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Budget passed, Executive complete AFS SETTLES ITS FUTURE

WOLFVILLE (CUP) — Delegates to an emergency plenary session of the Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) resolved their differences last weekend and breezed through business leftover from an earlier conference two weeks ago in Halifax.

Representatives from seven of the eight member institutions present guaranteed the organization outstanding student fees would be turned over to AFS before the new year. The only exception was Dalhousie, whose student council votes recently to withhold AFS funding and consider withdrawing from the federation.

The meeting approved a budget that excluded Dalhousie fees, passed a number of resolutions dealing with unemployment and education cutbacks and elected a new executive.

An earlier conference at Mount St. Vincent University was suspended when there were no candidates for the Secretary Coordinator position and some institutions would not agree to hand over student fees collected in the name of AFS.

Delegates decided the major short term objective of the federation would be to seek student representation on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and carry out research on each campus to determine the real effect of funding cutbacks on the quality of education. The MPHEC is

the agency that governs post secondary education policy for the three Maritime Provinces.

The federation will also actively undertake to support the efforts of groups in the region to organize the unemployed and condemned the Federal Governments anti-inflation program as "a system of wage controls".

The question of a staffperson for the organization will be left entirely up to the new executive.

After five consecutive ballots the meeting finally elected Tony Kelly, a graduate student from Dalhousie was the Secretary Coordinator for the federation. Kelly was selected over Howard Bashinski, a graduate student from Acadia, who was afterwards elected to the other executive position of treasurer.

Kelly said he intends to immediately begin the hiring process for the staffperson and is optimistic AFS can make some strong progress to further establish itself in the region before the academic year is out.

"We have to go to the governments united with faculties, and staffs, and even the administrations", he said, adding there is a definite crisis in post secondary education in the region and the need for a regional student federation was never more evident.

Debate did stall, however, over the question of where the AFS office should be located in Halifax. The Dalhousie Delegation offered a free office on their campus, but after lengthy debate the suggestion was brushed aside, as the delegate from Memorial University in St. John's put it: "considering Dal's notorious repu-

tation with AFS, it would be absurd to have the office right in their midst."

The Atlantic Federation of Students has 13 member universities, colleges, and technical schools and represents over 24,000 post secondary students in the four Atlantic Provinces.

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Mount Volleyball Team AUA A Champs

by DON CARNEY
Sports Editor

Although the weather over Halifax hasn't been up to par lately, the sun certainly has been shining on M.S.V.U. athletic Dept. The bright outlook on life originates primarily on the Volleyball court, where for the past three weeks the Mount's Volleyball team has been giving their opponents lessons in how to win volleyball tournaments.

victory and thus the new bright outlook over the Bedford Basin community of the Mount.

This recipe of success came to the forefront on November 26 when, Vincent Hall hosted the Atlantic University Athletic Association women's "B" Volleyball tournament. Three teams showed up for the tournament, Dalhousie University, the Mounts cross town rivals, and the much traveled St. Thomas University from

DALHOUSIE ENGINEERS BACK AT WORK

HALIFAX (CUP) — The Dalhousie local of the International Union of Operating Engineers voted to end a three-week strike and return to work Monday while the campus local of the Canadian Union of Public Employees voted 90 percent in favor of strike action at a general meeting on Sunday.

The engineers resumed negotiations with the university on the weekend and agreed to a five percent increase retroactive to last February and another increase of three percent effective February 1978, for a total increase of eight percent.

The IUOE local also secured agreements on holiday pay and the establishment of an apprenticeship plan for union members who work for the university. The union went on strike November 20, closing some facilities and disrupting normal activities all over campus. The university's two thermal units have been manned by supervisory personnel since the strike began.

The dispute was deadlocked until Friday when the university gained an injunction to limit pickets and a public meeting organized by a support committee of students, faculty and staff revealed wide support for the strikers from most segments of the university community.

Meanwhile the university reopened negotiations with the CUPE local Monday following their strike vote December 4. The union is asking for the maximum allowable increase under the anti-inflation board guidelines, eight percent, and will be in a legal position to strike on Saturday.

The CUPE local represents maintenance workers at the university who have been without a contract since August 31. Some of the union members are still repaying wage rollbacks ordered by the anti-inflation board.

Also in conciliation are negotiations between the administration and the Dalhousie Staff Association, which represents over 700 clerical and secretarial workers. The DSA is also facing an impasse with the university on the wage issue and will be legally able to strike early in the new year. The association is seeking an eight percent increase.

The university has claimed that to offer the unions any more than a 5.5 percent increase would put it over the deficit guidelines set down by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, which demand institutions not accumulate more than two percent on their cumulative debt each year or else face cutbacks in subsequent operation grants.



Left to Right

Front Row: Ceryl Marcipont, Becky Robar

Middle Row: Shelley Withers, Heather Hart,

Judy O'Neil, Elspeth MacLean, Lousie d'Entremont

Back Row: Deanna Swinamer, Cathy Bainbright

The main ingredients for a good consistently winning volleyball team (as viewed from Rosaria Hall) would take two excellent players, one from Middleton High School (Becky Robar) and Westville High School (Ceryl Marcipont) to supply a strong nucleus for any team, then add one player from West Pictou (Elspeth MacLean) and use some talent from Bermuda (Heather Hart), to supply some good volleying power, and supplement that with some consistent overall play from St. Pat's (Judy O'Neill) and one rookie from Alberta (Deanna Swinamer). Then develop some bench strength from Cathe Bainbridge, Shelly Withers, Louise d'Entremont and Kathe Watcham, the end result is the thrill of

Fredericton. The tournament was held in Vincent Hall Gym which does for volleyball what Fenway Park does for baseball's Boston Red Sox. Anyone knowing the dimensions of Fenway Park, with its green monster in left field and its curiously placed garage door which creates chaos for opposing outfielders. The same can be said for the Vincent Hall gym with its low ceiling and even lower hanging gymnastic rings left many opposing volleyball players scratching their heads at just what altitude to use in volleying.

"The other teams feel they are playing at an unfair disadvantage",

see "volleyball" page 9

CUTS FROM COUNCIL

The main topic discussed, at the Sunday, December 4, council meeting, was a proposal brought forward by a group of students from the Mount, headed by Adair Stewart. The proposal was that members of the M.S.V.U. student union be given an opportunity to work with Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers as security for Mount Functions. The following restrictions, on the people who wanted to work, were included:

- 1) Members must be 19 years of age and over.
- 2) Members must have no criminal record.
- 3) MEMBERS BE FAMILIAR WITH THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING SECURITY PERSONAL.

The proposal also included sections dealing with compensation, grievances against security personal duties and

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

On being elected as the representative for Business students on Council, I have also assumed the responsibility of being your student representative to the faculty.

At the last faculty meeting, it was brought up that there have been numerous complaints from students concerning the heavy workloads that students are carrying. Professors were requested to check their course outline

regulations and having them put forward in contract form, and procedure for any changes to the policy.

There are many conflicts over this proposal. When the question of whether Mount and Phi Delta Theta members would be able to function as a unit was put forward, Blake Alexander and David Bell, two members representing the fraternity security force, said they would not have the same feeling of support from M.S.V.U. students as they would have from the other fraternity brothers. Both noted, however, that their opinions were personal and not representative of all the brothers concerned.

Another bone of contention which came up was the apparent lack of organization of the group from the Mount. Adair Stewart commented that for legal reasons the group had not been formally brought together.

and see if any adjustments could be made.

