

City wide sauna shutdown result of fire at Barrington Inn

As a result of a city-wide investigation of saunas in the Halifax area, the saunas in Rosaria have been shut down.

According to a report submitted to the Athletics office from the Halifax City Fire Department, a recent fire in The Barrington Inn involving a sauna, prompted the fire department to examine all saunas in the city. Platoon Chief Tom Abraham of the Halifax Fire Department said "The sauna at the Barrington

Inn was supposedly installed with all CSA clearances but when the fire broke out we knew something was wrong".

As a result of this incident, the Fire Department was forced to close 24 saunas around the city. "There was a problem with clearance of combustibles which prompted us to change the regulations," said Abraham.

The new regulations include; all units must be CSA approved, there is a 10 inch

clearance required from all combustible surfaces, walls, guard rails and benches; all units require non combustible legs; the sensor bulb which controls the temperature of the unit inside the sauna, will be placed within two feet of the sauna; all controls will be locked and under strict supervision with a recommended fixed temperature which will be determined by the Surgeon General; any building with a sprinkler system re-

quires, it be extended to the sauna room; prior to a sauna being placed back into operation it has to be inspected by the Halifax City Fire Department and the City Electric Inspector.

For the safety of all those involved, the Fire Department ordered the closure of the Rosaria saunas until the new regulations are adhered to pertaining to their use.

"It's very disappointing"

said Deborah Denny, Athletics Officer, referring to the shut down. Denny said "As soon as the Mount's saunas reach regulation standards specified by the Fire Department they will be placed back in service". The architect for Rosaria will be discussing the matter with Fire Department officials and making the necessary adjustments. It is not known exactly when the saunas will be ready for use.



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Hundreds march to protest U.S. involvement in El Salvador

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Between 300 and 400 Nova Scotians turned out Friday to protest American intervention in El Salvador in one of the biggest demonstrations this city has ever seen.

The demonstration, which started at the Grand Parade

downtown, was organized by the local Latin American Information Group (LAIG) as part of a national week of solidarity with the people's struggle in El Salvador.

Carrying banners protesting U.S. military aid to the right-wing junta in El Salvador, the demonstrators

marched along Barrington Street to Cogswell Tower at Scotia Square. The American consulate in Halifax is on the ninth floor of the tower.

The demonstrators, from all over the province, spent a few minutes outside Scotia Square, chanting the slogans they had shouted to crowds

along the march route.

"No more bombs, no more war. America out of El Salvador!"

"American guns killed American nuns!"

"Who are the terrorists? Reagan and Haig!"

At Scotia Square, a woman dressed up as Uncle Sam was 'arrested' by the demonstrators and marched back to the Grand Parade to stand trial for atrocities committed against the people of El Salvador.

Witnesses were called who accused 'Uncle Sam' of genocide and the death of 15,000 people in the past year. Other witnesses described in vivid but horrible detail specific instances where the junta, the army and their para-military forces tortured and murdered innocent citizens.

The 'People's Court of Halifax' found 'Uncle Sam' guilty and sentenced 'him' to life as a Salvadorean; a life of injustice, poverty, starvation, torture and violent death.

Organizers of the march were unanimous in their surprise about the numbers of people who turned out.

Anna-Marie Quiroz, a Chilean who has lived in Canada for several years and a member of LAIG, said the number which turned out was all the more spectacular given North American "apathy".

"I have never seen a demonstration this big in Halifax. I have never seen so many people in the street," she said.

"We never imagined to have such a turnout," Quiroz said. It proves, she added, that "there are still things we can do even when we're far away."

Susan Johnson, one of the

LAIG organizers, also expressed both surprise and gratitude that so many people turned out. She said that although the organizers had not predicted a number, the participation was larger than anybody had hoped for.

Banners carried by various marchers spoke of the wide support the issue has in Halifax and throughout the province. Organizations such as the Student Christian Movement, LAIG, Amnesty International, The Picaro and the faculty of the Atlantic School of Theology supported the march.

