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## Adopt a Whale with BIOS

By Nancy Fullerton

The Brier Island Ocean Study is promoting an Adopt-a-Whale program to make Canadians more aware of endangered species and to help fight the battle against marine pollution.

"If you actually adopt your own whale, suddenly you have a stake in it's future, a stake in the environment," said Deborah Tobin, an environmental activist and educator, as well as current director of BIOS.

The Adopt-A-Whale program, which is just kicking off this fall, is promoting the adoption of 10 humpback whales to anyone interested. The whales are all named and numbered for

easy identification, with names such as Large Marge, Foggy, Lacey and Bermuda. The cost is \$25. The idea behind the program is to spark people's interest in these near extinct creatures, in order to preserve those that are left.

"Most people don't realize that we have one of the rarest species of whales, the Right Whale, here in our own bay," said Tobin, "and there may be only 250 of them left in the entire world."

The potential candidate for adoption is permitted to choose which whale he/she wants, and will receive a complete description and photograph of the whale, along with a certificate of adoption. The "parent" will then be

sent regular updates as to the progress of the whale.

Tobin stressed that the only way that people will realize how endangered some of these species are is for them to have some sort of connection to them. She is confident of the program's success, and has been pleased with the feedback from the public. "So far, we've been bombarded with calls from people wanting to adopt."

The preservation of whales is becoming a critical issue because of their extremely low populations and the increasing amount of marine pollution. Tobin said more and more whales are becoming injured from debris that gets caught in their dorsal

fins and tails. The herds swim south from October until June and calve during the winter. "By the time the calves swim back up for the summer, many of them are already scarred or disabled."

Tobin said the BIOS crew had followed a 85 ft. humpback whale for three months this summer, attempting to untangle a lobster buoy from its dorsal fin. They also ran into a number of abandoned calves whose mothers had been killed on the swim north. "The calves might as well already be dead, because they will never make it without their mothers," said Tobin.

The most damage comes from "ghost fisheries" of abandoned fishing gear, traps, nets

and plastics. This floating garbage often gets entangled in the fins and tails of the whales and other marine animals, and causes much damage. There is always the threat of toxic chemical spills or oil spills to marine life as well. "Even if we stopped polluting the oceans for 100 years, we'd still have debris washing up," stated Tobin.

BIOS, located in the most southwesterly point in the Bay of Fundy, has been researching marine animals, focusing on whales since 1984. The program has successfully identified and charted the progress of over 150 individual whales. The research is nonlethal and consists mainly of photographs and observations.

## Green Plan For University of Toronto

by Jennifer Morrow

TORONTO (CUP) -- Too much research and teaching at the University of Toronto involves hazardous and toxic substances, says an author of the university's Green Plan.

The Green Plan is a campus master plan released last month that proposed environment-friendly alternatives.

Frankie Wood, who researched the section of the plan dealing with hazardous and toxic substances, says undergraduate students need to be more aware of the effects of the substances they use, while graduate students and professors should change the direction of their research.

In a survey of a chemistry course, Wood found that 20 per cent of students said they had never been enrolled in a course where they used hazardous substances.

At the time, the students were using hazardous substances in the course, including mercury, lead, silver and benzene, a carcinogen.

"To be using benzene and not know you're dealing with something that's hazardous is really scary," Wood said.

Katherine Cook, a fourth-year organic chemistry student, agrees. She said teaching staff should encourage students to know the hazards they encounter.

"In all the labs I went through, we were told what was

hazardous, but the emphasis on safety awareness seems pretty dependent on the particular lab supervisor.

"I think in general there could be more encouragement for students to take that extra step and look up toxicities and hazards before entering the lab."

Wood's survey also found that over half of the students surveyed admitted that they, or someone they knew, knowingly poured toxic or hazardous substances down the drains in labs.

Students are taught regulations pertaining to toxic and hazardous substances, she said.

"A problem is that when students are being taught these regulations, they're just being taught, 'This is a rule. You have to follow it.' They're not being

taught, 'If you pour benzene down the sink, you drink it tomorrow.'"