The courses that have been suggested for first summer session are:

- 1) Marketing 230/231
- 2) Introductory

Some courses are still being looked at for second summer session.

Suggested for evening courses next year were Finance and Introduction to Canadian Business. This was suggested because a lot of interest was shown by part-time students. Current intentions are that Finance will also be offered as a day course.

Departmental approval was requested by Mr. Buckley to exempt the following courses from exams:

- 1) Business 333
- 2) Business 400/401

If any Business or Secretarial students have any co-ments or suggestions that they would like brought to the attention of faculty or Student's Council please feel free to bring them to my attention. You can contact me at the students council office or leave a message in my mailbox.

Robert Crozier
Business Representative

HOCKEY

Mount Saint Vincent University's debut into men's hockey was a winning effort as they defeated Cameron House of Dalhousie with a score of 5 - 4. Leading the way for the Mount was Tony McNeil, with two goals. Brian Saulnier, Harley McDonald and Barry Johns each contributed one goal.

One of the obvious things lacking with the team is organization. Hopefully with more practice things will start to come together.

The team would like to thank the students who patiently sat through the hour in the North End Rink to cheer us on, it was greatly appreciated by all.

On November 20 the Mount team was pounced on by the Sackville Blazers, "Junior C". Unfortunately only ten players could make the game and even though a great effort was put forth in the first period, our legs ran out in the second and third periods as they poured goals in from all sides.

Scoring for M.S.V.U. was Jerry Arnold with two while Tony McNeil and Barry Johns each added one apiece. Hopefully more games will be coming after Christmas and a return match with Sackville Blazers. Hope to see you at the game.

Bob Crozier

After an hour and a half of discussion a sub-committee was formed to attempt to solve the aforementioned conflicts. The committee consists of three people; Robert Crozier, Cathy Myketon and Dianne Wright. The end decision of the sub-committee will be submitted as of January 17, 1978.

• Marcia Melvin is a student representative for the Chronicle Herald and Mail Star. She proposed that the council give the Chronicle Rep. a working budget of \$115 per month. This amount is to cover typing and travel expenses. The \$115 was granted.

• The student council was invited to a shower for Mary Lou Brouseau. The council was to represent the student body. Mrs. Brouseau has given her time and energy to many activities at the Mount. A \$50 bond will be given to her adopted infant.

• There was two resignations accepted during the meeting. Paula Ontford, the co-entertainment manager for the 77/78. And, Jeff Turner, the photo pool director for the 77/78 year.

A proposal on external printed matter was made by Louise Abraham, president of the M.S.V.U. student council. Printed matter had been brought to the student council for permission of circulation on campus. The proposal was that any applications for all distributions of external printed matter be brought to the public relations department. Council was in favour of the proposal.

All those interested in functions, debates, clubs or the university in general are invited to attend any council meeting. The meetings are held Tuesdays at 12 p.m. and Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Sandra Wills

COMMENTARY

A NEW AFS

Brian Denison,

News Editor

Acadia University, Wolfville, was the scene of the rebirth of the Atlantic Federation of Students. After the AFS Fall Conference at Mount St. Vincent University two weeks ago, the outlook for the future existence of AFS as a viable organization was indeed grim. Two institutions refused to submit their membership fees, and petty conflicts between individuals with the

resulting chaos were the most evident characteristics. Representatives agreed that something needed to be done but no one would volunteer to take any responsibility upon themselves. The

plenary bogged down when no one would accept nomination for the vital position of Secretary-Co-ordinator. The result: an emergency one day plenary held at Acadia on Dec. 3.

I was present during the degeneration of the Fall Conference and also present at the Acadia plenary. The difference between the two was so astounding, I might have been observ-

ing two separate organizations. The emergency plenary got right down to business, leaving individual differences aside, and so breezed through

the left-over and new business. Things happened orderly and logically, with all AFS representatives taking a serious approach to each item of business. One could see the difference from the

last meeting: these people had a strong belief in the value of AFS's continuation and were there to make sure that the organization got off on the right foot.

Future direction policies, goals, and strategies were ironed out and AFS now knows where it is going. The only slow point was the election of the new

Executive: it took five ballots before the Secretary-Coordinator was finally elected. However, in contrast to the MSVU conference, indecisiveness and apathy amongst the representatives was not the problem: the two candidates for the position were both well

qualified and the choice of which one would be best for AFS was extremely difficult. The representatives took their votes very seriously and this was the only reason for the delay.

From what I saw at Acadia, I would predict that AFS is going to go places and that it will perform a vital and meaningful function in representing the post-secondary students of the Atlantic Provinces. AFS now has an Executive, a new constitution, a working budget, and definite goals and

strategies. The major short-term objectives include getting student representation on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) which is the body responsible

for post-secondary educational policies and allocation of government funding within the Maritimes, and also initiating campus-level investigation of exactly how educational cutbacks af-

fect the quality of education at the various institutions. AFS now knows where it's going: there's a lot of work to be done so here's an opportunity for you to get involved!

"ATTENTION"

All tennis instructors with homes between Halifax and Vancouver with populations supporting an active tennis community. If you are experienced and especially if you are certified you could earn \$350 a week or more next summer. Many instructors are needed. Write Tennis Unity, 318 Johnson Street, Kingston, Ontario, K7L-1Y7. Include any details about yourself, including name, local address, summer address, experience, certifications (if any), photo, age, your course at school, what locations you've taught at, the structure of employment (hired by community club, private club, or Parks and Recreation Department).

This is a one time ad. Cut it out and show your tennis teaching friends. Write us immediately as much planning is required. It could be the most important letter you have ever written. P.S. Last year our average instructor made \$365 per week!!!

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Th-th-that's ALL!

STUDENT UNION

77-78 BUDGET

For the Fiscal Period July 1, 1977 to June 31, 1978

Estimated Revenues:

Student Union Fees	\$ 53,411
Interest Earned	500
Picaro Advertising Revenue	1,500
Continuing Education Loan	291
Student Store Loan	1,300
AFS Loan	235
Pinball Machine	300
Rent (Bookstore)	38
	<u>57,575</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Honouraria (Note 1)	4,145
Executive Assistant	5,400
Rent Expense	3,500
Telephone Expense	1,000
Office Supplies Expense	1,500
Payroll taxes Expense (Note 2)	168
Transportation Expense	900
Conference Expenses	2,500
Campaign Fees	100
Legal and Accounting	500
Bank Charges Expense	50
Dalhousie Student Union Fees (Note 3)	11,912
Awards Expense	200
Bonding Expense	160
Athletics	500
Societies Expenses (See Breakdown)	13,685
Executive Fund	500
Student Council Misc. Expenses (Note 4)	4,570
Grants	2,500
AFS Dues)	1,537
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NUS Dues)	1,537
	<u>\$ 56,864</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	<u>\$ 711</u>

Note 1. Honouria

	Period	Rate	Total
President	July-June	\$ 210	\$ 2,520
Executive V. P.	Oct.-Apr.	50	50 (a)
Academic V. P.	Sept.-Apr.	50	300
External V. P.	Sept.-Apr.	50	300
Internal V. P.	Aug.-Sept.	50	100
Treasurer	July-June	50	650 (b)
Yearbook	Nov.-Apr.	37.50	225

- a) There is no Executive V. P. this year and only one month will be paid when new one sworn in in April.
- b) For the month of April there will be two treasurers, the old one and the newly elected who will be training.