Most visible by their absence were representatives of the municipal or provincial governments. The sole political person present was New Democratic Party leader Alexa McDonough.

In an interview following the demonstration, McDonough condemned the federal government's lack of action on the issue.

"What Trudeau did when Reagan was here was the exact opposite" of what should have been done, she said. She said the high turnout in Halifax was indicative of what the Canadian people felt, despite what Trudeau may be telling Reagan.

McDonough added that the 400 demonstrators were "only the tip of the iceberg" as far as opposition to U.S. intervention is concerned. She urged those who would not actively demonstrate to write letters to External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan and to all the leaders in Ottawa.

Although followed by both plainclothes and uniformed police all along the way, the march was peaceful and without incident.



Closely watched by police, several of Friday's 300 protestors cross Duke Street on route to Cogswell Tower and the U.S. embassy. The marchers were demonstrating against U.S. intervention in El Salvador.

(Moran photo)

Appointed positions selected

Selection for appointed council positions were finalized Friday afternoon and the results somewhat surprising. "Many positions are still vacant. . . It's going to be rough for this year's council to fill them but they will be reopened in September" said student council president, Dachia Joudrey.

The appointed positions that are filled are: Yearbook editors, Debbie McNair and Treva Reeves; student affairs

rep., Dawn Elderkin; second hand book store manager, Gerald Enright; photo pool directors, Jack Hancock and Carole Daigle and Communications officer, Kingsley Croft.

The appointed positions still vacant are Treasurer, Board of Governors rep, Cuso rep. and Winter Carnival Chairman.

Since the 71 constitution council has rapidly expanded. Under the 78 agreement, the two senate representatives

have been increased to five and positions such as a part-time senate rep; P.R. rep and child study rep have been added.

Joudrey said, "I'm disappointed. . . I had a full council with lots of potential and I still had problems, I don't know what Karen will do. I only hope that the personality conflicts that plagued our council will not affect the new members".

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APPLICATIONS
MSVU Student Union and Picaro Society are in search of two students to serve on the Picaro Publishing Board for the '81-'82 year. Applications available at Council office starting Monday, March 30, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. and ending Thursday, April 2, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. Applicants will be interviewed by Council and Picaro staff Friday, April 3, 1981 at 2:00 p.m. during Council meeting.

WANTED
Wanted one small apartment or house in the Armdale area. Please contact Ian McNeil at the Cafeteria, 443-4450, local 254.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
Summer residence applications are now available at the Housing Office, Rosaria Centre.

PART-TIME STUDENT'S FUND
The Halifax Chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women is pleased to announce a fund to the value of \$200. It is desired that this fund be used to provide tuition assistance to a part-time woman student who is already embarked on a part-time program. For more information, contact Mrs. G.K. MacIntosh, 5831 Point Pleasant Drive, Halifax B3H 1B7.

POSITIONS REOPENED
Student Council applications for appointed positions have reopened. Positions available are Treasurer, Board of Governors Rep., Winter Carnival Chairman and CUSO Rep. Applications open Monday, March 30, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. and close Thursday, April 2, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted at Council meeting Friday, April 3, 1981 at 2:00 p.m. Pick up applications at Council office.

RESIDENT ASSISTANT POSITIONS
Applications are available for Resident Assistant positions. If interested, contact the Housing Office, Rosaria Centre.

LENTEN CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION (Penitential Service) will be held in Evaristus Chapel Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Residence Room Deposits for 1981-82 academic year are payable before April 1 at the Housing Office, Rosaria Centre.

EXAM SCHEDULE
The April examination schedule is now finalized, and copies are available in the Registrar's office. Students should doublecheck their own exam schedule to ensure they are aware of any changes that may affect them.

LECTURE
Attention all PR students: you are invited to attend a lecture given by Mr. Tim Taylor, External Affairs Advisor for Imperial Oil Canada Ltd. regional office on April 2, 1981 at 12 noon in Seton room 304. Mr. Taylor will be outlining the structure of the external affairs division and will also be speaking on feedback methods for external publics and internal employees.