"People respond much better to, 'This is why we have this rule and this is the problem,'" she said.

Cook says that lack of class time is another problem.

"At the end of a lab, a student is often so rushed that he or she may throw everything down the sink in an attempt to get out on time, unless disposal containers are easily accessible and clearly labelled."

U of T offers training programs for graduate students, lab technicians, and people in Physical Plant, says David Gorman, the director of Environmental Health and Safety on campus.

"But some professors sim-

ply won't come to the training sessions," even though it is unlawful, he added.

Chemistry chair Michael Dignam says few hazardous substances are used in undergraduate courses, and the department is already moving toward reducing the volume of certain chemicals used.

"We're thinking of working with microquantities [of chemicals]. It requires a whole new set of equipment but it allows the same chemistry to be done using much smaller amounts...in the long run it actually saves us money," Dignam said.

"If you reduce the amounts you reduce the hazards and you reduce the wastes, and so on. Hopefully this Green Plan will give us the extra impetus."

## Awards Given By the Clean Nova Scotia Foundation

For Janet Ross, volunteering her time to operate two metro recycling depots demonstrates, in a hands-on way, her concern for the environment.

A project by graduate students of the School of Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, served to increase information on marine litter in Halifax Harbour. Their report, dedicated "to the residents of Halifax-Dartmouth who throw, flush or otherwise dispose of their

garbage into Halifax Harbour" spurred increased interest in better control of the harbour environment.

At The Clean Nova Scotia Foundation's 3rd Annual General Meeting, held on October 20th in Halifax City Hall, these people were presented with awards in recognition of their efforts to preserve the environment. Ross received the Member Award while Anne Guichard and James Ross accepted the Non-

Member Award on behalf of fellow students at the School for Resource and Environmental Studies.

The presentation of awards is a regular feature of the Foundation's annual meeting. Selection criteria includes short and long-term impacts of the project undertaken, voluntarism, originality and educational content.

The keynote address at the meeting was given by Sherry Porter, regional director of the

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors. She said the environment ranks number one on the Council's list of concerns.

The Council, a national body of large and medium-sized grocers, has an active environmental committee which deals with such issues as the promotion of reusable shopping bags, recycling and environment-friendly products.

"The food industry's challenge is to recognize and respect

consumer demands," said Porter.

"This ensures that specific environmental initiatives are not used as a competitive tool."

Specific goals include promoting curbside recycling programmes in urban areas and recycling depots in rural areas; encouraging suppliers to speed the development of more environment-friendly products; improving consumer education; and introducing new in-store policies on packaging and recycling.



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**WEEK OF REFLECTION:** As part of the Student Union's "Week of Reflection" program the Resident Assistants will sponsor "Women Alone" an informative program on safety tips for women. This program will be presented by the Halifax Police Department on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone is welcome.

**NOVA SCOTIA FRIENDS OF SCHIZOPHRENICS:** is a self-help group that provides public information, education and support to friends and relatives affected by schizophrenia. The next general meeting is Wednesday, November 21, 1990, at 8 p.m., Hancock Hall, Dalhousie University, Corner of Coburg Road and Oxford Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information call: 465-2601 or 464-3456.

**GAMES ROOM PYRAMID POOL CHALLENGE:** The winner is Mark Arsenaault with an honourable mention going to Michael Carlos. Anyone wishing to enter the November challenge is asked to attend this month's meeting on Thursday, November 8, at 1 p.m. in the Rosaria Games Room. The tournament is organized by the Games Room Society and is free of charge for MSVU student and Athletic/Recreation members. For more information please contact the Games Room Society President, Ray Burns.

**NOVA SCOTIA ROUND TABLE ON ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY:** Sustainable development is a term referring to a method of conducting our affairs so that future generations have the opportunity to a quality of life equal to or greater than that we now enjoy.

A sustainable development strategy is the mechanism required to determine changes/actions required to move to a sustainable economy.

