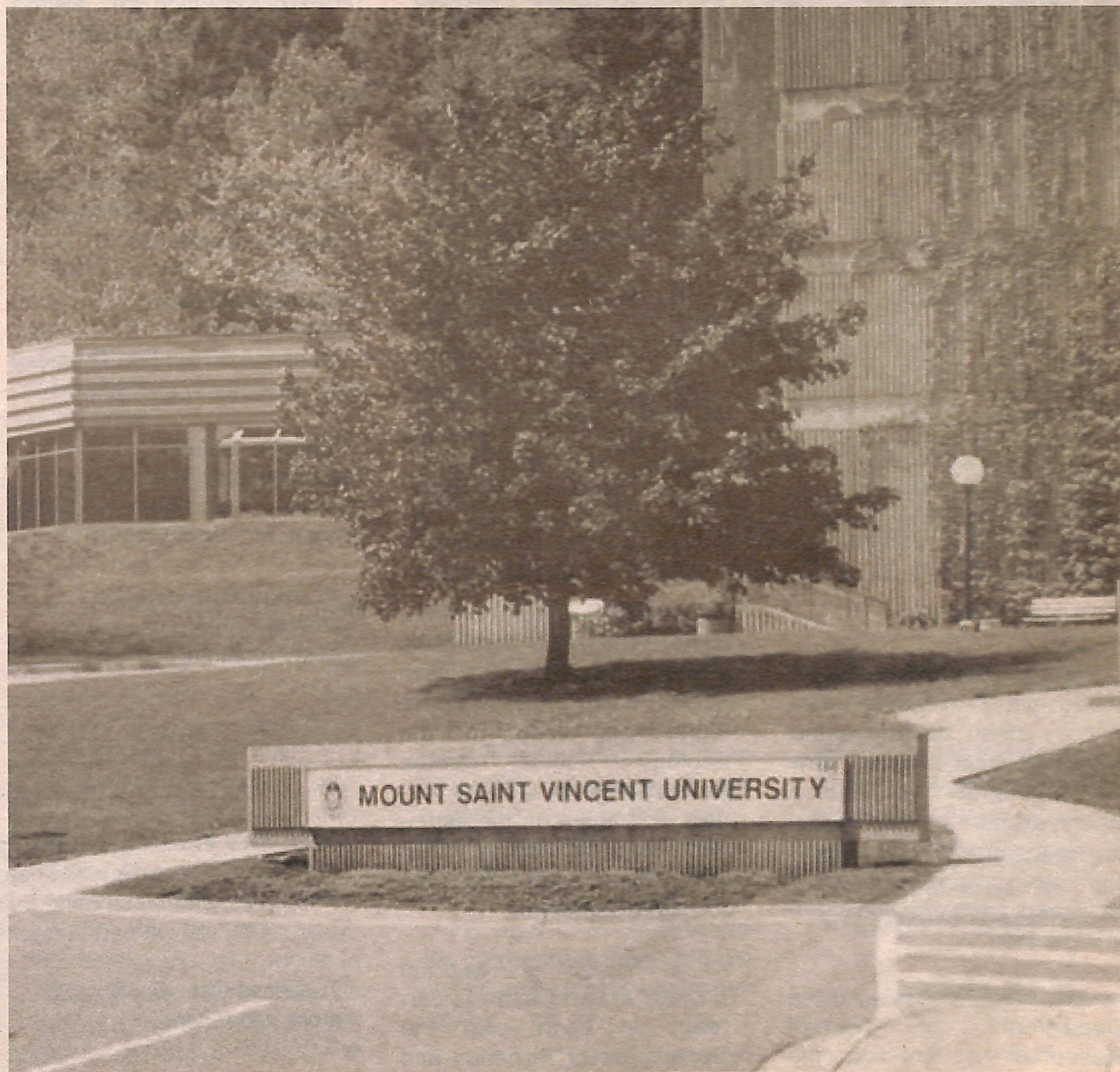
A new charter was granted in 1966, changing the name from Mount Saint Vincent College to Mount Saint Vincent University, and in 1967, men were first admitted as students. However, today women still represent 85 per cent of

the enrolment, even though there are more men than ever before.