Note 2. Payroll Taxes Expense

C.P.P.	- 4.62 every 2 weeks for 20 weeks	46.20
	3.78 every month for 12 months	45.36
U.I.C.	% 11 EVERY 1 WEEKS FOR 12 WEEKS	\$ 168.16
	11.5— EVERY MONTH FOR 12 MONTHS	ẽ
		<u>\$ 168.16</u>

Note 3. Dalhousie Student Union Fees

1977/78 - 1537 full time students @ 7.75 \$ 11,911.75

Note 4. Miscellaneous Expenses

Contains funds for capital expenditures of \$850 for a typewriter, \$1,400 for a large supply of paper and will cover the cost of the graduation Dance besides any miscellaneous expenses incurred.

Societies' Expenses

Business	\$ 400
Choir	300
Drama	400
Education	200
Entertainment	2,500
Future Secretaries Assoc.	200
Home Economics	800
Nursing	100
Orientation	2,800
Photopool	1,300
Picaro	3,845
Science	240
Child Study	100
Debating	500
	<u>\$ 13,685</u>

WHAT DO YOU THINK ?

- 1) I feel the Mount should continue using Phi Delta Theta brothers for security at functions. YES NO ☐ ☐
- 2) I feel the Mount should form its own security force. ☐ ☐
- 3) I feel a combination of Phi Delta brothers and Mount students should be used as a security force for functions. ☐ ☐
- 4) Suggestions or Comments: _____

Student Number _____

Please drop this off at Main Desk Seaton; Picaro Office, Rosaria Hall; Main Desks, Vincent Hall; Evaristus Hall; Assisi Hall.

The main topic on campus these days is "Mount Security". We at the Picaro office would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. The following questionnaire is for your convenience. Please fill in your student number so we may verify any response we receive from this questionnaire.

Remember that the decision made, as to whether or not the Mount is able to form as Security force depends on what the students feel they want. This questionnaire is an attempt to find out what you want, so PLEASE take the time to fill it out. Thank You

Picaro Staff

Security for the Mount?

At a meeting of the MSVU Student Union on Sunday, 4 Dec., a proposal was put forth by a group of students which would enable MSVU students to work along with the Phi Del brothers as security personnel at our social functions. The group of individuals who drew up the proposal are sincerely interested in their cause and were understandably annoyed with the reception they received from the Council.

Presently the security services at MSVU functions are provided by brothers from the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. The security proposal, if accepted, would enable MSVU students to work alongside the Phi Del brothers at our functions and receive the same benefits. It would also enable female students to act as security personnel; at present there are no females in Phi Del and thus no females working on security for social functions here at the Mount, a university with a majority of female students. Certain Council members said they couldn't see females as effective security personnel, although it has been shown in other institutions that they are effective. Indeed, our Vice-President External, Diane Wright, said that she couldn't see a female on security duty at the Mount unless she carried a club or a crowbar.

The intention of the students who drew up the proposal is that as a university it is only proper that our students be able to provide the security at our functions. Certainly the money received by MSVU students working security would not be going to a frat house as does Phi Del's. Council members jumped on this as if the desire to be paid for services rendered was a sin. The insinuation was that MSVU students who would want to work as security personnel would not be doing it out of a belief that it was beneficial to the interests of the university, but rather would be primarily interested in their own financial betterment — a purely selfish motivation. What is wrong with keeping the money you receive for doing a job? If those Council members are prepared to take such an attitude towards the proponents of a MSVU security force as they displayed during the meeting, perhaps they should also apply it to the Executive of the Student Union who also receive remuneration for their services.

This type of inconsequential bickering was evident throughout the hour-and-a-half discussion concerning the proposal. It would seem that perhaps the members of Council are not sincerely looking towards the best interests of MSVU students: having our own security force would definitely be in our own interests. After observing the antics of various representatives at Sunday's meeting, one could come away with the impression that Council is more concerned with the best interests of Phi Del than with the advancement of MSVU student interests.

The main problem at Sunday's meeting was the general chaos and lack of enforced order on the proceedings. "Robert's Rules of Order" are supposedly used at Council meetings. If they were used at all Sunday night, they were not applied to everyone: the Chair made its own comments, the Executive called persons out of order and then proceeded to make their own comments out of order; the speakers' list was often not properly observed, etc. However, even with all the chaos at least one concrete step was made: a committee was formed to study the proposal and its feasibility, with instructions to report their findings to Council on January 17.

It was felt by certain Council members that the MSVU student body did not really want to see the creation of a MSVU security force made up of, and for, MSVU students. However, it was evident that no one really knew how the student body as a whole felt about the subject. For this reason, and in an attempt to make your feelings known, the Picaro has provided a questionnaire in this edition. Its results will be presented to both the Feasibility Committee and the Council. The subject definitely concerns you so respond as quickly as possible.

Fee Increases Draw Fire

TORONTO (CUP) — A report recommending that Ontario's government drastically hike tuition fees until they cover the cost of instruction has drawn fire from students, university administrators and politicians.

The recently released report, prepared for the Ontario Economic Council by York University economics professor John Buttrick, recommends that:

- the government "push tuition fees up as rapidly as is politically feasible to the point where they equal the average (adjusted) marginal cost of instruction;
- each institution "charge what it will" for tuition in each faculty course;
- loans be made available to all students at market interest rates, with repayment contingent on income and capital gains, on a sliding scale;
- grade 13 be eliminated, and secondary schools offer three-year, full tuition scholarships to 10 percent of grade 12 students and
- grants to post-secondary institutions be divided on the basis of enrolments, and on published research output and public service activities.

Harry Parrott, minister of colleges and universities, has said a sharp fee increase would be "ludicrous". He said he thinks students should bear some of the cost of their education, but said the 17 percent which students now pay through tuition fees is "not far from being adequate".

Miriam Edelson, Ontario Federation of Students chairperson, said higher tuition would be an additional barrier to post-secondary education.

And University of Toronto president

John Evans has said higher tuition "would add an additional impediment" to poorer students hoping to attend university.

Evans said higher tuition would do nothing to correct the unequal representation of wealthier people in universities and instead "might make it worse". He added that Buttrick's proposed bursary program wouldn't offset the problem.

Buttrick claims the aims of his recommendations are "to introduce a bit more competition into post-secondary education and thus reduce waste, to induce institutions to be more responsive to students' curricular demands and to give separate public recognition and support for the important non-instructional activities of post-secondary institutions."

And he has claimed in interviews that his proposals would make post-secondary education more equitable. He has said that most university students now come from upper or middle class backgrounds, with the result that the poor subsidize the rich through taxation.

"People ought to bear the costs of what benefits them," he said, and added that his proposal of scholarships for "unusually promising students" would allow accessibility to students whose parents are poor.

Buttrick said in the report: "I find that the case for subsidization of post-secondary education is very weak, except for research and public

service components. The implication is then obvious: Let tuition fees rise until they cover nearly the full cost of teaching but provide direct subsidies to any institutions, on a cost effectiveness basis, that are engaged in socially valuable research and public service activities or that are producing hallmarks of culture."

WITH A TUITION INCREASE WE SHOULD RECEIVE A MUCH WIDER RANGE OF COURSES

WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE THE INTELLECT OF THE AVERAGE STUDENT..



AND RESULT IN A HIGHER STANDARD OF EDUCATION AND INCREASE THE QUALITY OF THE LEARNING PROCESS...

...THEN AGAIN MAYBE THE BASTARDS WILL JUST KEEP IT!!



PRES. CRAPS ON CUTBACKS!..

VANCOUVER (CUP) — University of British Columbia Administration president Doug Kenny renewed attacks on the provincial government Nov. 24 for its education cutbacks policy.