The Sustainable Development/Conversation Strategy Subcommittee of the Nova Scotia Round Table on Environment and Economy has prepared a discussion paper to start the process. They want to hear from you. Please contact: Provincial Coordinator, Nova Scotia Round Table, P.O. Box 2107, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 3B7, 424-6346.

**MSVU RESIDENCES PERFORM:** "The Second Annual Loonie Toons Variety Show" on November 15 at 8 p.m. in the MPR, Rosaria Centre. Admission: \$1 with proceeds going to Veith House.

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Metropolitan Life has openings for sales representatives at various locations. You can be either Alumni or Spring 1991 graduate in any discipline. The prescreening deadline is Wednesday, November 14, 1990, the interview date is Wednesday, December 5, 1990. Submit a resume and ACCIS application on or before the prescreening deadline.

Xerox Canada Ltd. is looking for a sales representative in the Maritime provinces. Candidates can be both Alumni or Spring 1991 graduates of any discipline. The prescreening deadline is Wednesday, November 7, 1990. The interviews will be Thursday, November 15, 1990. To apply: submit an ACCIS application, resume and transcript of marks to the Canada Employment Centre on campus on or before the application deadline.

University Painters needs managers for franchises throughout the Maritimes. This will give you the chance to learn how to operate and run a business. Fill out an application at the Canada Employment Centre on campus.

For more information on any of these employment opportunities contact the Canada Employment Centre on campus, Rosaria Room 111.

**YWCA:** The Halifax YWCA, 1239 Barrington Street, is offering a course in Word Perfect. Learn how to enter, edit, and manipulate information using this popular package. (Sixteen hour course and preregistration is required.) The dates and times are: Monday/Wednesday, November 19 - December 12 at 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$150.00. For more information call 423-6162.

**YWCA:** The Halifax YWCA, 1239 Barrington Street, is offering a craft workshop on bow tying. In this two-hour workshop, learn how to tie bows to add a touch of class to your gifts this Christmas. (Pre-registration required). Date: Wednesday, November 21, 1990, at 7 - 9 p.m. The fee is \$20 (includes supplies). For more information call 423-6162.

**MOUNT CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:** is having prayer meetings in the Evaristus Chapel on Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 12 to 1 p.m. All are welcome.

## CHRISTIAN

Coffee House

Thursday

November 8, 1990

Rosaria Mezzanine

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# NEWS

## English Department And London Calling

By Melodie Boutillier

The English department of M.S.V.U. is sponsoring a London theatre trip during the week of February 17-25, 1991, for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The eight-day trip is available at a cost of \$870.00.

The price includes: round-trip airfare (Halifax to London), bus transportation to and from the airport, all baggage handling and hotel taxes, seven nights accommodation at the Tavistock

Hotel (twin-bedded rooms with bath, single rooms available at a higher rate), continental breakfast (basic plan with cancellation protection).

There is a planned itinerary, however, tour coordinator, Dr. Olga Broomfield says it is not necessary for participants to stick to it. "Student can choose their own activities once they arrive," says Broomfield. "We recommend to the students that the

first day should be spent at the kiosk in Lester Square, where everyone buys theatre tickets. There they can plan their whole week." Broomfield also recommends that first-time travellers to London take advantage of an orientational walking tour of the major points in the city. Other planned activities include a shopping tour, guided walks and a day-trip to Oxford. Students who have participated in the tour

before felt it was a super tour, because it is so flexible.

In the past, the annual theatre trip has been trouble-free. Broomfield says the landmarks are easy guides to finding your way around. "Most people are surprised how easy it is to travel around the city. It is impossible to get lost in London," she says. When asked how she feels about the tour, Broomfield replied, "I'm really excited! It is a wonderful

opportunity to introduce people to my favourite city in the world. I really love London, and I never tire of going back."

The tour is limited to the first 34 people who make their payment. Payments may be made to Jean Frost, secretary-Seton Room 303. The deadline for the first deposit of \$400 is Thursday, November 15, 1990, with the balance of \$470.00 to be paid by Monday, December, 10, 1990.