A recent census shows MSVU has approximately 4,500 full time students, with over half studying for their undergraduate degrees. Two per cent studying for graduate degrees and one per cent studying for an undergraduate diploma and another one per cent is unclassified.

For the part time students, 20 per cent are undergraduates, 15 per cent are working on graduate degrees. Three per cent are working on diplomas and another one per cent is unclassified.

Last year, there were a total of 873 degrees conferred. Of these, 470 were Bachelors, 323 were Masters, and 80 were diplomas or certificates.



Did you know: the neurons in your brain can interact with each other in more combinations than there are atoms in the universe.

## Art Gallery?

by: Keiran Gibbs

Do you know that we have an art gallery? If you do that means you've seen a few posters about it here and there and you've been meaning to get to it



Joanne Tremblay  
untitled, 1997  
From the series Etitnedi

for the last three years but you know, there's just no time for that sort of thing.

Well make time. There's no time like the present to visit the art gallery, because there are some kick ass displays on right now.

"Shifting sites" is the photo display that you'll see first when you walk in. These are separate displays made up by nine artists, all very diverse but with a common mes-

sage. Basically the message is the use of photography as a means of representing fragmented visions of the world. As the museum's info sheet reads it is "diverse methods of representation in order to express their understanding of the complexity of modern life."

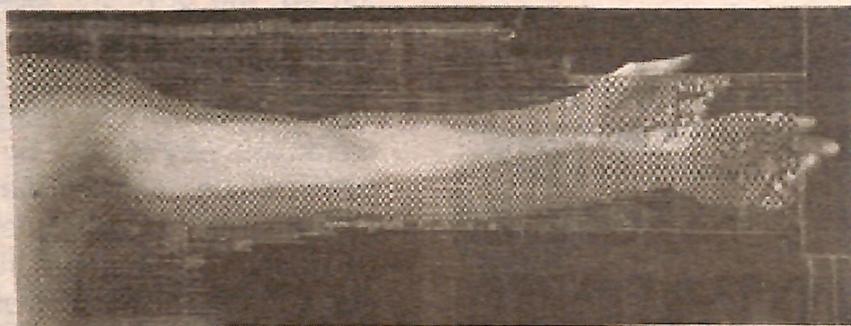
Whether you care about the artists' intended message or not really isn't important, the fact is the display is loaded with some incredible pictures. And if you're out of ideas for doing something a little more creative with your pictures than the traditional picture book or collage then you should check out this display to get some inspiration.

But if you go inside and you're not that impressed by what you see DON'T turn around and walk out, instead go upstairs and check out Lucie Chan's "Something to Carry." What you'll find is a collection of ink and brush drawings of people involved in "repetitive scenes of seeking things that cannot be seen, transferring burdens or

healing wounds." Chan is a young artist interested in social relationships and everybody is bound to find a connection with her drawings. As an added bonus anyone can get a photocopy of the picture of their choosing.

So c'mon ya'll get off yer butts and check it out, or stop by Nov 6 from 10:00-11:00 for free coffee and muffins and you'll also get

to help assemble a great big puzzle.



Andrea Szilasi  
Two Arms, 1997  
Collection of Cirque de Soleil



Janieta Eyre  
The Book of Small  
Souls , 1999  
gelatine silver print

## Taboo

By: Andre Duchene

It's a term we hear very often but do we really know what it is? It is true that there are some things that we just understand intuitively and others that we understand but cannot communicate — pain and the color red are good examples. But surely the relationship isn't a concept so elusive that we shouldn't try to define it. This is especially true when we consider that the relationship is a human manifestation.

When I refer to relationships I am only referring to intimate relationships. Boy/girlfriend, boy/boyfriend, man and wife. You get the idea. So what is a relationship? What I'm going to propose (and I suspect you're going to disagree with) is that a relationship is a contract. Not only is a relationship a contract but it's a contract bound only in sexual princi-

ples. It is only sex that separates the above relationships from friendships. Before you dismiss this idea hear my rationale.