"I do not think for one moment that any of the cutbacks were justified," said Kenny. "They were forced upon us."

The cuts had to be made quickly and without full regard for the future needs of the university, Kenny told 150 students at a cutbacks debate in the student union building.

"This university has reached the bottom line, academically and fiscally," he said.

"Our nation and all the people in this province will be the biggest losers if our university continues to slip on the fiscal banana peel," said Kenny. "We could become a mediocre univer-

sity for we are on a slippery peel".

Student board of governors representative and debate panelist Moe Sihota also attacked the government, and called for united anti-cutbacks effort from the UBC community.

"The government is the source of the trouble," said Sihota. "No institution in this country should have to put up with the cutbacks."

But Sihota said that while Kenny is ready to speak about education cutbacks, he has not done anything else about them.

Sihota said the fact that Kenny has prepared a report which deals with operating the university under a long period of education cutbacks means that he is not ready to actively oppose the provincial government's funding decisions.

"The students need the solid sup-

port of the administration and the faculty," he said. "The entire university community has to come together."

Kenny and Sihota agreed that it is time the cutbacks issue was brought to the attention of the public.

"We must alert the sympathetic and sceptical public to the real dangers facing UBC," said Kenny. "Our cutbacks are not a mirage. They are real. They do threaten the entire academic enterprise."

Sihota called for strong university action. "We've got to let the public know about the minister of education, Pat McGeer. He is scared to talk to the press and would not meet with the board. The minister has the heart of a chicken."

"It (the cutbacks debate) will have to be taken to the public," said Sihota.

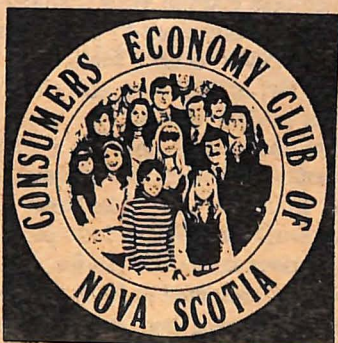
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LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in concern with the food service offered by your university's cafeteria. On occasion I have had the grave misfortune of eating in the Mount cafeteria, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my feelings, as a non-student of Mount Saint Vincent University. First I would like to say that I have rarely been as insulted as I was on November 26th/77 when I went to your cafeteria and paid \$1.50 for the following: uncooked bacon, greasy bologna, and cold eggs (which I chased around my plate for about five minutes before I could hold them down long enough to get a bite).

I am certainly not a medical doctor, but it is my opinion that this food definitely does not provide a palatable and nutritious diet for its customers. I really feel sorry for the girls in residence who have to eat their meals there every day. I assume that the purpose of a university cafeteria is to provide healthy meals to its customers, and since your university in particular specializes in courses in nutrition, it would seem that a better example could be set in the university's own facilities.

In closing I would like to point out that I do not expect cafeteria food to taste like gourmet food or to satisfy all the tastes of those who are used to home cooked food, however, I have eaten in many cafeterias both in the Maritime Provinces and in the States, and I can honestly say that the Mount Saint Vincent University's cafeteria is among the worst I have patronized.

Since I don't make a habit of writing complaints to newspapers, I can only hope that this letter serves the purpose of helping you do something about your food service since I am sure that you are not satisfied with it at present and would like to bring about some improvements. Good luck and Merry Christmas!

Name Withheld
New Brunswick, Canada



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the article in the November 30th edition of the Picaro — "Mount Cafeteria Lacking" — we, as member of the Food Committee would like to put forth this question: What is the Mount Cafeteria lacking? We have been working with Mr. Wortman since late September — even before the official food committee was formed — and have noticed substantial improvement. And, he has effectively dealt with all our complaints. Granted, for the obviously-first-year-student who wrote this, it is not "mom's home cooking", but what food service has the time, money or ability to meet individual meals like "mom" does?

The little thought that went into the preceding, unsigned, article is evident and in our opinion achieved nothing, as criticism is only constructive when viable alternatives are proposed. The food is not "extremely horrible" nor has it only moved to the

level of "pretty bad". Through our continual meetings with Mr. Wortman we have brought about various changes. For example: salads with every meal; more vegetables, cooked and raw; improved selection at brunches; the additions of cheese and cottage cheese; better cereal variety at breakfast; yoghurt and ice-cream for desserts; honey; english muffins; sandwich bars and "make-your-own-sub", just to name a few!!!

The only serious problem left, as we see it, is the pilferage that is affecting us all, and we have grounds for our complaints! If you want something to "bitch about", start confronting those who feel it is their right to STEAL fresh fruit from the cafeteria at meal times. It's your money, and you will feel the pinch next year with no less than a 6% increase in your meal plans!

** Jill Carmen and Marci Melvin

TO THE EDITOR

There's not much to report in the world of science at old M.S.V.U. It's been estimated that their swim-a-thon will bring revenue of up to \$200. Nice work!!! Thanks have to go to those who swam their little hearts out as well as those who sponsored our dedicated swimmers.

You may or may not know that council now not only sits Tuesdays at 12:00 but they, when necessary reconvene Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

It seems that the hottest topic in council of late is the question of security at our infrequent but everpresent dances and bashes. We have a group of students dedicated to organizing Mount students, Male and Female, to fill this position. Well, having the interests of the students at heart, I am in full support of this well organized group. However, the crunch comes when we face the fact that Dal students already fill these positions. The Mount students weren't asking for 100% of

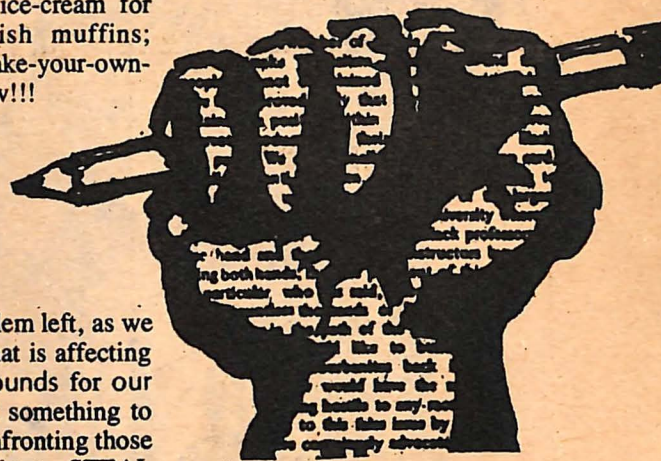
the positions, not 50% nor 30% but only one spot per function. The executive under the heavy handedness of Diane Wright have determined that A) Mount students don't want Mount students to do security; they want Dal students.

B) It would be unfair to take away any money for those poor Dal students (let the Mount students go unemployed) or to quote "you can find better jobs off campus"

C) They prefer the Dal students (better chances for dates).

During this debate, and I use the term debate lightly, I was impressed by the courage of the Mount Security force to sustain such abuse and misuse they were subjected to. It was a zoological experience to say the least. Never have I seen such sniping, backbiting, pettiness, underhandedness, and open out right favouritism, nor have I personally had to take open ridicule in such a meeting as this. Well to make a long story short Council agreed to disagree and railroaded the problem into an Ad Hoc committee that is "in my opinion" bias against the Mount security. What does this mean, well as I, and I might add others feel; it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the Mount students to fill their rightful place in security here.

Thanks, Larry Parody



NOAH WEBSTER ON SPELLING REFORM

It haz bin obzervd by awl riterz on the English-langwidze, that the orthaw-grafy or speling of wurdz iz very irregular, the sam leterz awfen representing diferent sowndz, and the sam sowndz awfen ekspresd by diferent leterz. For this irregularity, too princip cawzes ma be asind:

1) The changez too which the pronunciashun of a langwidze is liabul from the progres of siens and civilizashun.

