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A COUNCIL AND THEIR RINGS

Mr. Cowan:

Last year the '92-'93 Student Council Executive bought rings for themselves at the student body's expense. I know that it is nice to have perks, but I believe that these expensive rings were more than "little" perks. Plus the fact that these rings were ordered and not announced during Awards Night lends a bit too much secrecy to this whole thing. If they had been announced during the awards ceremony at least the students would have known. Please find out how much they cost!

Name withheld.

Upon receiving this I asked an unbiased third party to look into the questions asked in this letter.

There are three questions posed. The first is obvious, what did the rings cost? Second why were they not announced at the awards night, and third

how could last years council justify the purchase of the rings. Dawn Yochoff, NEXUS Profile Editor, and an unnamed source on council provided the information for this article.

The unnamed source claims that there is no record of the purchase in last year's council records. Nor, apparently, does the Book Store have a record of the purchase. We then approached past-council President Mr. David Wynn about the purchase. Mr. Wynn said that he would be happy to answer any of our questions and that he would be the spokesperson for last year's council.

The cost of the rings, said Mr. Wynn was approximately \$1200.00. The rings were gold with the university crest on the top and the initials SU on one side and 92/93 on the other. No attempt was made to hide the purchase. As to why present council had no records of the purchase, Mr. Wynn did not have any idea.

The past council executive did not even consider announcing the rings at the awards night. The reason being that the rings were not considered an award. They were meant to be a gift, a special keepsake of a hard and difficult year.

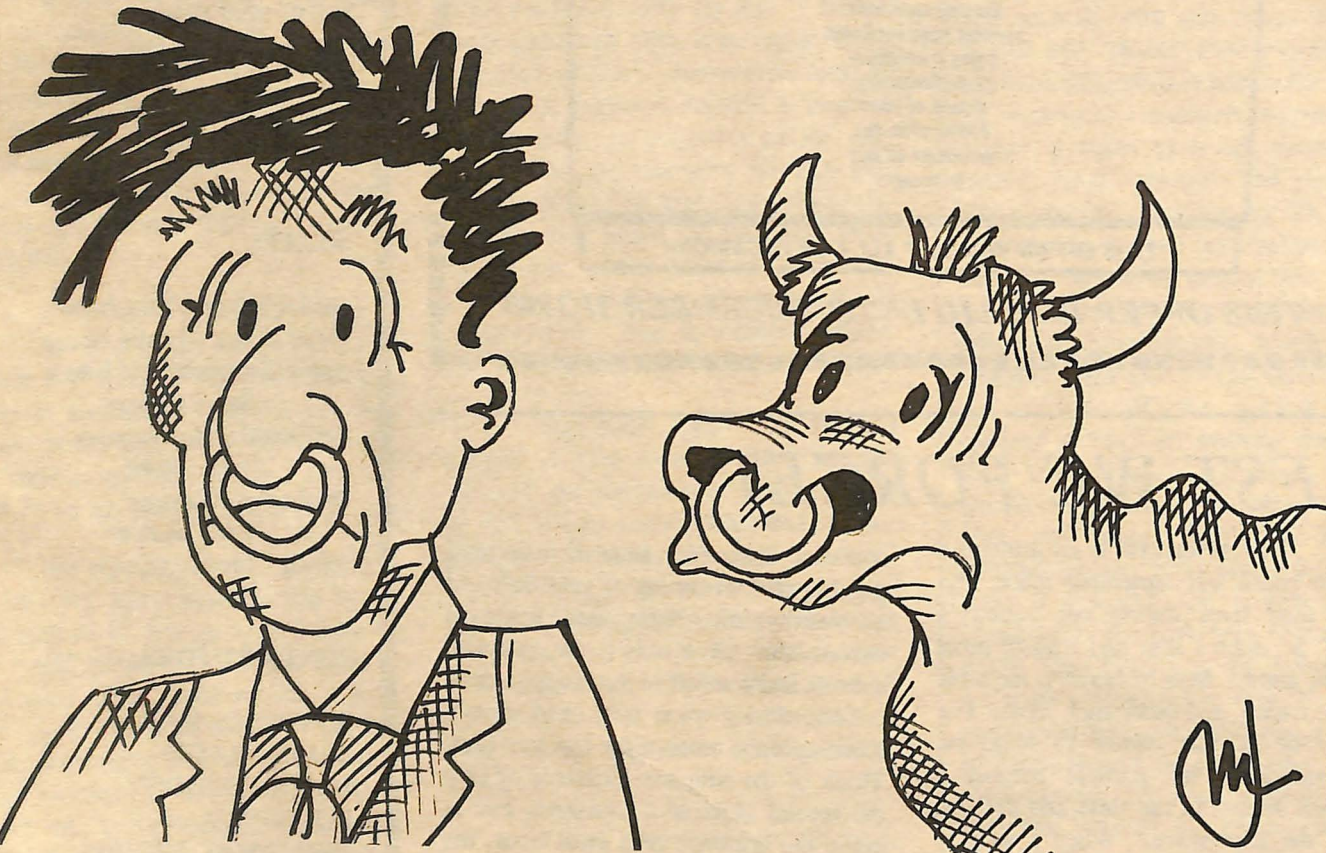
Finally, when asked how council could justify the purchase of these rings Mr Wynn stated that;

"I felt the rings were well-deserved keepsakes for a group of people I was proud to work with last year. Each member of the executive poured an extraordinary amount of time and energy into endeavors which were above and beyond the scope of their jobs. You've got to understand: the honoraria have not been reviewed for years. These people's wages, including, mine, amounted to about 50 cents an hour. We stopped a cycle of overspending last year which had gone on for years. We didn't rent New Yorkers for the weekend, spend \$25 000 on office renovations or \$3 000 on

council retreats. We made do and did the best we could with what we had. I know there may be some people who might be pissed off with spending this money this way, but I would tell them I was in a position to see the big picture, which was that a team of tolerant and hard-working people sacrificed their time, their creative energy and creative spirit to do what they could to improve the quality of life and calibre of programs that Student Union could offer their constituents. I felt then as I do now: quite comfortable in the allotment of the money to provide a reminder or reward for a great year as a team."

Whether or not the purchase of the rings was justifiable last year is to be decided by you the students. What is important is that present Council President, Cathy Thorpe, has stated that the tradition of purchasing gifts for executive council members will end this year.

1994 STUDENT UNION "PERK" RING



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EDITORIAL

NOT REALLY AN EDITORIAL

"Do not be afraid that life will never end, rather be afraid that it will never begin" -- unknown.

It is appropriate to begin my third editorial with this quote because I wish to hold forth on fear. Life is filled with many different fears, each different from the next and all with an importance that is entirely relevant to only a particular individual.

There is, however, a constant to fear. This constant has to do with a common nature. A common characteristic that all fears have. Fears feed on themselves and if not faced they will grow stronger and stronger, eventually dominating and corrupting your whole life.

Do not misunderstand me. It is okay to be afraid, after all we are all

only human, each with our own secret weaknesses. Yet what is not O.K. is to

allow your fears to grow until they dominate your life and affect your decision making processes. This will happen, for that is the nature of fears. People hold them within, hidden from the world, not dealing with them, allowing them to grow larger.

The sources of fear in this world are as varied as humanity, yet they are all the same, just like humanity. Fears must be faced, and the fearful must realize that they are afraid and discover just what it is that they are afraid of.

This is a personal dissertation as many of you may have realized. Yet what else is an editorial for than if not for the editor to attempt to share with or convince readers of a personal opinion. I have two intended audiences for my

revealing little piece of folk wisdom. The first is you the student body, and the second, a private citizen who I happen to

know personally and who will quite probably be upset when this is printed.

Both audiences could, however, could benefit from this piece. My reasons for writing are simple. I have over the last few months been the recipient of a great deal of help and support. To properly thank my allies I would share what I have learned and try to help others. My editorial is the most effect way that I could think of to help

others.

To those of you who read this and laugh or tell jokes at my expense, insulting me in an effort to denigrate me, think carefully. Is it because I struck too close to the truth that you would try to deride me. What have I written in this piece that could harm you. Perhaps you simply are just to afraid to listen.

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OUT OF HAND.

THE EDITOR.

LEST WE FORGET

November 11th is set aside as a day to pause and remember those who gave their lives during our country's wars. So often I hear and read of great battles, armies, feats of bravery, the birth of our nation, and other such ideas. For me, none of this comes to mind on Remembrance Day, perhaps because I was not around at the time and did not share the experience. When I wear a poppy or see a veteran or, sometimes when I think of my dad, quite a different image springs up. I see the face of a healthy young man, eyes bright and clear, looking off into the distance with a huge smile on his face and the wind whipping through his hair. I see what was lost, the price that was paid.

Think of what was given. Picture young lovers strolling hand-in-hand down a country lane on a warm summer evening, with the crimson sunset glowing through the trees. Imagine the brilliant moonlight on a crisp, clear winter's night lighting up snowbanks of

sparkling diamonds. Hear the infectious giggling and screaming of your little girl as you wrestle, tease, and tickle to exhaustion. Remember the peaceful warmth and comfort of just taking a deep breath, closing your eyes, and quietly relaxing in the arms of the one you love. Think of the simplest pleasures of life: the special glow of a Christmas tree at night, the last page of a great book, the smell of fresh cut grass, a soft caress, the sunrise, a kiss.