So there you are. It's just you and your boyfriend, both helplessly in love with one and another. There is no world. Just you and him. You both walk hand in hand down the beach, deep into the sunset and blah blah blah... Sounds like a relationship so far. Try this one. There you are, it's just you and him walking down the beach, desparately in love, walking hand in hand. Notice I left out the boyfriend part. Is this a relationship? Probably. Definitely? Nope, try again. Tight friends can do this stuff thank you very much. So too can people before they're engaged in a relationship. Don't you all remember those great times when you're spending time with a crush. You both like each other but you're both too shy to act?

Weren't there moments like the above one? Was it a relationship? 'Fraid not. Moving on.

So all of a sudden you and someone else who you've been acting romantic with get down and dirty. Now is it a relationship? Not quite yet. Then he turns to you and says: "Let's be monogamous." Now it's a relationship. That "relationship" is a statement of ownership. If you sign on that dotted line it means no more sleeping around for you. That's against the rules (notice how we call it cheating). Can you fall in love with someone else while you're still in the relationship. Yup, according to the rules you can. Understandably he'll be hurt but you've done nothing wrong. You have not cheated. So that's my point, sex defines the relationship. Love, the ultimate goal in any real relationship plays a secondary role to sex. What about polygamous couples? I chal-

lenge you to differentiate them from friends with benefits.

My point is this: the institution that we call the relationship is a flawed entity. It's an antique idea that was never perfected. Where should the focus lie? Duh! On your partner. Ideally there should be no relationship, no contract. Just two people that care about each other intensely. When two people care about each other they make special efforts to make the other happy. If sleeping with someone else will hurt them, you don't do it. No contracts, no prenupts, no breakups, no rules, no cheating, NO RELATIONSHIP, just two people that care about each other and want to make one another happy.

Still disagree? Tell me why: [andre.duchene@msvu.ca](mailto:andre.duchene@msvu.ca) give me a good argument or something better to write about and we'll stick your message in the next paper.

## Tricky Riddles

Courtesy of Francis Mullins

### Missing Link

What is going on? It is so odd. What this paragraph lacks, I cannot say, but it is particularly unusual to find writing of this kind. I wouldn't think you could find any of this in an "Oxford Dictionary," but if you cast about you could most probably find many. Has your curiosity found what I am driving at? If not, good luck!

when his pickup truck stalls on the railroad tracks.

They are struck by an oncoming locomotive and the boy's one and only father is instantly killed. The boy is critically injured and is rushed to the emergency room. The doctor, upon walkin in, exclaims "I can't operate on this boy, he's my son!" How is this possible?

### Phony Phonology

Think of words ending in 'gry.' Angry is one, and hungry is another. There are only 3 words in the English language. What is the third word?

Check us out next month for the answers...

## Parental Pickle

A father and his boy are driving on a country road

The Halifax explosion was the most powerful non-nuclear, man-made explosion ever.

## Horoscope

**Aries** (March 21-April 19)



You're going to find this to be a very trying month Aries, as the sudden emergence of an aquatic take-over threatens to smoulder your fiery element. However, if you manage to utilize your innovative skills you may find that there's a way out of this watery situation. Buck up, Noah did it so why the hell can't you?

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)



They may have made fun of you when you made that massive contribution towards water-treatment projects, the save the snails campaign and the dive for the dolphins organization, but just as you had predicted all of those "contributions" were really an investment into the security of your future. It's your materialism that allows you to stay afloat in the future, Taurus, and as long as you retain your conventional "me first" beliefs, October will continue to be financially stable, which is all you really care about anyway.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20)



That impending sense of doom that overwhelmed you last month is finally about to manifest Gemini, and neither you nor your twin is going to be able to talk yourselves out of this one. Luckily due to your many skills you know how to transform an

ugly sea anemone into the sexy creature of your dreams.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22)



You have always felt most comfortable with family, Cancer, and with the sudden change of tide you will soon find yourself surrounded by brothers and sisters. As a crab you have no fear of the upcoming flooding of the earth, but your usual calm nature will soon be challenged as your jealous nature takes over when your "brothers and sisters" start eyeing up your territory. All I can say is keep your claws sharp Cancer, you're going to need them soon to protect what's yours.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug 22)



Ooooooh hot mermans and mermaids, underwater sex and a significant other that's able to make your fiery self sizzle. This is all you can think about these days little lion, and as luck always seems to succeed you this is exactly what you're gonna get. Just remember- too much sex underwater leads to drowning.