2) The mikschor of diferent langwidgez okazhund by revolooshunz in England, or by a predilekshun of the lumed for wurdz of forin groth and anshunt origin.

EDITOR'S NOTE: **

The article, which appeared in the November 30th issue, was written by a first year student. The fact that it was left unsigned was not the responsibility of that person, rather, it was a slip up by the production crew. If there is an article printed in the Picaro without a name and you would like to know who wrote it, please contact the Picaro office.

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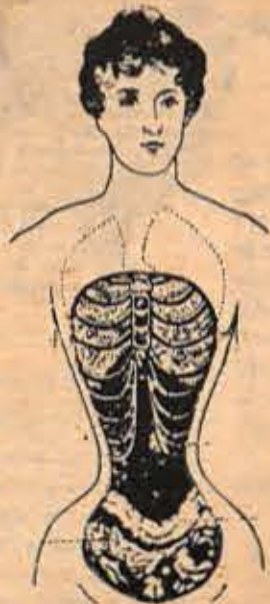
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By Raya L. Duggan

In our present fashion trends, 'nature' is stressed with soft, smooth lines and simplistic designs. One of our most 'naturally' designed garments is the brassiere. The 'no bra' bra, the 'seamless' and 'see-through' bra, all tend to invince the stress for a natural look. It seems a slight shame and almost an injustice that we do not, however, appreciate the past 100 years of fashion, and the constant struggle involved in bringing the brassiere to its present existence and with it — today's women.

Male influence has always been great in the world of fashion. In order to render the female helpless and confined, thus maintaining their superiority, male designers dressed their women accordingly. Pinched and pleated, cramped and constrained, women continued to be composed beauties, while their innards screamed for help!



In the 1800's, the corset was a very fashionable undergarment. Its purpose was to reduce the waistline to an alluring shape, as well as to cause a protrusion of the bustline and hips. In doing so, it also caused grave problems by rearranging some internal organs. Being constructed of whalebone, the corset not only bit into the flesh, but reorganized organs such as the lungs, liver, intestines and bladder, eventually causing many illnesses. It was even known to cause miscarriages! Because women were squeezed into the corset, until the early 1900's people believed that women and men breathed differently. The fact is, that men breath abdominally and women breathe from the chest.

Because of the powerful male influ-

ence, the corset held a connotation of virtue and morality. An uncorseted woman was unaccepted in the halls of society, and regarded as rather sinful and 'loose'. It was plain to see that the lacing and structure certainly did keep one's moral standards intact, if only because it made disrobing so tedious. Although the corset had ruled for many, many years, this restricting and painful garment had given up its reign on fashion by 1915. It might be noted that the Corset, even to this day, has not entirely died out. Now in a much softer and more comfortable form, it still can be purchased on the fashion market.

In 1910, a young man of 26 years, Otto Titzling, introduced the brassiere to women all over the world. He was working in New York at his uncle's undergarment factory, when he overheard the complaints of a young opera singer. Swanhilda Olafsen spoke of how the heavily bonded corsets caused her such discomfort and gave her very large breasts little support. Otto started right away to design a "Chest Halter" to uplift and support her bosom, and by 1912 had designed the first bras-

siere. According to history, Titzling was the first inventor of the brassiere. However, he was never acknowledged as such. In later years, a French designer by the name of Brassiere moved to the U.S. and copied Titzling's designs. Since Otto had neglected to patent his invention, he lost his fame as well as his fortune.

Mr. Titzling was not the only designer to claim the invention of the brassiere. In 1913, Mary Phelps Jacob, known in the fashion world as Caresse Crosby, invented a soft, short brassiere that separated the breasts in a more natural way, by the use of two handkerchiefs and baby ribbon. She made copies for her friends and later patented it. It was too far ahead of its time, and this "backless bra", as she called it, never sold on the markets. The corset was still in constant use at this time. Women refused to come out from behind their whalebones!

The war years were beginning, calling men to far places, leaving those so called 'helpless' women to cope with life at home. World War I was largely responsible for the beginnings of vast changes in women's fashions and attitudes. With their men off to war, women could not help but experience feelings of independence. They no longer wished to be regarded



The Birth of the Bra

as frail, dependant creatures. They replaced men in civilian jobs, such as house painters, electricians, van drivers, bus conductors, porters and signalmen on the railways, and even the Police force! Clothing particularly



undergarments, had to be made more comfortable in order for women to fulfill their new positions. Corsets had simply rendered women unable to work. Also, with all the tragedies of war, the trivialities of fashion did not have a great deal of impact upon women's minds.

Women's roles changed so drastically at this time that post-war fashions began to reflect that change. The boyish figure came into being, which involved flattening the bustline. "The flattener brassiere was a single, slightly side-darted but otherwise straight, tight band, usually of strong cotton or firm broche and fastened down one side. It ran round the body to the waist, with shoulder straps to keep it in place." This boyish look encouraged women to live out their fantasies of independence, much to the dismay of the male ego. Inhibitions were being shaken; women were struggling to take on a new identity.

The brassiere business was fast growing. By 1925, the "flat" or "tube" look was fading, with a new suggestion of hips and bust. Colours were introduced to the brassiere, with many more choices of shades than we now have! By 1927, women were definitely interested in looking more shapely. At this time, a new kind of bra was designed, which turned out to be the "original" of our present day bra. Rosalind Klin put something together using two handkerchiefs — just as Miss Crosby had done more than 10 years before — only this one had elastic stitching under each cup.

Through all this struggle for freedom, women began to rediscover their own nudity. After many years of being so totally covered and bound, it must have been a strange feeling. At the same time as they were endeavouring to shed their inhibitions, they were

also experiencing feelings of uneasiness. The male ego entered the consciousness of women again. As Cecil St. Laurent observes: "For fifty years men had been used to confusing the female body with the underwear that defended it. Even though he might appreciate the light clothes women wore in the street, and the glimpses of the thighs when they sat down, a man of thirty in 1930 felt there was something missing when it came to the intimacy of conquest. Such straightforward underclothes did not present sufficient obstacles for his imagination."

Nevertheless, the life of the brassiere flourished. The 1930's saw "cupped" brassieres predominantly in pretty shades of pink and peach, rather than the variety of greens, blues, oranges, reds and yellows of previous years. By 1935, one manufacturer had 104 different brassieres available. Padded brassieres had now come into existence. This invention was what one might call accidental. During the Oslo, Norway Olympics in 1928, a leading female athlete by the name of Lois Lung, lost the hurdle when her knee hit her breast and brought her to the ground in pain. Mr. G.B. Kennedy devised a protective brassiere for athletes, using comical air pads. This invention turned out to be more popular as what is known as "falsies" than for its original intention!

The movie world was by now having great influence upon women. Mae West's popularity caused an even greater emphasis on the bustline than had already been created. The pointed and exaggerated shape of the bust originated at this time, and became popular again in the 1950's.

During the war years of 1939-1945, manmade fibres were being used. Among these was nylon, and by 1948, it was the most popular fabric for undergarments, including brassieres. Comfort to the wearer was becoming a most pleasant feature.

During the 1940's, with movies now flourishing, the bustline was still getting much attention and women were very bra-conscious. "American film stars in the 'forties and even the 'fifties are credited with having risen to fame by virtue of the splendour of their bosoms rather than their talents."