These precious moments are what were handed over by those who died, so that we can live the way we do. This is the price paid for relative comfort and prosperity, freedom to speak our thoughts, and a privileged way of life now taken for granted. When the daily business of living elicits groans and complaints about traffic, of money or low marks, or some other imaginary tragedy, remember the price that was paid; remember those who paid it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor NEXUS

I feel a desire to respond to one of the letters to the editor published in your October 21 edition. When I first started to read the newspaper I quickly skimmed over most of the contents. I initially and inaccurately, perceived the letter written by Barbara, the 50 year old woman who has sacrificed her life for her spouses, as another typical male bashing session. I, however, am very thankful to this lady for expressing her point of view because she has educated me.

The reason why I say this is because I too am a career person, much like her husband but my career is with the Canadian Armed Forces. My wife and I have been married for only five years and now I see a slightly different perspective. Our first three years of married were spent in Lahr, Germany. I worked for a combat unit as a weapons position commander and then eventually transferred into a support-training role. Many of my friends were experiencing marital problems over in Europe and my wife and I were no exception. My wife has a very strong personality which is one of many reasons why I was/am attracted to her. The scenario is that, at the time, I was away on exercises, duty or special task assigned for approximately 5+ months of the year. Hence my work became my focal point of life. When I did eventually come home I would be frustrated with various work related things and much to my current shame, I vented it on her. She, who had kept the family running, suffered through my eldest having a seizure and endless ear infections received minimal to no support from my direct unit. This was how she was repaid.

Within my previous unit there was a distinct minority. The Anglophone. As such it seemed that Anglo-members and their families were seen as almost second class citizens. This in turn created a lot of pressure and a lot of frustration for those of us who were/are Anglophone. This too I vented on my wife.

So where is this all going ? First, I thank you for your letter. For opening my eyes to just how much I depend on my wife to keep me sane and keep the family unit intact. By no means am I easy to tolerate and my wife has proven to be my greatest asset.

We came back to Canada last year on very short notice. We had a grand total of 15 days to clear Europe so that I could return to university here, at the Mount. She, approximately 7 to 8 months pregnant at the time, took care of ensuring that everything in our home was package properly by the movers, worked her own job, maintained communication for me with this and other universities, single handedly contacted and confirmed my acceptance to the Mount and transmitted my acceptance both to the Mount and to National Defence Headquarters. All this while I was away on yet another course.

Am I dependant on her? YOU BET!

She has stuck with me through my first year of pure hell. During my first year she took care of both of our children while I was in school all day long. In the evenings she would take care of the children so I could do my studies, and

during the nights because she was breast feeding she woke up every three hours or less to feed the newborn. Somehow she maintained her sanity. Personally I don't know how she did it ? When I expressed an interest in getting involved in Student Union she supported me. She drew up campaign posters and proof read my speeches. She sacrificed more of herself so that I could attempt to better myself through education.

Issues of last year, as Ombudsperson, took an amazing emotional toll on me. My wife was my confident, and my sane sounding board. She too, got wrapped up emotionally, in the issue and for me to see her suffering as I was, hurt me.

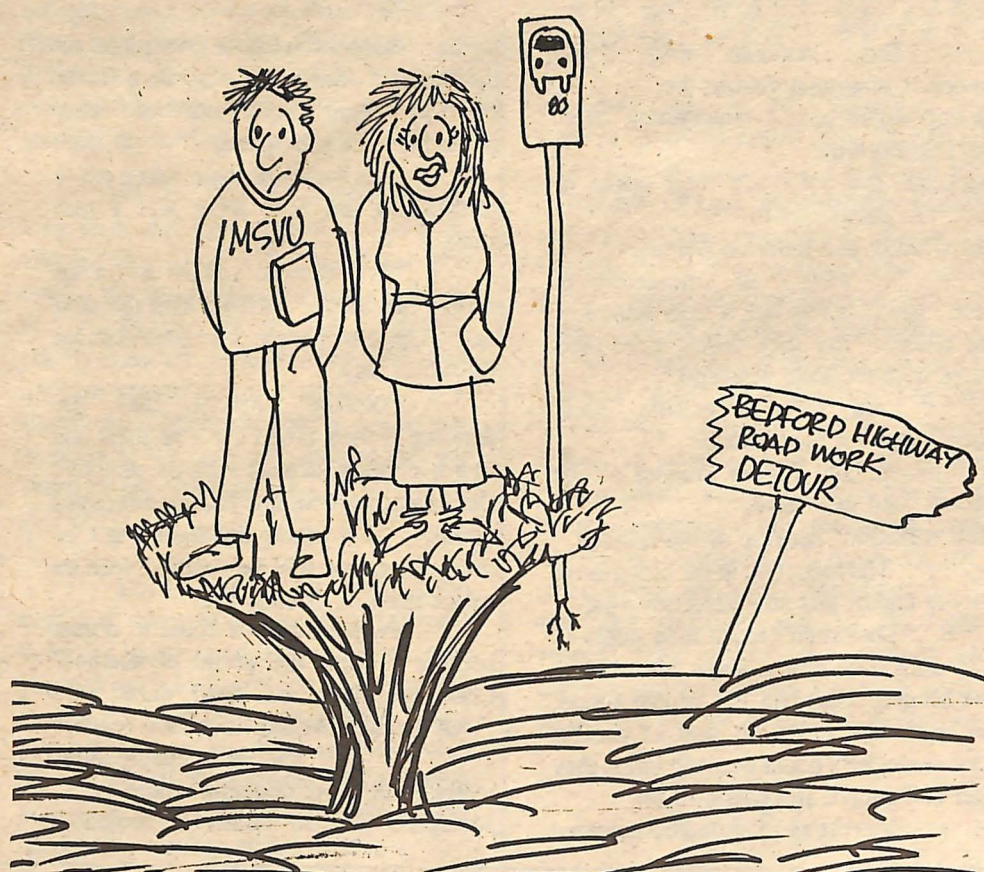
I realized that I had helped create our great little children and as such I should take some of the load off her. Hence, during the nights, I decided that I would take the children so she could rest and recuperate. Anyone who knows my kids knows that they are both very active. Fatigue, stress, lack of sleep and school commitments very quickly took their toll on me and my school marks. The job of being a student and Ombudsperson were taxing me to an extreme. It scared me that a particular issue that I had to deal with as Ombudsperson could tax me so much and weaken me so much. She has saved my sanity and helped my career more times then I can count. How can I thank her to the degree that she deserves ? I don't know how !

There is an old adage from years past "Behind every great man there is a great woman". I used to joke around that "Yea there is a great woman all right she is there so that any time he steps out of line she can quickly snap him back to her prescribed course". Since reading the letter and recounting a little of our lives together I feel I need to modify my jest. "Behind every great man there is an equally great or greater woman". Someone he turns to, offers him guidance, solstice, a place to regroup from the pressures of the day. Someone to give him back the focus that was lost during the day. Sometimes she is a sounding board for the crazy ideas that he has. Other times she is the pin that bursts his balloons of whimsical self righteousness. She is mother, partner, confident, lover and most of all a friend.

You know what ! I'd be hard pressed to find someone who has the character and the personal strength to put up with what I dump on her and still for some insane reason, love me. "Two shall become one", but which one do they become ? Hopefully, they become a composite of the two and create something better. I know that I need all the strengths that my wife possesses to make my life complete. She keeps me going.

I feel very sorry for Barbara. The price she has paid and the sacrifices that she has made during her life for her spouse have been immense. Not much can be done now to rewind all of those years. But I thank Barbara for her views because now I have gained an insight and because now I have gained an insight and can attempt to correct my ways so that my wife doesn't have to go through a similar thing.

I thank you.
Jeff Ridgeway
Ombudsperson M.S.V.U.



ARE YOU ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE

By Michelle Bond and Karen MacGillvary

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Environment Committee. The committee is a group of concerned faculty, staff, and students who care about both the global and Mount environments. A fundamental goal is to help make MSVU an "ecologically managed campus". The Mount is home to a rich diversity of plants, fungi, animals and microbes. These species contribute to the natural habitat - an interest and beauty of the campus. When we protect their natural habitats, we protect them and their biological information which is a valuable study tool for our students.

One of the leading issues covered at our first meeting concerned the controversial "Birches Pond" situation. In case you are unfamiliar with the topic, here's a briefing. Amphibians are very much in demand as there is a world-wide decline in their populations. We have been contacted by a Mr. John Gillien at the Nova Scotia Museum who wishes to study the global amphibian decline by observing a number of ponds around the metro area. Here is the problem. The pond is dominated by fish that prevent the establishment of salamander and frog populations. A plan was proposed to remove the goldfish from the pond in order to establish populations of various amphibian species. However, only two solutions were seen: relocate (proved to be impossible since upon trying to drain the pond, the goldfish burrowed into the muck - a classical response to avoid drought) or kill the fish. The latter was thought of as a last resort only, since killing one organism to establish or maintain another was never our goal. The committee seems to have been taken off the hook by a "painfully simple" idea. It was suggested, by Dr. Fred Harrington, that

the pond be divided, thereby providing a smaller shallow area for the new amphibian habitat and leaving the remainder of the pond for the traditional goldfish. The committee feels that the amphibians will be much happier with this arrangement since they prefer shallow, warmer water. So orange and green animal lovers alike, take note, the Environment Committee has decided upon separation and co-existence.