**Virgo** (Aug 23-Sept 22)



Your critical mind was never impressed by those cutsie wutsie seals, or those poor endangered whales Virgo, and now's your chance to rub it into the faces of all those naive fools who fell for the act. Unfortunately while you punctually show up for that meeting that you so carefully arranged, you may find yourself under-

water and all alone while the others are selfishly swimming for safety.

**Libra** (Sept 23-October 22)



Like the idealist that you are you had such fine visions of world unity. Finally there would be no more terrestrial vs. aquatic life, no more land vs. water. Well Libra, that's very kind of you but it's time you were told to snap out of it and to put your dreams of world peace to an end. That idealism will never attract a mate you know.

**Scorpio** (Oct 23-Nov 21)



October could turn out to be quite a stimulating time for your inquisitive mind Scorpio. You're just as happy to be swimming with other poisonous creatures like yourself as you are to be walking with the rest of humanity. However, a power struggle is about to emerge between you and your poisonous peers -- therefore it would be wise for you to continue drinking like a fish so that you can easily camouflage yourself if the need arises.

**Sagittarius** (Nov 22-Dec 21)



Woohoo, it's all just a big party to you isn't it Sag. Regardless of the abyss flooding the world this month, you don't sweat it for a second. Although life continues to be a big game to you, you may start to wonder if God, or whatever spirit is in control of your life, is playing a trick on you. These philosophical thoughts will pass,

however, as long as you remain enthusiastic about life and ignore all the signs that there is something very wrong here.

**Capricorn** (Dec 22-Jan 19)



You're ambition may get the best of you this month Capricorn, and you may have twinge of hope that upcoming events concerning lots of water and no more land will bring you great fortune. Unfortunately, ambition is usually very ugly and you will soon find that October holds no potential for business ventures nor will it be possible for you to try to fool everyone into thinking that you have always had those fins.



**Aquarius** (Jan 20-Feb 18)

Don't you worry about a single thing dear Aquarius. Being the water bearer, you will have more control over future circumstances than any of the other zodiac signs. You may find that some of your little fishies get out of control but as long as you continue to do things in your usual ingenious fashion it shouldn't be anything that you cannot handle.



**Pisces** (Feb 19-March 20)

You're swimming with the fish exactly where you belong, what else really needs to be said? Just remember that there are still lots of those big mean Homosapiens out there who love to cook up little fishies like you.

## Interview with Julia Champniss

By: Matt Garland

Last year all the hard work and dedication of the women's soccer team at Mount Saint Vincent paid off as they captured the ACAA championship. After their victory over UNBSJ last year in the ACAA championship game, the Mystic women advanced to the Nationals, which was an experience the ladies will never forget.

Hard work has definitely paid off for goalkeeper Julia Champniss, who is in her fourth and, potentially, final year at the Mount, unless the new five-year rule is brought into affect, giving the student athletes a chance at one more year of athletic happiness. When Champniss graduated from Sir John A. High School and was headed to the University, she was prepared for the obstacles which were waiting for her in the bigger, faster, more challenging level of var-

sity sports.

Champniss shared the goalkeeper position in her first year, getting the chance to start every second game. Down the stretch of the season her net minding partner was sidelined with an injury. This unfortunate incident opened the door for her possibilities in University and the brilliant keeper never looked back.

The goalkeeper position would be considered the hardest position one could play in soccer. The pressures of the position alone are enough to strain an athlete. Champniss does not feel the pressure other goaltenders in the league feel because a strong defensive unit which sits in front of her does a solid job, not allowing many balls to pass. While many feel the hardest accomplishment is winning a championship, Champniss feels "it's hard to win a championship, but it's even harder to defend one." She feels that "every one is out to beat them because we are the champs."

Last year was the first year Jacques Boudreau was the head coach of the ladies. Boudreau replaced Angie McLeod, who went to Ottawa where she now coaches basketball. Champniss feels the transition from a female coach to a male coach is hard, but she and the rest of the team were ready for the challenge. She also feels a male coach is more demanding and expects more of the team; so they give him the little extra he is searching for. The ladies have lost a few players since last year and although their presence is missed their positions have been filled with talented rookies who are eager to play the game they all love. Champniss along with her teammates are completely dedicated to the team during the three months of soccer. The strong bond amongst the players has helped them to become the team they are today.