Women were literally bouncing at the idea of being sex objects. Females had famous heroines to set their fashion guidelines. Scarlett O'Hara even had a bra named after her.

As time sped by, the '50's introduced the "sweater girl" bra, inspired by movie star Jane Russell. These bras were pointed and built up. The "falsie" was a necessity for less fortunate girls — it was recorded that 3 out of 4 women were wearing them! The '50's also introduced the strapless bra, which became very popular. Emphasis on the bosom was still present, but towards the end of this decade it lessened.

By 1960, women were getting used to their new found freedom and enjoying it. In just 60 short years, the female sex had made a drastic and beautiful change in their attitudes. In what is known as a "man's world", they had awakened to their own feelings of independence and let them be shown.



The '60's proved to be the climactic years for women. Brassieres were more natural looking than ever before, were made of see-through fabrics, actually showing the flesh beneath. When the topless dress flashed on the fashion scene in 1963, it perhaps signified the secret dream of women, and may have been responsible for the quick upsurge of the feminist movement. Through demonstrations, publicity, and much noise on the part of feminist groups, the fight for women's rights became more prevalent than ever before. By 1969 women began to burn their bras in public demonstrations, shocking the world and scaring men half to death. After all the struggling years of having their bodies hidden away in whalebone, pinched, crushed and crying secretly for freedom; after all the decades of fashion change to more and more natural lines and comfort; after all the worrying about what men would think, women shed their bras altogether — and along with them, their inhibitions.

Literary

Be Happy!!

When one has so many friends,
is there any need for that one
person to feel so alone.
Friends to talk to, but nothing
is ever said.
Friends to have a good time with,
time is so precious.
People who always care, care
about everything, but what?
So many questions to ask and
answer, for one person to know,
I can't and never will, no!
If ever there was a time to

feel alone, now is the time,
loneliness is what I feel with
the weight of the whole world
upon me.
But you always have a smile to
give to everyone, a smile is yours
to give and it can mean a lot.
So smile upon the people who
frown on you, smile and people
will smile back.
Smile and be happy!!

Olive 77

English Is Tough
Dedicated to the members of the
English Dept.

Dearest creature in creation,
Study English pronunciation,
I will teach you in my verse:
Sounds like corpse, corp, house
and worse,
I will keep you, Susy, busy,
Make your head with heat grow
dizzy;
Teat in eye, your dress will tear,
So shall I! Oh, hear my prayer.

Just compare heart, beard and
heard,
Dies and diet, lord and work,
Sword and sward, retain and
Britain,
(Mind the latter, how it's
written)
Now I surely will not plague
you,
With such words as vague and
ague,
But be careful how you speak,
Say break, steak, bleak and
streak,
Cloven, oven, how and low;
Script, receipt, shoe, poem, toe,
Friend and fiend; alive and live;
Liberty, library; heave and
heaven,
Rachel, ache; moustache, eleven.

We say hallowed but not allowed
People, leopard; towed but
vowed,
Mark the difference moreover,
Between mover, plover, Dover;
Leeches, breached; wise, precise,
Chalice, but police and lice;
Camel, constable, unstable,
Principle, disciple, lable;
Petal, penal, canal,
Wait, surprise, plait, promise,
pal;
Worm and storm; chaise, chaos,
chair,
Senator, spectator, mayor;
And enamour rhymes with

Mind Trip

Have you ever listened to a lake
speak?
Bubbling waves running to the
shore . . .
As if . . . as if racing its
neighbours in a
Flight for death — only to be
consumed upon
The sands.
Lapping, gurgling, lapping
gurgling . . .
Night falls slowly here sometimes
not at all.

"hammer";
River, rival, tomb, bomb, comb,
Doll and roll and some and
home.

Stranger does not rhyme with
anger,
Hear me say, devoid of trickery,
Daughter, laughter and
terpsichore,
Typhoid, measles, topsails, aisles,
Exiles, similes, reviles;
Scholar, vicar and cigar,
One, Anemone; Balmoral,
Kitchen, lichen, laundry, laurel;
Gertrude, German, wind and
mind;
Scene, melpomene, mankind,
Billet does not sound like ballet,
Bouquet, wallet, mallet, chalet.

Blood and flood are not like
food,
Nor is mould like should and
would,
Viscous, viscount; load and
broad,
Toward, to forward, to reward.

And your pronunciation's OK,
When you correctly say croquet.

Rounded, wounded, grieve and
sleeve,
Scenic, conscience, scientific,
Tour but our and succour, four,
Gas and alas and Arkansas,
Sea, idea, guinea, area,
Psalm Maria but malaria.

Youth, south, southern, cleanse
and clean,
Neither does devour with
clangour;
Soul but foul, and gaunt but
aunt,
Font, front, wont; want, grand,
and grant;
Shoes, goes, does; now first say
finger,
And then singer, ginger, linger;
Real, zeal, mauve, gauze and
gauge



Sky lights — reflections of a
peek-aboo Sun
Stare down at Earth from its
grant flat horizon —
surround me on both sides.

Clouds filtering warmful rays
Ducks calling to their young -
lessons never over.

Here I sit . . .
Mine not yet finished.

Marriage, foliage, mirage, age.

Query does not rhyme with very,
Nor does fury sound like bury;
Dost, lost, post and doth, cloth,
loth,
Jab, job, bosom, oath;
Though the difference seems
little,

We say actual but vidual;
Refer does not rhyme with
"deafener"
Feather does, and zephyr, heifer;
Dull, bull, and George, ate,
late,

Mint, pint, senate and sedate,
Ear but earn and wear and tear,
Do not rhyme with here and ere;
Seven is right but so is even,
Hyphen, roughen, nephew,
Stephen;
Monkey, donkey, clerk and jerk,
Asp, grasp, wasp and cork and
work.

Doctrine, turpentine, marine,
Compare alien with Italian,
Dandelion with battalion,
Sally with ally, yea, ye,
Eye, I, ay, aye, whey, key, quay,
Pronunciation — think of
Psyche,

Is a paling stout and spikey?
Won't it make you lose your wits,
Writing 'groats' and saying grits.

Multi Nation personnel at a
North Atlantic Organization
near Paris found English an easy
language until they tried to
pronounce it. To help them
discard an array of accents, the
verses above were devised. After
trying them, a Scotsman said he'd
prefer six months hard labor to
reading six lines aloud.



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was one comment, "but the Mount who practice in the gym have just as much difficulty while playing in other larger gyms." There were some other comments from opposing team members but they were generally unprintable.

The tournament got underway with Dal and the Mount playing the first game at 9:00 a.m. In the opening match which had to be decided in overtime, the Mount team beating a stubborn Dal team 16 - 14. The next match between Dal and M.S.V.U. also had the Mount on top 15 - 7, giving the Mount team one point for the best 2 out of 3 victory. The match had the visiting S.T.U. (St. Thomas University) testing the Mount team. But again the Mount made quick work of S.T.U. 15 - 12 in the first game and just to show game one wasn't a fluke the girls from the Mount defeated S.T.U. by



The Mount serves an awaiting S.T.U. team

the same score in game number two.

That set the stage for the match between Dal and S.T.U. S.T.U. who only sent the minimum of six players to the tournament and making the long trek from Fredericton looked a bit ragged in losing two straight to Dal 15 - 9 and 15 - 10. But the S.T.U. team definitely were showing the effects of their unfamiliarity with the gym and maybe were even suffering from a bit of jet lag, (car lag) from their long journey the night before. So at the end of the first half of the tournament the Mount lead 2 - 0 with Dal following at 1 - 1 and S.T.U. bring up the rear at 0 - 2.