Another concern voiced at the meeting on Oct.15th was composting. There are four units located near the Birches which are now used (via smaller buckets in the kitchens) by most Birches residents. The contents of all four units (including vegetable wastes, egg shells and fruit wastes) are to be used by our groundskeeper, Catherine Deveau, to contribute to a larger compost heap which will be used as fertilizer to help beautify our campus.

The committee is also hoping to aid in the set-up of a student green team. These students can get together on their own and may or may not remain in contact with the existing committee. If you would like information on any of the above ideas or have ideas of your own, please feel free to contact us. We can be reached in a number of ways:

- one of two Science Society mailboxes (Student Union or Science Faculty wing)
- through any of the Science faculty (or Dr. Fred Harrington - psychology)
- come to our meetings: 3:00pm on the first Friday of every month.

We hope to hear from you and see you at our meetings. Look for the report of our Nov.5th meeting in the next edition of NEXUS.

THE RED CROSS SUCKS OUR BLOOD

The Canadian Red Cross Society's bi-annual visit to the Mount, which turned "emergency" after the Thanksgiving weekend, did not reach their quota of 125 units partly due to bad weather and deferred donors.

"It wasn't an emergency at first," said Lisa Paschal, a coordinator of the clinic. "But they didn't meet their quota over the long weekend."

Lara Merritt, mobile clinic coordinator for blood donor recruitment, and former student at the Mount, said they have "fallen behind" because of the holiday.

The reduction in the blood bank supply makes this an emergency visit.

They didn't reach their quota of 125 units (one unit is about 500 mL) at the Mount. They had 101 people attend, 86 units were collected, and 15 denied. Last semester's quota was 150 units, they had 108 attend, and collected 94.

Merritt and Paschal commented

on how the poor weather conditions on the last two clinic days may be a factor of why there were not as many participants as anticipated.

Last semester there was a snow storm, and this time there was a rain storm.

"We turned away a lot of people last night," Paschal said the next day. "Up to 40 people were turned down the whole day."

Potential donors may be deferred if their blood can't be used due to a temporary setback such as an active flu, or a permanent one like an infectious disease. If a blood donation can't be used, the donor will be notified with an explanation, in confidence.

People may not come to donate because "People are afraid of needles," Chris Swetnam, the head nurse said. "That is really the most common reason."

She said people don't really think about donating unless somebody in their family or somebody

that they know, all of a sudden needs blood.

A bad experience deterred one student, Patricia Cuvelier, from donating. She gave once and almost passed out. Raising her hands she said "That's it for me!"

Yet another student, Sonia Baillon, donated this semester because she was healthy and didn't have a cold this time. Last semester she couldn't because she was sick. "I have one friend that couldn't come," Baillon said, "because he was gay."

However, there is always a quota to meet. In Nova Scotia, 1,200 units a week are needed to keep the blood banks balanced. One unit can save up to four lives.

Although it seemed busy, Merritt said to reach 125 units, they will have to work hard.

Nonetheless, the day was hectic Paschal said, "But it's been definitely worthwhile."

Highway Madness

By Annette Chaisson

If you're wondering why the Dept. of City Works is trying to drop large boulders on your head as you drive or bus to the Mount, here's your answer.

The Bedford Highway is being widened to four lanes in some areas, and to three lanes in front of M.S.V.U. The administration has sold three trees and some land to allow this. The money from the sale will be used to relandscape, replant the trees, and any excess will go to the Capital fund.

What does this mean to me, might you ask? It means you will need more time to get to and from the Mount while the construction is underway. It means we need some creative suggestions for how to avoid being "studentious squashious" once we have three lanes to play dodge the tractor-trailers on.

My suggestions are as follows:

1) Have Metro Transit buses pull in to the Mount at the Seton Academic Centre on all in-bound and outbound buses.

2) Have all Metro buses stop at the crosswalk and wait while we cross.

3) Install a proper red/green crosswalk light.

4) Use any excess funds to build a pedestrian overpass.

5) Make the administration work as crossing guards-expect an immediate demand for hazard pay!

Seriously, there are already numerous complaints about accidents and near-misses at the crosswalk. If you have ideas/advice, please write them in to Nexus.

ENROLMENT RISING

Enrolment by Paul Moore

Total Mount enrolment is up six per cent, with a 79 per cent jump in new full-time science students, says MSVU assistant registrar of registration.

"No--it's not a surprise...we were actually planning for this," said Lynne Theriault, reporting a year-over-year increase of 3 1/2 percent in total full-time students, and 9 1/2 percent in part-time, with total population up 197 to 3,541.

Asked to offer possible explanations for the increase in both full-time science students from 38 to 68, and in the science degree program total from 164 to 225, Theriault pointed to federal initiatives such as the Canada Scholarship Program, and at MSVU the newly-opened Catherine Wallace Centre for Women in Science.

First-year science student Heather Rao, 19, is personally aware of "biases" regarding women in the sciences. "My mom's in the sciences and she had a lot trouble. there are certain doors that were closed to her..." said Rao, adding "I've noticed there are prejudices, but there's a high demand for women in science."

Other departmental enrolment figures for new full-time students

released by the registrars office are public relations up 27 percent from 59 to 68, and business of administration up 39 percent from 51 to 71.

Theriault said child and youth studies has undergone a recent change in program emphasis from the former child studies program, and new full-time enrolment is up 22 per cent from 67 to 76. As well, the total degree enrolment in tourism and hospitality management is up 22 per cent from 94 to 110.

Theriault stressed the preliminary nature of the figures, which she said were only intended to give the AAU (Atlantic Association of Universities) an "indication" of the enrolment situation. She said that in mid-January the official Statistics Canada report would be released and all departmental enrolments--declines as well as increases--would be made available.

The enrolment increases overall and in science particularly were announced at a meeting of student council on Oct. 21. Student Union President Cathy Thorpe said it was "happy news". later, in an unintended sad irony, council plans for a memorial service to commemorate at l' 'Ecole Polytechnique on Dec. 6, 1989.

Vinnie's loss in revenue by Jamie Neissen

Vinnie's substantial loss in revenue can be mainly attributed to the no smoking policy put into effect last year, according to both pub manager, Keith Seymour, and student Union general manager, Scott MacKay.

"I'd say we're off anywhere from 40 to 50 percent from last year said MacKay. When asked why, MacKay replied "smoking, plain and simple."

Students used to go to Vinnie's throughout the day and have a cigarette while doing work, or just relaxing, but that is no longer an option.

Vinnie's ventilation system is linked to the system which serviced areas contaminated with toxic mould, and to prevent further contamination was shut down as a precautionary measure. A memo from Mount president Elizabeth Parr-Johnston dated March 23, 1993, states that "because the air handling system in Vinnie's Pub has been shut down, SMOKING IN THE PUB IS PROHIBITED until further notice."

Keith Seymour said the no smoking policy "sort of pushes people away." While there is no smoking permitted inside, smokers can use the new patio. Seymour said they will keep the patio shovelled off in the winter for those who still want to smoke outside.

No smoking is not the only reason for a loss in revenue. "There is less of a tendency for people to drink," said MacKay. he stated that alcohol free events such as The Pursuit of Happiness concert have been very successful.

On the issue of serving food in the pub, MacKay said their "hands are tied." Only Versa can supply food on campus, and though the Student Union has approached them, they will not supply food for Vinnie's.

"It's discouraging, but it's not over," said MacKay. Vinnie's is not like a regular business. It is not out to make a profit, it is there to provide a service to students. Vinnie's provides the "chance to socialize with other students, a chance to get away from classrooms or the library," said MacKay.

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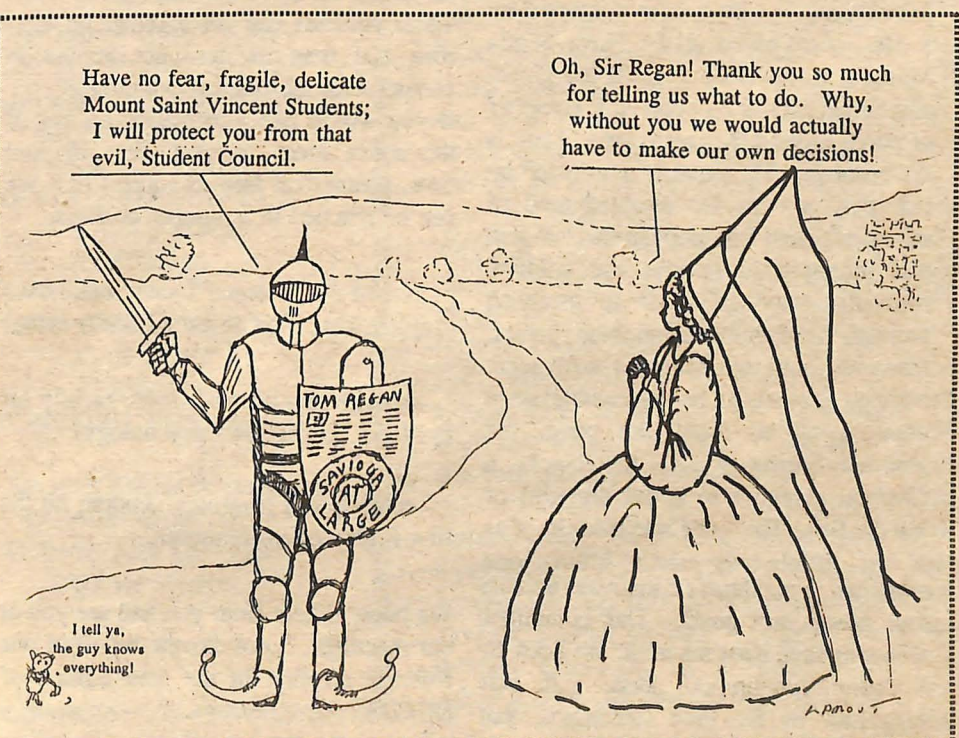


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PROFILE

DAWN MEETS PAUL REYNO

Hello, happy campers! Another issue and yet another profile. This issue I had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Paul Reyno, director of the physical plant. After encountering a few initial problems, such as, finding the office, which was relocated due to the air quality problem, I discovered a few pieces of information you may find interesting. I would like to thank Mr. Reyno for the time he put aside in his busy schedule for this interview. As I found out his time is precious and he doesn't grant interviews to everyone. One stipulation, however, was that the article should remain unbiased.