WEIGHT LOSS AWARDS
Have we missed anyone? Student Health would like to recognize the achievement of everyone this year who managed to lose 10 pounds or more. If you weighed in at the nutritionist's office at some time and have dropped 10 or more pounds, please drop in to Student Services to pick up your AWARD. It's a keepsake and you've earned it. Congatulations.

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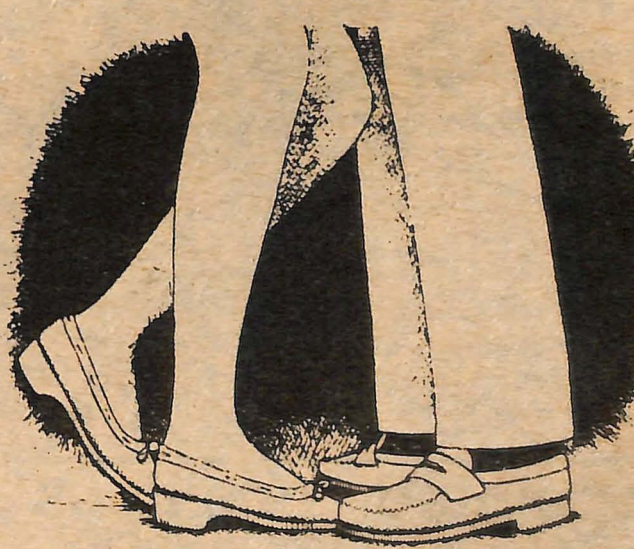
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More on hypocrisy

The following is a letter to **Dachia Joudrey** commenting on the manner in which

Podium

by **Heidi Beck and Kathryn Lyon**
To the Future Birches Residents:

Do you people know what you are getting yourselves into? Theoretically, the Birches are totally adequate and by far the nicest residence we have seen at any university. But we'd like to share our experiences with this type of living arrangement, so you can prepare yourself over the summer for the disillusionment you will certainly experience when you return in the Fall.

We are not here to judge the right or wrong of the rules, but how they are enforced or not enforced. The three predominant rules which are now in existence but not necessarily enforced are: No drugs, No alcohol, and No men. These rules must exist if we are to maintain a reasonable amount of solidarity between the inhabitants. The "No men" rule is the only rule rigidly enforced while the other two are warped to suit the occasion. The occasion, of course being, if you are a valued friend of the R.A. This is unbiased leadership. It might be noted here that possession of drugs is illegal and alcohol abuse is certainly a problem on campus (ask any security guard). While men are neither illegal nor necessarily detrimental to your health. What we are saying is a consistency must exist in enforcing or not enforcing all rules.

The reality of day to day life in the Birches:

—have you ever come home from a rough day of classes to face a crowded kitchen, with at least eight others trying to cook at the same time on the one—and I stress one—stove. Granted, they gave us a microwave but another stove or fridge would have been far more practical. The Administration never consulted us on how we would like our hard earned money spent.

—We have two fridges for twenty people. No one buys groceries together so that means in each fridge there are ten cartons of milk, ten containers of butter, and ten containers of juice. Thank God, they gave us a deep-freeze so we no longer have to use masking tape to close the fridge door, but, unfortunately, we can't drink frozen milk.

—Is the cafeteria sounding better all the time? At least in the cafeteria one doesn't have to fight off the ants that we live side-by-side with. Yes, girls, we do have ants and many varieties of them.

In conclusion, our years at the Mount have been certainly beneficial to our academic and social development. But any communication to the Administration, which goes through an R.A., becomes twisted and doesn't reflect honest opinions; we decided to use this medium in reaching them. Like life itself, the Birches has its ups and downs, but don't say you haven't been forewarned.

Council awards were handled.
Dear Ms. Joudrey:

It is with complete revulsion that I return your 'Awards Certificate' to you as a mark of my refusal to participate in your self-congratulatory hypocrisy. That one such as yourself should attempt to thank me for my "contribution to university life" after spending an entire year belittling and opposing that very contribution is the

height of shallowness and gross insincerity.