## No-Show for Peace

By Beth Haslam

A disappointing number of students attended the annual peace service at the Mount's Lady of Wisdom Chapel, Evaristus Hall, on Oct. 29th.

Excluding those involved in the service and the student choir, only two students came to take part in the community prayer for reconciliation. "The peace service is one of the least-attended ecumenical services," said Sister Lorraine d'Entremont, the Mount's Chaplain.

Sister Lorraine believes more intense promotion and better timing would have improved attendance. "The peace service follows very soon after Fall Convocation so there is not enough time for planning or for promotional action," she said.

The service could also gain better recognition if held closer to the international day for peace in September, she added.

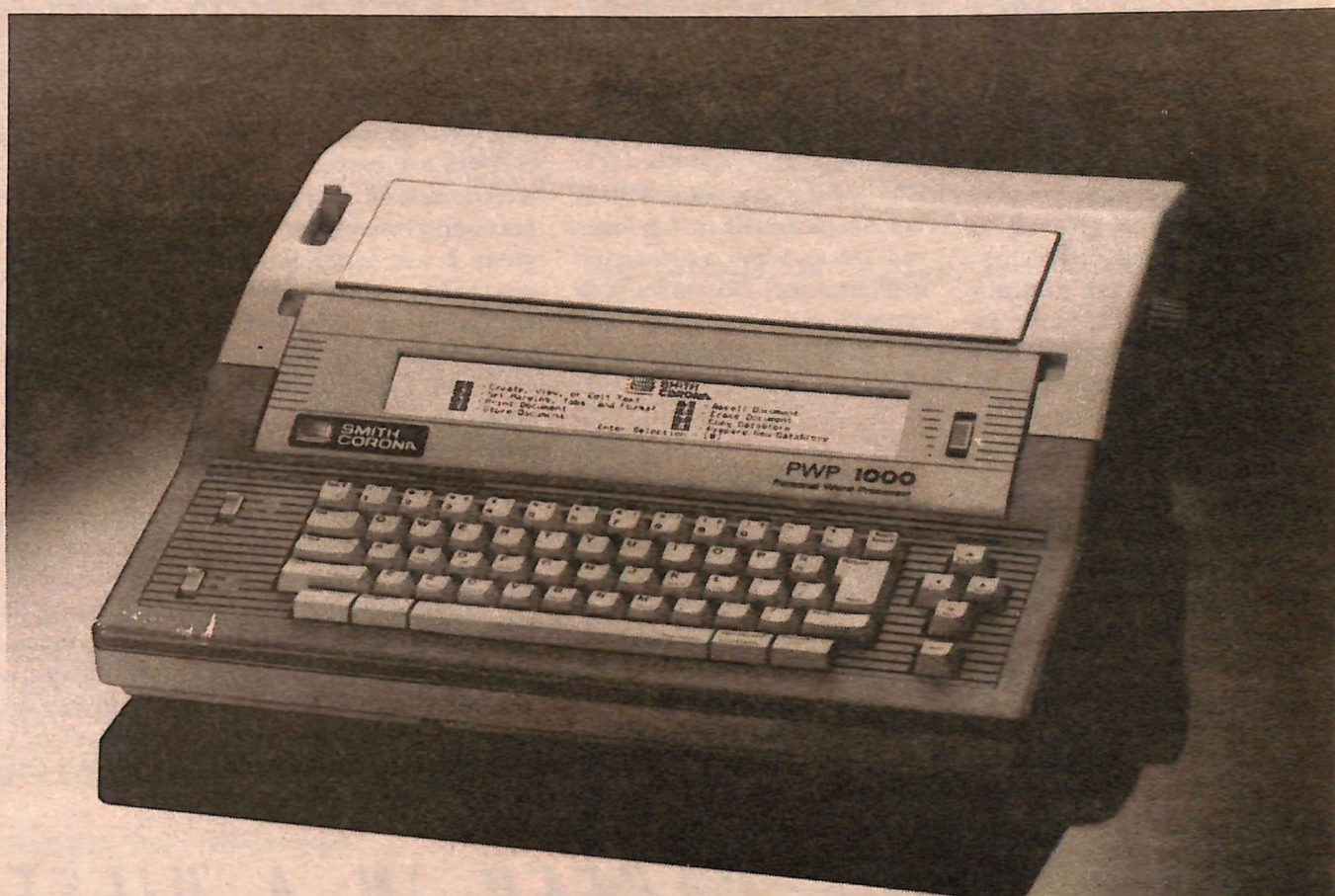
Attendance may have been affected by a mistake at the Mount's print shop, which forced the service's planning committee to adopt a simplistic poster design. "I think a more vibrant, eye-catching poster would attract more students," said committee member Alison Gillespie.