Upon entering his office Mr. Reyno seemed to be a calm and reserved man, which proved to be true as the interview progressed. Mr. Reyno has been at MSVU for 10 years and has served as director of the physical plant for 6.5 years. After this length of time he feels well-accustomed and aware of the problems here at MSVU. Ideally, he would like to be able to address each of these problems as they arise. However, universities only allocate a portion of their budget for the physical plant. Without outside funding the university can only stretch out tuition so far. Mr. Reyno's overall view is that these are serious problems which, over time, escalate due to lack of funding.

The problems related to lack of funding seemed to come from every department Mr. Reyno's physical plant deals with, security, grounds maintenance

and custodial affairs. As each of these issues were addressed he had but one response. Due to ?... you guessed it, lack of funding. Thus rises the term deferred maintenance. When pressed about his budgets Mr. Reyno was reluctant to release the figures. He explained that there were two budgets, a capital and operational budget. Yet, neither of the two combined equal more than the expense of day to day upkeep of the facilities here at MSVU. As an example, the yearly expense for utilities at the Birches is \$57,000 alone, not including necessary repairs that may arise.

Another situation Mr. Reyno was eager to address is the air quality problem in Rosaria. Air quality is top priority and he would like to see it resolved immediately, but, unless funding increases dramatically he is saddened to say those of us enrolled presently will not see the problem resolved.

The no smoking policy is often thought to be closely related to the air quality problem here at MSVU. Mr. Reyno set the record straight by saying that the no smoking agenda has been in the works for four years. As the Chairperson of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee he planned to have smoking gradually weaned out on campus. Vinnie's Pub was the final smoking area left on campus when the air problems arose. As a precautionary measure it was recommended that the ventilation system in Vinnie's be shut down and remain that way until a separate ventilation system was installed or the air quality problem

solved. Again we see the snowball effect. The problems keep arising as the buildings age and without sufficient funding the physical plant can only afford to meet the minimum requirements.

Mr. Reyno would prefer to make long term and final repairs to buildings and furniture alike. He would rather wait until a job can be done properly, such as in residence, he would purchase commercialized furniture that will last over an extended period of time. He is trying to refurbish the rooms, but as you well know furniture is expensive and one room could cost up to \$5,000 to be redone.

Mr. Reyno is well aware of the students' concerns and respects the right to better living conditions, such as, wall papered walls in Assisi and a no-drip roof in Rosaria. Yet with only a small staff a list of priorities must be and followed. He would like the students to be patient and think "long term," as tuition is being spread over many different areas. Mr. Reyno also stressed the fact that MSVU is not the only university with these problems. Deferred maintenance and air quality problems have occurred and are occurring over the whole of North America. The problem is vast and at MSVU they are dealing with it as best they can. Mr. Reyno is sincere in his concerns and leaves you with this "Things could be worse. We are attempting to use the funds at hand to keep the place running".

ASK ME WHY

Hi, my name is Jeff Ridgeway the current Ombudsperson here at Mount Saint Vincent University. The Nexus has graciously offered me a regular column in their newspaper in order to answer the commonly or uncommonly held complaints, issues, and questions of you, the students of the Mount. As Ombudsperson my job is just that to find out the why's and how come's associated with the University Administration and the Student Union. So what can I do for you? Well I can go boldly where no person has gone before protected from the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune by the cloak of my office of Ombudsperson. I can take your concerns to the right people, seek results and attempt to improve life here at the Mount. If I can help I will. I know no fear. So write your



questions, concerns, issues, or complaints in to me care of the Nexus (your name does not have to be printed). I will answer them in my column.

If you wish to keep your problems confidential then drop your number or a place and time where we can meet off at the Student Union or see me in the MANUS Lounge across from the SAC in Seton. Just ask for Jeff the message will get to me fairly quickly. I will hold all concerns in strictest confidence.

ON BEING GAY

Boutilier, Rian
November 8, 1993

Because October 11 was national coming-out day, there is likely to be a fresh crop of budding homosexuals around town. If you think you might be gay or know someone who is, read and learn.

There are a number of services in our fair city for the homosexual and those who love us.

The Gay and Lesbian Association of Nova Scotia (GALA NS) has developed a series of educational pamphlets for gays, our families and people trying to get to know us. The pamphlets are free of charge if you contact The GALA Pamphlet Project, 2112 Gottigen St., Halifax N.S., B3K 3B3, 423-2292.

GALA also operates a counselling service for gays and lesbians. The Gayline number is 423-7129.

CKDU FM's gay and lesbian current affairs show, "The Word is Out," is on every Tuesday at 5:30, 97.5 on the FM dial. The show discusses news and events which are of interest to the gays and lesbians. A great way to stay informed.

On film, "Out: Stories of Gay and Lesbian Youth," is the first Canadian attempt at depicting gay and lesbian youth in Canada.

The film explores the lives of several young gays and lesbians, fostering an understanding of the unique concerns facing homosexuals.

"Out" offers insight and support to the newly proclaimed homosexual. A definite must-see, look for it on video in March, at Wormwood's in January/February or call 426-6001 to arrange a private screening at the NFB offices, 5475 Spring Garden Rd.

On the literary scene, Brian Mc Naught's "On Being Gay" starts with the coming-out process and follows Mc Naught's development as a self-affirmed gay man.

"On Being Gay" is valuable to gays, lesbians and others because it encourages the reader to think about being gay; to explore what lies ahead for themselves or for people they know.

Call your favourite bookstore for a copy. It sells for \$18.95, ISBN 0-312-029-594.

Finally, the bars offer a prime opportunity to be part of the gay and lesbian community without having to make any major commitment.

Rumours was my first venture into the local scene. One of the largest bars in the city, it offers a variety of unique services and a massive dance floor. Rumours is operated by GALA NS and is found at 2112 Gottigen St. Call 423-6814 for more information.

The Studio on Barrington St. is another favoured stomping ground. Committed to being the liveliest spot in Halifax, their dedication is seen in the recently enhanced light show and intensely exciting music. Call them at 423-6686.

There are still a number of services that have gone unmentioned. Pick up a copy of the Gaezette from a local coffee shop or from Rumours for a full listing.

Welcome to the first day(s) of the rest of your life!

ART GALLERY

Works by Naoke Furue and William Forestall highlight two upcoming exhibits at The Art Gallery, Mount Saint Vincent University, from Friday, Oct. 29 to Sunday, Nov. 28.

Japanese-born artist Naoke Furue uses fabric installations to document her personal life journey in The Language of Cloth: A Personal Inquiry, in the downstairs gallery. Furue, a much-respected teacher of textiles at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, addresses through her work patterning, repetition, accumulative processes of textile formation and the sacred quality of cloth. In essence, the work represents the result to date of her ongoing inquiry into the language of cloth.



The use of diptychs -- two-panel works -- adds a new dimension to the works of Fredericton artist, William Forrestall, in an exhibition entitled Under the Grid of Originality.

The Art Gallery will host an opening reception for both exhibits on Friday, October 29 from 6-9 pm. Toshiki Horiuchi of Bridgetown, an internationally-renowned textile artist, author and designer of netting playground equipment, will offer the opening remarks at 7 pm. Naoko Furue will give a talk at the gallery on "The Language of Cloth", Sunday, November 7 at 3 pm. For more information contact the gallery at 457-6160.

POLAR BEAR SWIM

On December 1 at 5:30 p.m. students from Mount Saint Vincent university will be plunging into the icy waters of Kearney Lake to help raise funds for Christmas Daddies.



The Mount Student Union has been organizing this Polar Bear Swim for the last six years and the event has been recognized as a very successful fundraiser for the Christmas Daddies charity.

"We raised a lot of money last year and I would like to see us do it again," says Student Union President Cathy Thorpe.

Last year, the Mount was awarded with the School Challenge Winner plaque for donating \$500 to the 1992 Christmas Daddies Telethon.

Despite the sub-zero temperature of the water the swim is a popular event at the Mount. The Polar Bear Swim also attracts many sponsors from the Halifax-Dartmouth area each year.

"I'm looking forward to it," says Thorpe.

For more information contact Sonia Baillon, SU Internal Vice-President, Tel: (902) 443-4224 or 457-6123 or Fax: (902) 457-0444.

ENTERTAINMENT



FEARLESS

"Fearless," a Spring Creek Production distributed by Warner Bros., starring Jeff Bridges, Isabella Rossellini and Rosie Perez, and directed by Peter Weir (Dead Poets Society) is playing in town at the Park Lane Theatres.