The defending champions have been holding their own so far this season. They currently sit in third place behind St.

Thomas and UNBSJ. The top four teams will advance to the playoffs. Champniss remains positive and feels "we need to stay focused and play our game, if we can do that, we can beat any team in the league because we definitely have the skill to do it."

Women's soccer is now the most popular women's sport in Canada. To boast one of the league's greatest teams is a great honor. The fans need to continue to give the support and respect the Mystics deserve as they chase after another championship.

# SOCIETIES

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## FSGN Society

I'm Kelly Bastarache and I'm the Vice President of the FSGN society. The Family Studies and Gerontology Society is open to anyone in the degree course, or taking the certificate program. The Society provides students with the opportunity to get to know each other on a social basis. The Society's annual career night gives students the opportunity to meet graduates and discover how the certificate/degree program has helped them in their chosen field. The evening provides valuable opportunities for those students who wish to further explore the application of their certificate/degree in the job market. The FSGN Society held it's first meeting on September 19th. The next meeting will be October 8th at 12 noon. On October 4th, the society is planning a trip to Peggy's Cove and on October 30th, we will be having a Halloween treat sale.

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The Mount Saint Vincent Science Society is an organization of students taking sciences; this includes biology, chemistry, physics, math and computer studies. It provides students with an

opportunity to meet other science students and faculty, to create contacts and build friendships.

The Society plans numerous activities throughout the year, including movies, a Christmas potluck, pub crawls, Dinner Theatre, guest speakers, fundraising activities and participating in other Mount events. Two scholarships are awarded annually to Society members who are dedicated students and active society members. Each year the Society raises money to donate to a local charity of the Society's choice. Meetings are held biweekly and are open to anyone interested.

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All returning and new members are welcome in the 2002 and 2003 school year. The History Society is a place for people with an interest in History. If you are a History Major, Minor or have a strong interest in History, the Society always has its doors open to you. The Society strives to promote the study of history among the undergraduate population, help current history students in their classes, and provide a gathering place

for those with common interests. The History Society meets once a week, minimum.

The Society also has fund-raisers and get-togethers. The Society additionally has members with good marks who have completed most Mount history courses. If you have any problems with a class or paper, or even if you just need some study help, the Society is here for you.

If you have any interest in the Society and you would like to join you can contact us at the information given. If you are too busy to join but would like to be kept up on history events then we can put you on our mailing list.

## English Society

President: Brittany Rickett  
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The English Society has an 'on your honour' Coffee Bar everyday at the English Corner which is located next to the English Faculty Offices. The suggested minimum donation is between 25 and 50 cents. We have styrofoam cups but people can also bring their own mugs to fill up through the day. We also keep the Coffee Bar stocked with candy treats! The coffee is usually ready by at 9:30 (if not before) and we keep things going until at least 5:00 (some nights until 7:00)

The English Corner is also a place where people can pick up information and literature about essay writing, employment in the arts/humanities fields, and English Society events. The English Society room (SAC

555) is open daily for any English students to drop in to make use of. We have resources for essay writing, anthologies, grad school info as well as a kettle and a variety of tea (available for a small donation).

We are presently organizing the creation of a monthly (or bi-monthly) English Society Newsletter and will have an envelope for 'letters to the editor' on the English Society door (SAC 555).

On Oct. 18, the English Society will be having a get-together at the FireSide (downtown just off of Spring Garden, by the library) Everyone is welcome!

We also have a Halloween Contest with some great book prizes! It's a Halloween Graffiti contest and the week before Halloween we will be posting head shots of both Bram Stoker and Mary Shelley. Everyone is invited to take them off the wall and graffiti (or decorate) their faces. The finished faces can be returned either to the English Society Room (SAC555) or the English Corner at the Coffee Bar. On Thursday, Oct. 31 we will do the judging and announce the winner at the Coffee Bar. We have a beautiful Broadview edition of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and Bram Stoker's Dracula. Everyone is invited to participate in this contest whether they are in English or not!

Drinking a cold glass of water burns more calories than a warm glass of water because your body spends energy heating the cold water.

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