The afternoon action began M.S.V.U. playing the team from Dal who came out looking for blood from their early morning loss, and jumped ahead of the Mount 5 - 2. But the Mount team fought their way back to even the score at 5 - 5. With the score tied, Dal readily began to tighten up as two consecutive spikes from Ceryl Maricpont were blocked at the net, something neither Dal or S.T.U. could not do in opening matches. Dal then took control of the game and moved ahead 12 - 8, but the Mount finding themselves again rebounded back to tie the 13 - 13 and then went on to win 15 - 13 leaving their unbeaten record intact.

In game two of match two against Dal the Mount went back to its morning form by quickly jumping ahead 10 - 2 against Dal, and easily won the game. The second victory over Dal, inflated the Mount's record to 3 - 0 in the tournament.

"Your playing technically well, all we need is a little concentration" were the words of wisdom the coach of

S.T.U. team gave his team during the pre-game warm up as they prepared to face the powerful Mount team. This was an important set for the S.T.U. team as a loss would crush any possible hope of playing in the finals.



Ceryl Maricpont spikes one over the net as her teammates watch.

In the first game the Mount roared ahead 10 - 5 and then coasted to a final 15 - 12 victory. But in game number 2 the team S.T.U. showed some of their own talent and surprised the Mount 15 - 9. Actually the score could have been much worse than the final result but with the score 10 - 4 in favor of S.T.U. the Mount rallied to make the score a little closer by 12 - 9. That sent the two teams into a third game to decide the winner of the overall match and again the Mount was outplayed early in the game and the result was 15 - 11.

The S.T.U. win didn't damage the Mounts' hopes for making the play-off for they were already assured of a play-off berth, but victory for S.T.U. gave them a record of 1 - 2 which equaled Dals 1 - 2 record. The end result was a final match between Dal and the much improved S.T.U. team. Commenting on the sudden turnaround of S.T.U., Mount's co-captain Becky Robar said "the S.T.U. team couldn't get it together in the first couple games, but against us, it really fell into place for them."

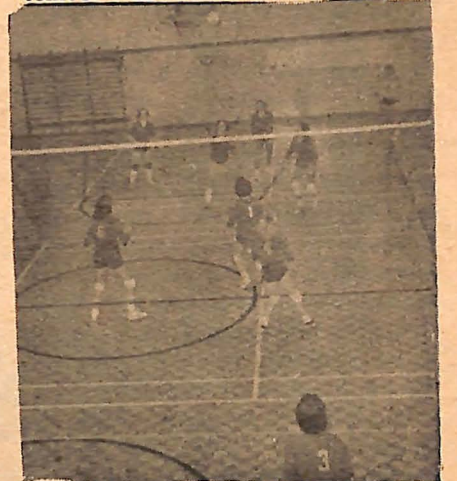
The second Dal, S.T.U. match was a real barn burner as the lead exchanged hands many times during the first game. With the teams deadlocked at 10 - 10 Dal finally broke it open and scored five unanswered points to take the victory 15 - 11. In the second game both teams again exchanged the lead many times. Early in game Dal 4 - 1 only to have S.T.U. come back and tie up 4 - 4, then S.T.U. took the lead at 11 - 7. Then it was Dal's turn to rebound back tying the score 11 - 11. Both teams then battled until the score read 15 - 15. In overtime Dal won 17 - 15 eliminating S.T.U. once and for all from the tournament.

The playoff match was a three out of five affair between Dal and hosting Mount team. In the finals the Mount reached their apex of effective play by completely dominating the girls from

Dal 15 - 5, 15 - 3, and 15 - 5 to win the overall tournament and 1977 AUA "B" Championship. Only for a brief moment did Dal enjoy any joy of victory with a quick 15 - 1 victory of the Mount in a complete reversal from

game one. Commenting on the victory, co-captain Becky Robar "We usually play two bad games per tournament and the second game against Dal was our bad one." Elspeth MacLean said "I didn't even know we had won, we were concentrating on the game so much."

The Mount team celebrated their AUA win, by moving to Shearwater to capture the Scoop Blades Memorial Tournament which was held on December 4 and 5. The Mount enjoyed a



M.S.V.U. vs S.T.U.

perfect record of 8 wins and 0 losses, in this tournament against, what one player commented, a lower caliber division. The next tournament the Mount plays will be in January.



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AT THE GALLERY

AN INTERVIEW
WITH PETER BARSS

by Sandra Macleod, BPR

"Who is Peter Barss?" If you find yourself asking this question it is quite obvious that you have not as yet paid a visit to our art gallery which is presently featuring the exhibit "Older Ways" showing photographs by Peter Barss of Traditional Nova Scotian craftsmen. This exhibit offers the interesting combination of Peter's photographs as well as an edited script taken from taped interviews.

"Arguments about 'what is art?' become so educated and sophisticated that it excludes people. What can be said about art that applies to all art forms is that we all have an aesthetic response to things that are well made and that have a certain unity in that the individual elements work together to

produce one unit where everything fits and belongs. It is just like a jigsaw puzzle: if there is one piece missing, for all purposes the puzzle is done, but there remains a feeling of anger and of frustration," commented Peter.

Peter is interested in humanity and his photographs are more important to him as a social document than as an art form. The photographs emphasize the people who do the craft rather than the craft itself for it is these people, according to Peter, that possess a kind of greatness and that give, in a broad sense, Canada its character and make Nova Scotia, more specifically, a unique place in which to live. Peter hopes that his photographs are a personalized statement about the character and the spirit of the craftsmen and about his own romantic, if not nostalgic, image of them.

The photographs offer a startling

contrast between the community that existed fifty or a hundred years ago where people were more self-sufficient and our present-day society where everyone is too specialized and too dependent and where the community as a social and economic entity has dissolved. All the crafts on exhibit are

of utilitarian nature — they grew out of necessity and served some practical purpose. As the director of the Nova Scotian Museum, Mr. Martin, said on November 25, the night of the show's opening: "the craftsmen", some of them masters in their work, "have so much to teach us in their older ways."



left to right: Dr. Helen Creighton, Joleen Gordon, Peter Barss.

HOW TO GET ALONG WITH A ROOMMATE

Jackie London

One solution to the combined problems facing students scarcity of cash and big city loneliness is an apartment shared with a roommate. Diplomacy and tact are essential for a life based on common need, and some suggestions from an experienced roommate-er are offered herein:

One of the best investments you can make is bookshelves. Not only are they convenient for storing books and miscellaneous articles but they can also separate areas to create a feeling of privacy. Other movable items can also be used to separate areas.

Saving Space

If lack of space is causing irritations and fights, begin space-saving by looking at your furniture. Get small-scale furniture and a hanging portable T.V. is better than a floor console. Occasional tables can be avoided in favor of attractively covered chests that provide storage space, table space or extra seating space. A sofa-bed is better than a sofa.

If you share a room, two musts are earphones so you can each listen to the radio-recorder-T.V. of your choice at the loudness that you want, and small, high density lights for above the bed so that you can each read late at night without disturbing the other.

Green Thumb

Space-sharing students insist they can live more happily in small spaces with plants, and the more plants the better. They have a decorative impact that a small budget could not otherwise achieve, and now that you're in your own place you will want some too.

Acquiring a green thumb is easy. Cactus seem to be the most difficult so perhaps you might want to stick to various types of ivy that grow quickly and luxuriously. Terrariums — plants in glass jars — are also fun and attractive.