This dark and complex drama examines the lives of three people - Max, Laura and Carla - who have been deeply struck by a brush with death. As survivors of a plane crash in which Max's business partner and Carla's baby son were killed, Max and Carla must search for the meaning of their existence.

Bridges' portrayal of Max, a man who is certain of his own invulnerability, is the most captivating facet of the film. Rossellini, as Laura, is also very convincing as the wife who is a living

reminder of Max's life before the crash, and as a person who wants to, but is unable to, help Max return to normality. Perez, as the young mother, gives a wonderful performance as a mother racked by the guilt she feels for surviving the crash that killed her son.

The story is disturbing and complex. Much like Weir's other films (Dead Poets, Witness, Gallipoli and The Mosquito Coast) the direction adds to the film's complexities with a disconcerting assault of impressions, emotions and images. The film leaves one feeling as much confused as the crash survivors. Yet it is a good story and will evoke strong emotions and questions in its viewers. But go and see for yourself, after all, I thought Jurassic Park was more a master piece of gross consumerism, rather than a thematic triumph.

BABYSITTING!!

The mount has a number of qualified baby-sitters who live right here on campus

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Andrea Simmons Off-Campus Rep

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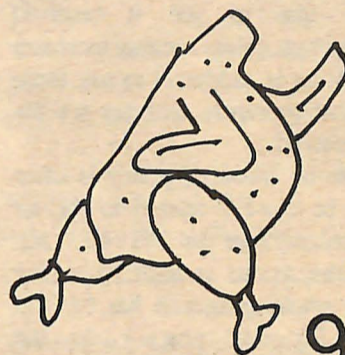
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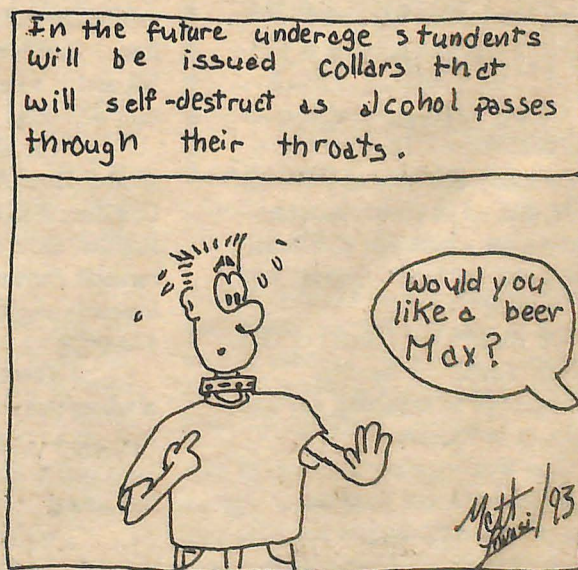
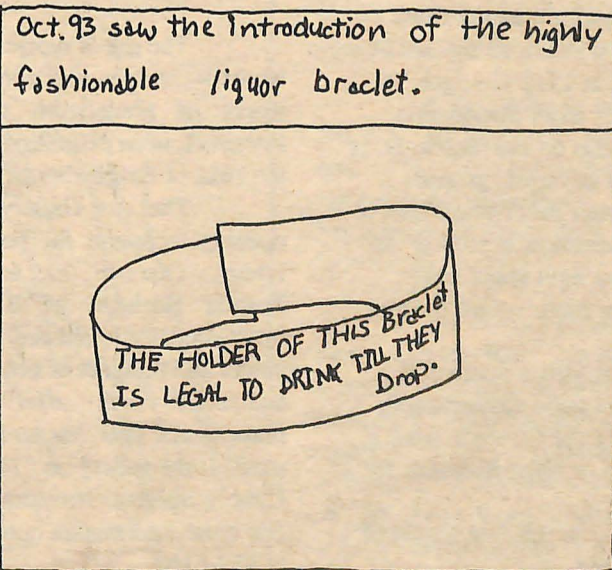
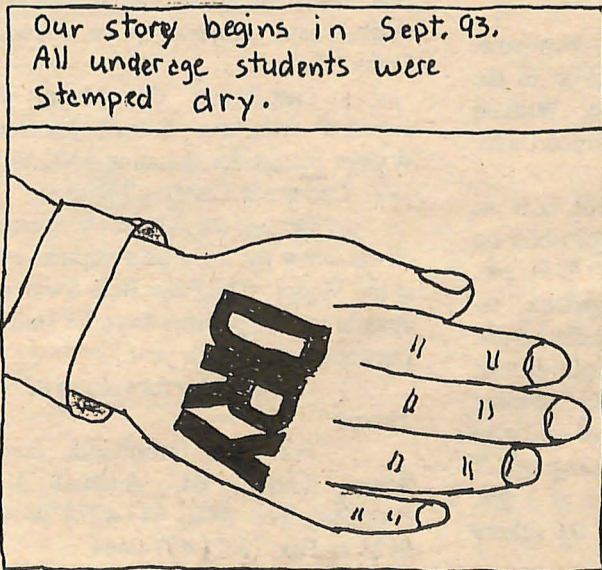
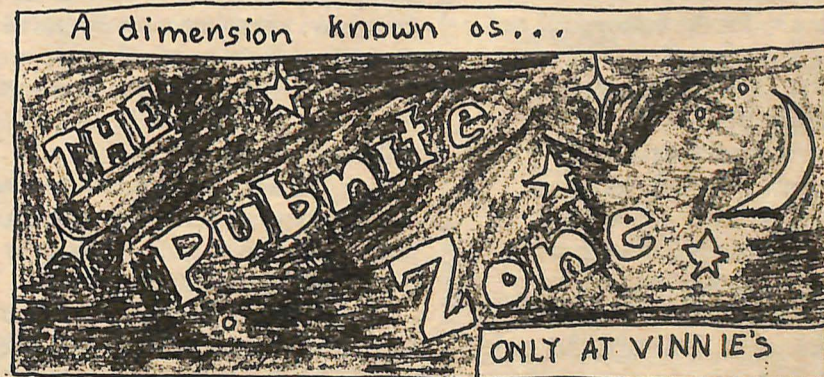
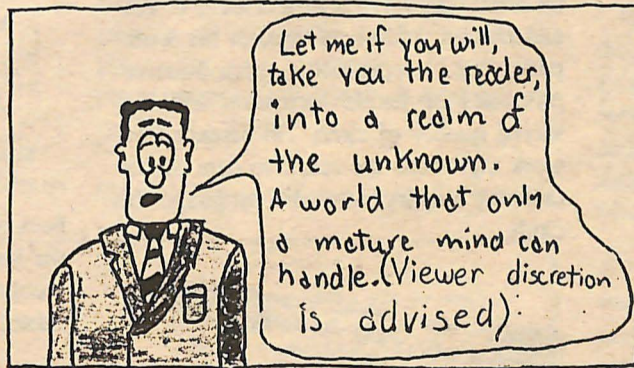
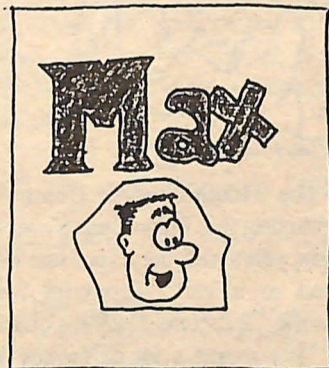
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MOVIE CONTEST

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NEXUS is holding a contest to give away a prizes in conjunction with our movie review section.

All one has to do to enter is to correctly answer the provided question in this issue and attach a receipt from a movie theatre or from a play. Drop your answer and receipt in the box on the MANUS door, the Rosaria Corner Store or bring it directly to our NEXUS office, fourth floor Rosaria.

Each month there will be a new question and you may enter as often as you wish. There is a one prize person limit. The draw is open only to Mount Students. NEXUS staff members that receive an honoraria are not permitted to enter the draw. The executive members of the Student Council are also prohibited from entering. The prize drawing will be in late January 1994.

Good Luck! Greg and Nancy.



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THE CITADEL INN
HALIFAX

Question for this Month: In Cool Running what happened to make the bobsled crash in their final run?

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Theatre

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for January through
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AT THE MOVIES

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Cool Runnings Malice

First, I must confess I do enjoy John Candy's acting at times, but even I was left wanting more from this movie then even he could offer. I think this story, based on true events of a Jamaican bobsled team could have been a little better than simply the good guys from Jamaica competing against evil, nasty guys in the Olympics. This movie could have been a more meaningful story about the Olympic competition and developing friendships if the plot had been stronger.

The enjoyment I had from the portrayal of the characters, mitigated the poor story somewhat, yet, it wasn't enough to carry the whole film.

Here was a movie that began like any other Wally and the Beaver show. Our interest was mildly piqued by the relatively affluent life lead by the two leading characters.

The introduction of a local serial rapist is a further twist, but it is a minor fluctuation in a limping plot.

I really couldn't help but feel sorry for the professor and his wife, their lives were so devastated by coincidence. There was always enough a... sex in this movie to keep you interested through the slow parts. Yet I found myself knowing what was going to happen next. For the ending of the movie let's just say that all good things come to those who wait.

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BOXING

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Greetings from the Athletics and Recreation Department

Just a note to the students to update them on what is happening in Athletics:

1. Fitness for full-time student goes on half price November 1!!! \$25.00 for 7 weeks!! Come join us.

2. We are looking for badminton players who would like to join our team and train with one of the best coaches in Atlantic Canada. The time commitment is very realistic and the experience, fantastic. Drop into the Athletics/Recreation Office and ask for June, if you are interested.