While on this topic, I feel compelled to condemn you and the members of your self-styled 'awards committee' for the crass politicizing which obviously influenced your every decision. In your mad rush for self-praise and nepotism, you deliberately avoided any praise for the very woman you owe your continued existence as

president of a union to. No person has ever contributed more in spirit, dedication and sheer energy to the workings of this Union than Andrea Gibbs. You are obviously not adult enough to admit that if it weren't for Andrea, your pathetic Council would have fallen apart a long time ago. This fact, added to the countless other very worthwhile additions she has made to virtually every aspect of life on this campus, makes Andrea the natural candidate for the highest congratulations this Union can bestow. I know that every honest student who has worked with Andrea joins me in extending these congratulations and our sincerest thanks.

It is truly saddening that, even at the end of your tenure, you were incapable of putting past differences behind you; incapable of demonstrating the kind of maturity and compromise your position has always called for. I can only conclude that your farcical 'awards banquet' was indeed a fitting epilogue to a year characterized by the same hypocrisy, pettiness and narrow political jealousies.

Yours,
Francis J. Moran

Response to: "Awards hypocritical"

To The Picaro:

Talk about hypocritical—who would believe people becoming upset about awards, which were and were not given! Awards are an honor . . . aren't they? An honor bestowed in response to a nomination by fellow students. Whether a person is disliked or whether a person is worthy of an award are two completely different stances. Luckily, some people are able to differentiate between the real 'workhorses' of the Union, who are responsible and hard-working, and those good ol' somebodies who try to please everybody, maintain titles, and really do nothing but have a good time doing it. The conscious of some people is clear because some undeserving persons were not nominated—if you feel someone deserved an award why didn't you nominate he/she instead of transferring your guilt on innocent parties. Guilt is the key here and you obviously feel guilty!

What do you want? Recognition for the mismanagement of union funds through irresponsible spending by an entertainment director? Recognition for a bookkeeper who is in gross dereliction and disrespect for available council funding? If the answer is

yes—our awards become meaningless. If the answer is no—then why suggest that the real workhorses of the Union were not recognized. The workhorses were recognized—a responsible co-chairman of Winter Carnival, capable senior class presidents and a competent Student Store manager among many others who were deserving of their awards.

The answer is clear—you obviously, to use your term 'hate' the 'guts' of two particular award winners—P, and D. And, oh yes, how did their sincerity move you? You didn't even buy a ticket to the banquet—you tried to squeeze your way in. When P did not nominate D and when P had several nominations from students, how can you suggest they patted each other on the back—awards were selected by a committee who reviewed all the nominations.

Next year don't wait until two weeks after the event to speak your mind—but act before hand by nominating your so-called 'workhorses' of the Union. And, oh yes, next year buy a ticket. . . then you won't end up going hungry. And please do something about those patched blue jeans.

Name withheld by request

Thanks to:

To the Picaro,

I wish to congratulate the Home Economics Society and the organizers of this evening's fashion show "A Breath of Spring" for a most enjoyable production.

I can appreciate the work involved in such an undertaking and I thank-you for giving us such a terrific display of student's involvement.

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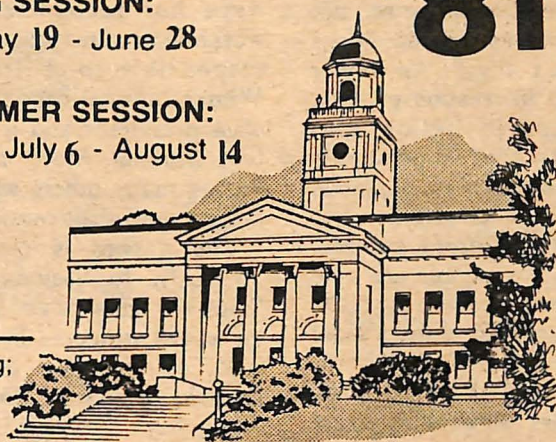
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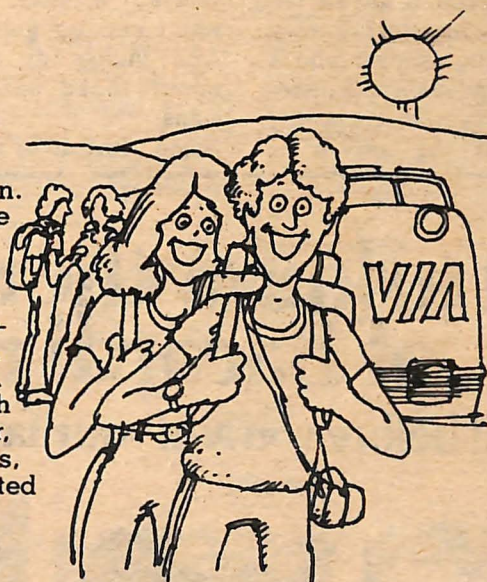
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Fashion show a hit