A room that receives little sunshine can still have lovely plants if you use a special plant light that can be bought in plant and hardware stores. If your room is too dry, a small vaporizer from your

local drugstore can provide a cheap way to add needed moisture. If each roommate takes charge of the plants he or she bought, this will avoid over-or under-watering.

If you sleep in your living space, untidiness on the part of either person leads to fights even if both are guilty.

Duty Roster

Make a duty roster with each person having fixed responsibilities. Set it up so that each one gets to do each of the various jobs in turn.

Most importantly, agree in advance on sleeping arrangements you will have if any of the roommates has an overnight guest.

The biggest disruptions come from just plain not getting along together. As you grow out of your teens and into adulthood it is not always easy to grow out of defensive patterns. It is often noted that some young adults are still so bent on impressing others that they forget they may be hurting a friend by

teasing or ridiculing him or her to boost their own egos in front of new friends, and thus lose the affection of both old and new friend. Problems of intimacy also cause conflicts and disruptions.

Here's some advice from students on campuses around Toronto who have lived at least a school year with roommates:

- If something happens to annoy you, don't hold it in but deal with it as soon as it happens, don't let it gather anger inside you.
- Don't buy furniture jointly; this way you will avoid an uproar when the living together arrangement stops. If you do decide to buy jointly, agree in advance on who will buy back the half from whom and for how much.
- Respect each other's privacy, each other's thinking and opinions and each other's way of doing things, even if your roommate loves horoscopes, for example, and you think they are foolish.
- Be conscientious and on time about your share of payments and your responsibilities.
- Don't borrow things from the other without permission. Even if the other says, "Oh, it's OK," borrowing usually causes bad feelings unless permission is first obtained.
- Try to treat your roommate as you would want to be treated.
- If more than two people are together, try not to let one person be left out. Take a degree of responsibility for the happiness of people in the same place as you and make efforts to make them feel a part of the gang.

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Summer Employment Quesionable

OTTAWA (CUP) — Despite federal statistics revealing record student summer unemployment this year, federal Employment Minister Bud Cullen praised the performance of student manpower centres and said returning students had enjoyed "considerable success" finding jobs this summer.

The National Union of Students says Cullen's statement uses misleading statistics to present a "cheery" image of the summer job market and that its claims are "ludicrous".

Cullen's claim that student manpower centres placed 20 percent more students than last year is unimportant with student unemployment reaching 15.1 percent this summer, NUS spokesperson John Doherty said. "Most of the placements are attributable to new government policies requir-

ing projects for the first time to hire summer help through manpower centres anyway," Doherty said.

An employment ministry spokesperson later said the policy was "traditional," and that most new placements came from jobs created by the Young Canada Works programs.

The greatest part of the 20 percent placements increase came in minimum wage private sector jobs for high school students. Placements for post-secondary students in the private sector increased only seven percent, according to the release.

"The minister's suggestion that returning students had considerable success in finding summer jobs seems to rest on August statistics," Doherty said. "These were collected August 20, after more than 86,000 students had given up looking for a summer job."

Had these students continued to look for jobs, the figure for student un-

employment would have been 16 percent, rather than the 6.4 percent reported in the release, and the 7.1 percent reported by Statistics Canada, Doherty said.

The employment spokesperson said the ministry's statistics branch had recommended using the August figures; and that the NUS concerns were "valid".

"It's a said statement that the government has nothing better than August figures to show how good the summer job market was", Doherty added. The employment minister told NUS earlier this year that they were no longer surveying the summer job market for students. And Statistics Canada only admitted that a detailed breakdown of the summer student job market would be possible after "considerable prodding".

But the employment spokesperson

said the ministry did in fact have detailed figures for this summer, and the information had been made available to her "at the beginning of October".

She said she would have liked to have had the release out earlier than Nov. 21, but the "bureaucracy and approval procedures" had been responsible for the delay.

"The whole government attitude is one of cheerful words about dealing with unemployment when its stated economic policy is to leave unemployment untouched," Doherty said.

"Last year, the ministry suggested students were lax. The jobs were there if students were looking for them, despite the fact that student manpower centres had the lowest job vacancy rates of any in the country," he added.



GRADS STILL UNEMPLOYED

GUELPH (CUP) — One fifth of the 1976 graduates of the University of Guelph were still job hunting five months or more after graduation, according to a report released recently by the university's career planning group.

Nearly 40 percent of students who found work earned less than \$175 weekly while about 25 percent of those working earned less than \$150 weekly.

Graduates earning less than \$150 per week represented 36 percent of the employed females and 17 percent of the employed males. The report says the lower salary rates for women reflects the large number of them employed in clerical work.

The report was based on a university survey of more than 2,000 graduates. The survey had a 76 percent return.

About 500 graduates indicated they had chosen to continue their education while about 1,000 chose to seek permanent employment. More than 35 percent of those who sought work were still unemployed five months or more after graduation. The majority of these were women.

About half of those who continued their education — nearly 250 people — enrolled in teacher training programs "despite warnings of increased unemployment," the report said. Nearly three quarters of these were women. Of those who went to graduate or professional school, well more than half were men.

The report says most of the graduates were satisfied with the jobs they had. Eighty-two percent said their employment was career-oriented and 66 percent said there was an opportunity for promotion.

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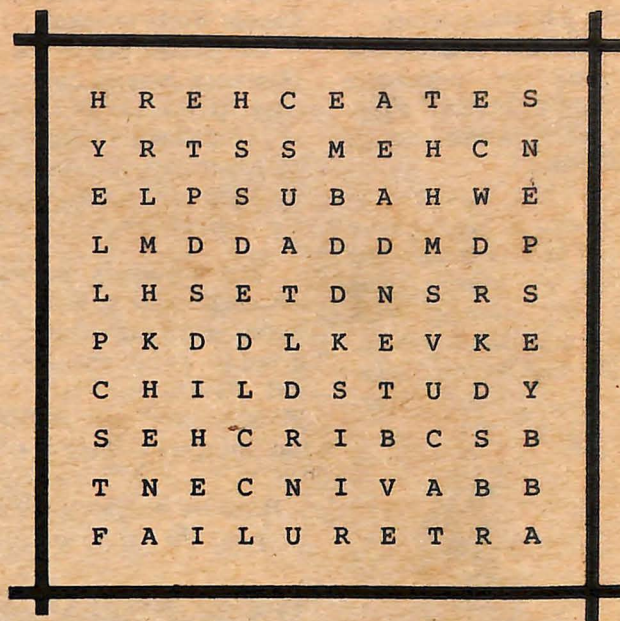


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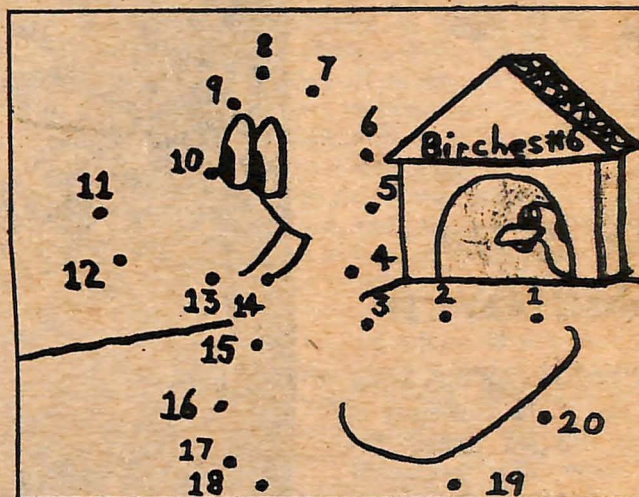
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