3. If you are a full-time student, you are automatically a member of the facility, we have lots of staff who would be pleased to show you around. you can even get an hour long "one-to-one" session on how to use the weights and set up your own personal program for only \$8.00.

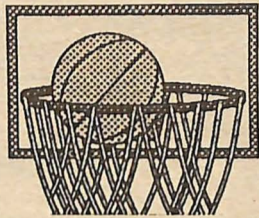
4. Campus Recreation is a great way to get involved - and meet new people. Keep your eye out for weekly Special Events!!

MYSTICS SCHEDULE UPDATE

Women's Basketball

Sat Nov 13 MT A at MSVU 2pm
Sun Nov 14 UNBSJ at MSVU 12pm

Wed Nov 17 MSVU at NSAC 6:30pm
Sat Nov 20 TUNS at MSVU 1pm
Wed Nov 24 NSTC at MSVU 6pm
Sat Nov 27 MSVU at STU 6pm
Sun Nov 28 MSVU at STU 12pm



Men's Basketball

Wed Nov 17 MSVU at NSAC 8:30pm
Sat Nov 20 TUNS at MSVU 3pm
Wed Nov 24 NSTC at MSVU 8pm
Sat Nov 27 MSVU at STU 8pm
Sun Nov 28 MSVU at STU 2pm
Sat Dec 04 MT A at MSVU 5pm

Women's Volleyball

Sat Nov 6 MSVU at NSAC 1pm
Sat Nov 13 MSVU at STE A 1pm
Wed Nov 17 NSAC at MSVU 7:30pm
Sun Nov 21 TUNS at MSVU 12pm
Sat Nov 27 MSVU at STU 7pm
Sun Nov 28 MSVU at STU 12pm
Wed Dec 1 MSVU at KINGS 6pm

Coed Badminton

Sat Nov 20 MSVU at STE A 10am

NHL REVIEW

By Steve M.Gekara and Greg Euloth

The Hallowe'en weekend was filled with a lot of social and sporting activities in Halifax. The New York Rangers played against the New Jersey Devils at the Halifax Metro Centre. Hockey fans were impressed with the way the two teams played, although the place was not filled to capacity. The high scoring Mike Gartner played a superb game scoring two goals for the Rangers. Other players in the Rangers lineup included: Mark Messier, Adam Graves, Mike Richter, and Sergei Nemchinov among others. Mike Kineen, the Rangers Head coach, expressed satisfaction at the way his team responded on the ice. The final score was 4-0 in favour of the Rangers.

The Devils did not play their usual game. On several occasions their defensive line had to work extra-hard to put the puck out of their zone. Defenceman Kevin Stevens was the key to the Devils blue line. Other notable names in the lineup included: Claude Lemieux, Stephen Richer, Alexei Kasatonov and the proven NHL goalkeeper Chris Terreri among others. Jacques Lemaire, Head coach for the Devils, was not impressed with the way his team played against the Rangers. The Devils played a superb game against the Philadelphia Flyers and Eric Lindros the previous day. This seemed to have taken a heavy toll on their Hallowe'en match in Halifax. Frustrations on the Devils bench resulted to two major fights as the game progressed. The fights received thunderous cheers from the spectating crowd.

The decision to bring the NHL teams to Metro was reached by NHL officials. The Halifax Metro centre has an Olympic size skating rink, and it has all the facilities needed for matches of the NHL magnitude. The New York Rangers will come back on March 9 to play against the Washington Capitals. The two teams will be playing a competitive game to gain a berth in the play-offs. With the addition of Steve Larmer, traded from the Chicago Blackhawks, the Rangers will be a much improved team. On the other hand, Dale Hunter will be playing for the Capitals after a 21 game suspension by the NHL officials last season. Dale Hunter caused a serious injury on checking the well-polished Pierre Turgeon of the New York Islanders.

Team Canada will also be coming to Metro to play a series of International matches before the Olympics on New Years' eve.

Hockey fans will get their money's worth from the International tournaments. Advance tickets for the hockey matches mentioned above are sold at the Halifax Metro Centre. For more information call the general enquiries at the Metro Centre.



HOLYFIELD REGAINS TITLE

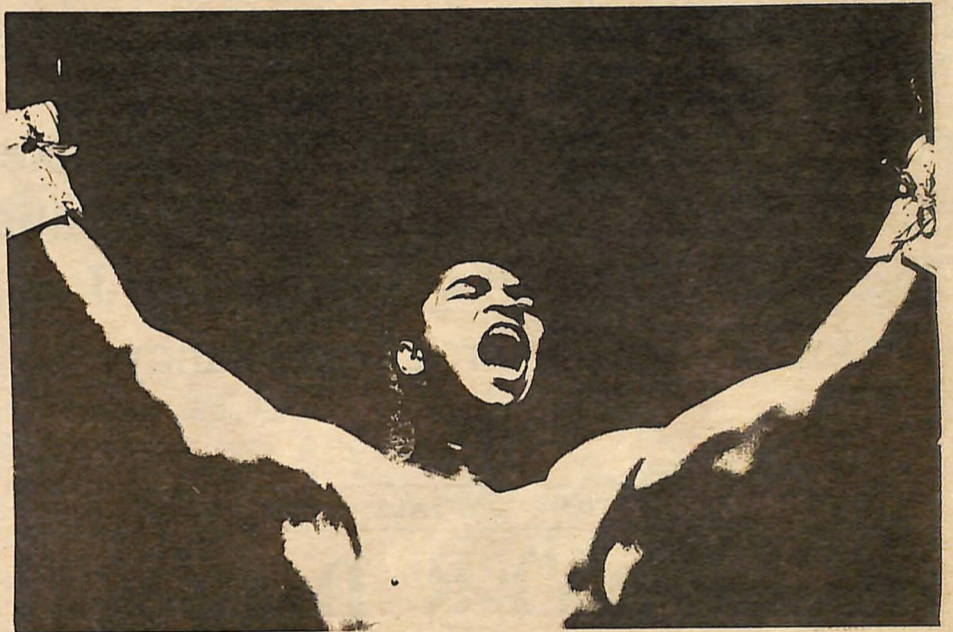
Evander Holyfield Regains Heavyweight Crown!

By Uncle Steve

The long awaited rematch between Riddick Bowe and Evander Holyfield took place last Saturday outside Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. The training skills and long-time experience of the 82-year-old Eddie Futch were tested. Bowe did not respond as a top boxing contender in the ring. Ever since he became champion, Bowe has been dodging potential boxers by fighting people like "Big" George (Foreman) and Ferguson. This time his Managers and trainers put him against the same person he defeated a year ago.

Morrison started the fight in a promising note. But it took Bentt a minute and a half to capture the WBO crown. Three knock downs prompted the referee to stop the fight and give Morrison a chance to fight in the future. The former boxing Heavyweight King, Mike "Iron Fist" Tyson, remains in the Indianapolis prison serving a six-year sentence for rape. Tyson is still young and some boxing fans believe that some day he will be set free and revive the lost glory and excitement in the World of boxing.

For those of you who have a VCR and the urge for some classic battles, the "Boxing Wars" video is



Holyfield remained focused on winning the fight and he proved himself in the ring. The 12-round showdown was a rematch for the IBF and WBA titles. Holyfield maintained a good jabbing style and threw hard punches that disorganised his opponent. Many observers expressed satisfaction to the outcome of the big fight. The World of boxing will remember Evander Holyfield as a Heavyweight Champion who lost a crown and regained it from the same person who defeated him.

Holyfield joins the legendary Joe Louis and Mohammad Ali in accomplishing this mission. We can now sing Bowe's song, "I shall return..."

In other boxing news, this past October 29 Tommy Morrison embarked on a dangerous mission fighting against Michael Bentt. This is one of the recent fights that has left boxing trainers scratching their heads. The venue of the showdown was in Tulsa, Oklahoma (Morrison's hometown). The hometown crowd was amazed at the speed at which Bentt threw punches. He hit hard, accurately and at lightning speed, eh!



available. It is a good chance to see the great boxing legends: Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Ken Norton and Larry Holmes who have dominated the ring in succession.

Recall:

- Ali vs Frazier (1971)
- Ali vs "Big" George Foreman (1974) in Kinshasha, Zaire
- Foreman vs Ken Norton (1974)
- Frazier vs Foreman (1975)
- Ali vs Larry Holmes (1980)
- Mike Tyson vs Spinks (1988)



PHOTOS BY KEVIN FRASER

THE IRISH DESCEND ON THE MOUNT

Friday evening Vinnie's Pub was host to a successful East coast band. This band was, unlike others however, clean, well groomed, without one stitch of flannel on their backs. Certainly no grunge band, The Irish Descendants treated a packed house to an evening of Celtic musical enjoyment.

To the vociferous delight of

audience the band performed some old favorites like Farewell To Nova Scotia and Mary Mack, as well as some of their own originals including Peter Street and Go To Sea No More. They played an amazing mix of traditional instrumentals, cappella folk songs, and even some popish sounding pieces.

The four man band from Newfoundland is lead by Con O'Brian. A

native of Bay Bulls, O'Brian is a natural spokesman and the perfect front man, with voice to match.