by Scoop MacFarlane

Pierre Cardin eat your heart out! The Mount's Home Economics Society presented a fashion extravaganza Thursday night entitled "A Breath of Spring," which blew the audience away.

The newest designers of the 80's emerged from Clothing and Textiles, showing their latest creations. All the latest styles were represented via Fairweather's and Big Steel Man stores in the Halifax Shopping Centre, while Footwear was provided by Fredelle's Boutique. Different fashion categories included: rainwear, easy life, western, punk, formal and casual attire, along with the special Mount designer section.

The models—nine women and three men—projected

professionalism and also appeared to be enjoying their new status in the limelight. Hair styles were fashioned at the Head Shoppe, and make up was expertly applied with the help of Betty Jardine. All of the models from the Mount, with a lot of help from choreographer Coleen O'Hara, pulled off a very entertaining and successful evening.

This spectacular event was coordinated by Catherine Bagnell and Sandra Mansfield. A capacity crowd of approximately 400 turned out to see the best thing to hit Halifax since indoor plumbing.

The evening was made complete by the thunderous ovation and echoing applause which more than signified the audience appreciation of an excellent performance.

It's a resident's life

by Bertha Dotten

Staff Reporter

This week's discussion is centered around the topic of Open Week.

Open Week at Mount Saint-Vincent University gives a future university student the ability to make up his or her mind on which university atmosphere is the most appealing.

"I was told that the Mount contained only high class bitches, and that I would have to buy a whole new wardrobe just to fit in. But by staying in residence for one night, I found them to be almost human," said one Open Week visitor.

The events sponsored by the residences were very well attended by visitors as well as students. On Monday night, visitors were entertained by the Movie "The Warriors" and following that, everyone enjoyed a piece of pizza. The Beach Blast, sponsored by Vincent Hall, brought out much of last year's summer attire to encourage spring to quicken its pace in arriving.

"The only time I got lost was when I was coming back from the movie and I stopped someone in the hall, and she was so willing to help me find my way, that I'm looking forward to be coming here next year", said a visitor.

So this puts another successful Open Week behind the belts of the Registrars and Admitting Offices.

Concerning our last article on the meal plan, a letter was received suggesting the meal plan users stop taking food out of the cafeteria in bulk, then maybe the residents would not have to pay so much. Women have been seen bringing large containers into the cafeteria and leaving with the container full of food.

The amount of food taken out in these containers is insignificant due to the fact that there are many students who have possibly missed that particular meal. So, those who are taking the food or drink, are just taking someone else's share and there would be no extra charge.

Preregistration date set

The '81-'82 Mount Saint Vincent course calendar has

been finalized, with only a few changes. This allows students to take full advantage of Preregistration being held April 1 on 4th floor Seton.

Students are being encouraged to plan their next year's courses now, without imposing any financial burdens at this time. Students can also choose to partially preregister and use "Add" forms in September for the remainder of their courses. Professors from every faculty will be available to assist students and approve forms.

Preregistration allows students to avoid September registration line-ups, but students are reminded they still must visit the Business Office in September to pay their tuition fees. Late fees on unpaid tuition will be incurred on October 16, 1981. For more information contact the Registrar's Office, Rosaria Center.

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