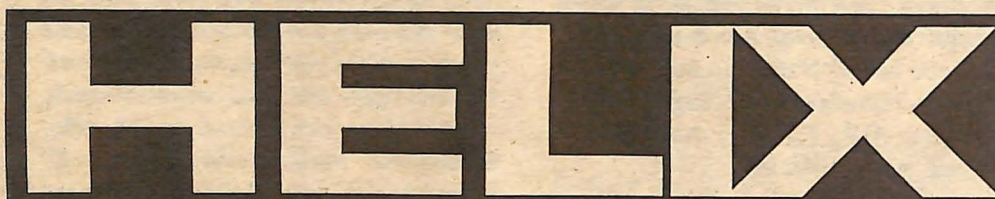
D'Arcy Broderick of Bay de Verde is the instrumental master of the band. His skills include the bouzouki, banjo, fiddle, and guitar as well as a strong tenor voice. Broderick is also the key song writer for the group.

Ronnie Power, also from Bay Bulls, plays number of instruments. On Friday evening, however, he displayed for the audience an astounding skill with the guitar. Power's fingers fairly danced over the frets.

The last, but not least, member of the band is Larry Martin. A recent father, Martin complements and completes the band with his electric base.

The early evening show was part of a promotion tour for their latest release "Look To The Sea." There was also a party that night to celebrate the album's release and the band's first international recording deal with Warner music of Canada.

No one who saw the Irish Descendants play Friday evening had a negative thing to say, nor should they. It was a terrific night of Celtic celebration that had the whole house dancing and singing. To those of you that missed out, you have my sympathy and my encouragements to catch the next Halifax show of the Irish Descendants.



The Mount will be hosting Canada's veteran hard rock band, Helix, on November 26. Formed in 1976 the 17 year old group has produced 7 albums since 1979. They are currently touring and promoting their 8th and latest release, "Its A Business Doing Pleasure."

Lead by Brian Vollmer on vocals, Helix's other original members are Brent Doerner on lead guitar, Greg Heinz on drums and Daryl Grey on bass. Helix's newest member is Greg Fraser, also on lead guitar.

Fans of the band can look forward to a number of excellent new songs from the album. The title track, "That Day Is Gonna Come", is a hopeful



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tune about survival as a band beyond the oblivion that normally consumes bands over the course of time. Another good tune to listen for is "Can't Even Afford To Die."

Written shortly after the tragic death of guitarist Paul Hackman, this song is the band's commentary on the invasions of privacy that they suffered at the hands of opportunists looking to capitalize on their grief.

Be sure to check out what is sure to be an energy filled evening of hard rock and roll. Helix will be performing an ALL AGES show in the Multi-Purpose Room, second floor of the Rosaria building on Friday, November 26, at 8:00 pm, for only \$8.00.

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FEATURE

TWO BRAVE SOULS

DEAREST J-MAN

Please feel free to puke (preferably on yourself). Someone as freely vile as yourself, disguising it as a form of free expression, deserves nothing less. I would also like to comment on you hypocritical desecration of the fall by-elections in reference to the students of this school. In a lame, but lavish, way of trying to make a point you totally forgot (OR I HOPE YOU FORGOT!) the very sentence you had written.. "NO VOTERS VOTED"... you then proceeded to define a voter. Well Mister Morris, that would mean, by your own terms, that voters voted and NON-VOTERS did not vote, thus contradicting your own statement that ... "NO VOTERS VOTED". Feel stupid yet? Probably not (an idiot perhaps, but not stupid). But you are not stupid "J-Man", I realize you are just trying to shake things up around here, and in the process, it's just too bad that you don't care enough about the latter, and those who might take it to heart. Not everybody turns insensitive and removed as soon as they come to the big school to play with the big kids, and I hope that some of us never do.....

Sincerely
Name Withheld

P.S. You are NO Tom Cruise.

Mr. morris you are a-musing... and I like it.

In your last column you attempted to insult the entire student body by using rude, condescending, "Websterian" words to describe us - and I like it. Your style of badgering is long-winded, redundant and immature - and I like it.

In your desperate effort to convince everyone of your intellectual and philosophical superiority you didn't make no logical errors (use of a double negative to imply exactly the opposite) - but I like it. You are brazen enough to glorify your own "disgraceful inebriation" in one column you show the rest of us as losers while we booze it up - but I like.

In addition, the riveting recount of your trip to Washington is reminiscent of those "what I did on my summer vacation" stories - and I like it.

Essentially, your column comprises the raving thoughts of a ego-maniac - and I like it. In fact, I bet you were mouthing every word of your column as you wrote it, but listen - I like that. Unfortunately, I'm so apathetic that I don't care whether you like it or not.

Your littlest peon.

No Name Submitted.

MORRIS MUSES

Oh the horror! Well I must say that even I was surprised at the delightful response to my last column. The softly nurturing letters of my fans never ceases to stir my soul to tears and weeping. I must admit that after reading the letters, (that is after correcting the errors and typos that were unfortunately contained therein) I felt the rather immediate need to address these pugilists directly and qualify my comments. Let me tell you about the enjoyable time I had attempting to speak to my fans and the ensuing journey I travelled.

First and foremost I had to find the student that wrote the first letter.

Since I had never met anyone with a surname like Withheld I decided to look in the phone book. Nope! No Withhelds registered in the book. Perhaps this person lives outside of the city centre. Naturally I began to enquire among my colleagues and droogs here at the Mount. Apparently nobody has ever heard of anyone named Name. So how was I to address Name's obvious chagrin with my column. Alas, I guess I must speak to Name in this column.

Well Name, I have to tell you that I have a rather active imagination and I was forced to visualize what you looked like when I read the letter and perhaps I can share with you the image that pops into my head. Certainly based on your comments, I must see you as a

rather meagre human being that has been soured by past trauma (i.e. food poisoning at the SAC). I see you as a wizened, pinched-up hag of a creature that perhaps may suffer from a skin disorder that makes the flesh of your forehead comparably to that of a rhino's nasty parts. Heck Name, I'd be bitter too.

As to your comments Name, I must say that you are really rather astute in your comparison, or anti-comparison, between myself and a certain thespian named Thomas Cruise. I must concede that you are absolutely correct, I am no Tom Cruise. While I admit the resemblance is rather striking and my style is most certainly similar, Tom Cruise is married and I am single so therefore all the beautiful women who desire Tom but have genuine moral problems about being involved with a married man are welcome to consider me as more realistic alternative. I extend this offer to you as well Name. Please consider some corrective surgery before you call, OK?

Now to move on to my masochistic fan letter. Again I had a problem finding Noname Submitted in the book and student directory so I will again have to address the issue in my rather fascinating column. Surely it is very likely a waste of time since Noname's only real reason for writing must be an aching yearn for fame that only I, J-Man, can provide. Nonetheless, I made a promise to your, my Plebeians, that I would answer to you letters. so, having said that, I say this: Noname, I should very much like to know exactly which institution allows you such a sharp object as a pen. I intend to write my M.P. today to discuss exactly which implements people in your ravaged and lobotomized state are allowed to handle unattended. You could lose an eye with a bic pen (especially if you plunge it in to the hilt on your own power). So, my little Noname I make you this solemn promise. When you escape please look me up and I can look into ways to satisfy your obvious sick interest in the sado-masochistic world. I would begin by allowing you into the fully equipped dungeon this "school" calls Student Union. There you will be mentally tormented by fools such as yourself and receive all the un-requested agony you could ever desire. The one bad side is that THEY will eventually find you and just

imagine their pleasure when they discover all the other escapees gathered around Student Union playing that time honoured favourite of Lunatics; the game of Redundancy.

Well Good Gracious, I've had such fun time answering letters that I have very little space to "columnize" all the latest in my life. I notice in the air that Winter will soon be approaching. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you, my little ignoramuses, with a few short Winter safety tips. The first tip that I think you should be aware of is that snow is not suitable for packing open wounds. So when staggering home from the pub, slipping and tearing your abdomen open, please do not pack the wound with snow, rather it would be better to wake up the person that you placed in the Bacchus position because she was blind-drunk and ask her to please call an ambulance. Tip two involves the pros and cons of that new wacky trend, snow coitus. Well let's face it, we all deserve a kick once in a while but please follow these J-man tips: All electric appliances that you normally use for fun must be abandoned when laying in the snow. Please also ensure that while a bit of privacy is good, it is also important to be in close proximity to a hospital to treat those incidents of frostbite that go with snow-coitus the same way hot dogs go with the ballgame. The final tip I leave you with today is that recently sharpened ice skates can be every dangerous so I would not suggest throwing them at anyone including myself.

Well that's that my little wallowing wimps. So soon I shall return with yet another heart-rending and poignant tale of my times. Until that long-awaited day I encourage you to study hard, drink light and give a lot of careful thought as to what auspicious gifts you will be giving me, your humble columnist J-Man, this festive yuletide season. So until I again break into this office to steal some computer time I remain....

Your obedient servant,
J-Man

Post Script to Dr.M.-If you made it to the end of this fine column, you have an attention span considerably higher than most Doctorates.

by J-Man



Class of '94 Graduation Portraits

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Berryhill Fine Photography

sales office - Park Lane Mall (4th Floor)

- MSVU's Official Portrait Studio*

- On campus Nov. 9 & 10 in Rosaria Centre

- \$15.00 sitting fee includes taxes

- Book appointment at Student Union Office

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FEATURE

CAREER PLACEMENT CENTRE

The Student Affairs Department through its Career Placement Centre offers an invaluable service to all students. What is this Service? What is the Career Placement Centre all about? Career Testing, Computer Career Assessment and Planning, Career Counselling, deciding on a major, Resume Critique, Study Skills Group sessions and career related Workshops are only part of the varied services offered. A very important aspect of the Career Placement Centre is the Employment section. Full-time, part-time, on campus and summer positions are posted. On-Campus recruiting for graduating students is available every year in the fall. Graduating students have an opportunity to secure entry-level and salaried positions with firms such as accounting companies, banking and financial institutions and many more.

GRADUATING STUDENTS

In today's economic climate, preparation for a competitive market is most important. Interview and job search skills, addressing the hidden job market are helpful tools available through the services of the Career Placement Centre. An excellent resume will get you an interview; excellent acquired interview skills will confidently guide you through your first important interviews.

SECOND AND THIRD YEAR STUDENTS?

Although many students may feel they don't have to address the issue of career planning until they are in their last year of university, they would do well to look and plan ahead. To be prepared is important. Exploring all the options is smart.

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

Are you in a programme you are not sure you want to complete? Why waste time and money? The Strong Campbell Interest test, of the Sigi Plus(System Interactive Guidance and Information Plus) allows you to explore your likes, dislikes and abilities. You may decide on a different major, and you may even learn about occupations you never knew existed.

Other support services: the Resource Centre and Personal Counselling. The Resource Centre contains information on industries, university calendars, work and study abroad, labour-market and occupational information. Personal counselling offers assistance through difficult times such as exams and midterms.

The Career Placement Centre is here to help all students, traditional and non-traditional, mature, first-year and graduating students. Take advantage of these valuable services and visit the centre in Evaristus, Second Floor, Room 231.

CAREER CORNER

The Career Placement Centre, Evaristus Rm 231, is presently putting on workshops to improve your employability. These workshops include:

The spotlight is on you: Self-Assessment a Must.
Recession Proof Your Job Search
Writing a Resume That Work For You
Landed an Interview: Now What Do I Do?

To sign up, please notify the Career Placement Centre -- 457-6567. The fee is \$5.00/workshop or \$18.00 for all four.

Employment opportunities currently posted outside the Career Placement Centre, Evaristus 231:

Permanent:

W.F. Momeau and Associates - Employee Benefit Analyst -ASAP
Market Source - Marketing Representative - ASAP
Minus Seed Co-op Ltd. - Production Manager - ASAP
English Teachers in Japan - various opportunities

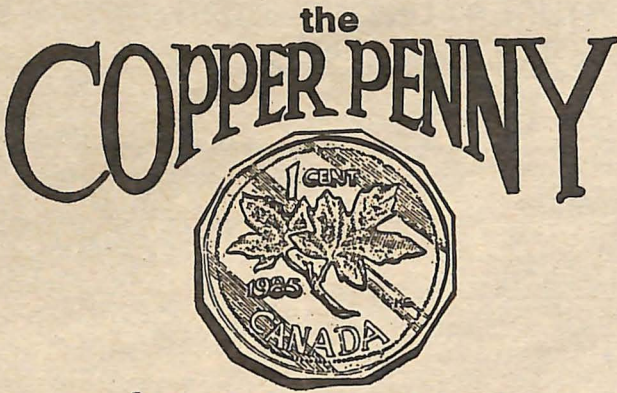
Part-time:

S&MG(Sales and Merchandising Group) - need Sales and Promotional Representative. Application deadline - November 19
Youth Environmental Challenge Project - December 1.
Pizza Cooks/Cashiers Telemarketers and various Childcare and Volunteer Opportunities.

Summer Position:

Remember it is now that you want to look for summer jobs.

Summer Employment Officer for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are already in. Applications form Placement office. Deadline November 19, November 26, respectively.
Tourism and Culture are already seeking students for various positions in the hotel trade, etc. Applications from Placement office.
Vimy Ridge, France, students with excellent french language skills. Applications from Placement office. Deadline December 12,1993.



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COPPER PENNY**
beverage room
**CLAYTON PARK
SHOPPING CENTRE**
**278 LACEWOOD DRIVE,
UPCOMING BANDS:**

**NOV. 16-20
BOOT HILL**

**NOV. 21
SUNDAY MATINEE
DON DENNY**

**NOV. 25-27
SHAMELESS**

**NOV 28
SUPPORT DAY FOR RICHIE OAKLEY
AT LEAST A DOZEN BANDS WILL BE
AT THE COPPER PENNY INCLUDING
MATT MINGLEWOOD. DROP BY TO
PARTY AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.**

IMAGINARY MONEY

By Annette Chaisson

That's right. Imaginary money. That's what I'll have to use to have an imaginary Christmas. Right now, it looks like I'll have stuffing, with an imaginary turkey.

In September/October, Mount students pay approximately 60% (or all) of our tuition. At the same time, we receive our Canada student loans (max \$3,300). In January, when we pay 40% of our tuition, we get our Nova Scotia government Student Loans (max approx. \$6,000).

This is insane! If you a) didn't get a summer job; b) don't have a supportive family and; c) are not independently wealthy; starving becomes the latest fashion fad diet. Some students are also supporting families, which can spell the end of an academic career without financial help. There is an emergency loan fund a M.S.V.U., but the

maximum loan is generally \$200.00.

How can the Mount help out in this depressing situation?

1) Move the date for Mount Saint Vincent bursary disbursement to late November or early December. Under the old N.S. bursary system, students wouldn't know until January or February how much extra help they would get. Barring appeals, you know how much your N.S. student loan is going to be by the end of September.

2) Lobby the Nova Scotia government to process N.S. loans at the same time as Canada Student Loans.

3) Lobby the federal government for better funding for Canada Student Loans.

If you have ideas or suggestions, please send them in!

**MEN
WORKING TO END
MEN'S VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**

GET INVOLVED.

All men must take responsibility for ending men's violence against women. The White Ribbon Campaign is a grassroots effort by men to work with women to break the silence on this issue. We need your commitment and financial support. Please call now. White Ribbon Week, December 1 to 6.



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CAMPAIGN**

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1-800-263-6276
IN TORONTO
416-596-1513

**MONTREAL MASSACRE
MEMORIAL
MONDAY
DECEMBER 6.
WE WILL NOT FORGET!**

FEATURE

M.S.V. STUDENT UNION BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1993/94	
PROJECTED REVENUES	
Corner Store Revenue	175,000
Daycare Revenue	2,600
Fax Revenue	540
Handbook Revenue	3,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,600
Orientation Revenue	10,000
Programming	20,000
Pub Revenue	110,000
Student Fees	425,000
Yearbook Revenue (sponsorship)	85
TOTAL REVENUES	\$752,825
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	
Administration	1,730
Alcohol Awareness	2,000
Audit Fees	1,500
Awards Banquet	2,000
Bank Charges	1,750
Cash (Short&Over)	70
Casual Labour	590
Cdn. Fed. of Students	7,800
Christmas Daddies	500
COCA Con. & Others	3,800
Council Retreat	250
CPP Expende	1,900
Daycare Expenses	1,000
DJ Expense	1,200
Donations	1,100
Fax Expense	245
Gradweek Expende	3,000
Handbook Expende	4,200
Health Plan	205,000
Honorariums	31,800
Hospitality	700
Insurance Expende	3,200
Int'l Women's Day	300
Leadership Conference	2,300
Legal Fees	3,000
MANUS	6,000
Metro Transit	9,000
Miscellaneous Expense	4,400
Office Supplies	4,100
Orientation	18,000
Photocopier Lease	9,800
Photopool	120
Postage & Courier	2,200
PR & Communication	220
Programming	30,000
Pub Leasing Equipment	3,400
Pub Supplies(Glassware)	4,000
Purchases- Corner Store	128,000
Purchases- Pub (liquor)	44,000
Purchases- Pub (non- liquor)	9,300
Rent	9,600
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000
Scholarships	2,500
Shinerama	375
Societies	12,923
Sparkling Springs (water)	370
Staff Payroll	137,100
Suns Fees & Conference	8,832
Telephone Expense	6,800
Training & Development	1,600
UI Expende	4,000
United Way	250
Yearbook Printing Costs	14,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$752,825
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	\$0

YEARBOOK MEETING

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK COMMITTEE
PLAN TO ATTEND AN INFORMATION MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH 12:00 NOON SAC 503

WE NEED HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- FEATURE WRITING
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- DESIGN/LAYOUT
- DESKTOP PUBLISHING

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND THIS MEETING,
CONTACT BILL ADAMS AT 457-4134 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

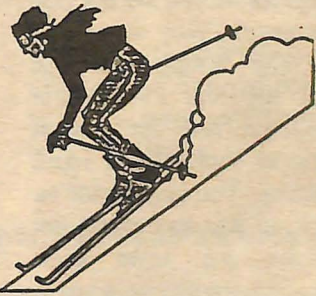
THE MSVU MOOSEHEAD SOCIETY VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

- ** Friday November 19th,
2:30-4:30pm Rosaria Gymnasium.
- ** All Societies are challenged
to participate.
- ** More than 1 Team/Society is
welcome.
- ** 6-8 players/teams. At least 2
females must be on the court
at all times.
- ** Enter your team with Joanne in
the Athletics/Recreation
Office Room 223, Rosaria, or
phone 457-6369

** \$2.00/player

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