Gillespie believes many students simply didn't know about the service. They may also have not known the location of the chapel, found on the main floor of Evaristus.

"I thought that anyone interested would attend, but I guess that was a bad assumption to make," said Gillespie.

Usually, non-traditional services are poorly attended. There are exceptions, however, such as last year's memorial service for the victims of the Montreal Massacre.

The traditional ecumenical Christmas service, which includes candles and carols, however, is always crowded. It will be held this year on Dec. 5th.



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# LETTERS

To the Editor:

I feel it necessary to address a letter I read in the Picaro's October 31, 1990, edition. Mr. Ian Cowan talks about men and abortion, and whose place it is to discuss it. Mr. Cowan seems rather confused about far more than only the abortion issue, but that should be a sufficient point to begin.

The issue is one of concern to all people, men, women, children and fetuses. When reproduction occurs the male sperm unites with the female egg and a species-specific zygote is formed. This zygote maintains constant cellular activity from the moment of conception through prenatal development, infancy, pubescence, mid-life, and old age until its impending death terminates metabolic activity of its own. Pro-choice activists cannot possibly find any intelligible grounds to call that zygote and all developmental stages through to death anything but Homo Sapiens. To try and discuss intelligibly one's own unintelligence on a matter seems a common problem in the realm of human understanding. Since we have human life, the question is can we terminate it (i.e. abort, kill etc). This would seem to be a question that is not isolated to a gender (female) but of import to our whole species; of which males belong. Here is my penance.

It is shameful for you to make childbirth sound like such

a curse. Childbirth is not unnatural, nor are the hormonal activities that occur leading up to it (though I suspect you are quite ignorant to them). Giving birth is natural, beneficial and necessary to any species. Do not demean it.

I am afraid what Mr. Cowan and all his subjective moralist cohorts are confronted with the following challenge to defend abortion. A fetus is a human life. The deliberate termination of a human life is murder. Abortion terminates human life in the fetus. Defend that. If you can arrive at a plausible argument for murder, you will be able to defend abortion. I strongly suggest you read Michael Tooley's "Abortion and Infanticide" because that is the stance you force yourself into.

By the way, Adolf Hitler, Pol Pot, Genghis Khan, Jim Jones and Charles Manson all believed in murder also. Do you see your connection?

Deliberately and non-fanatically yours

Howie Lightle

To the Editor:

We live in a democratic society where everyone has the right to express their opinion, and make their own decisions.

On Tuesday, October 16, I voiced my view on abortion. Dr. Henry Morgentaler spoke at Dalhousie University in Halifax. It was labelled a "Pro-Choice

Rally". I went as a pro-choice backbencher, but mostly I wanted to hear first hand what the fuss was all about. What better way to get it but from the man at the centre of the controversy.

I sat in that auditorium for close to two hours, listening to Morgentaler state his right to help women, and how he was going to do it. All of his statements were backed by scientific fact, and common sense. Quite honestly the man made sense. He did not put down anti-abortionist, they had the right to express their own opinions, just as he had the right to his. Afterwards he had a period of questions and answers letting people express their opinions that differed with his own.

I know people are against abortion, and that's fine. However why do these people enforce their opinion on others who don't necessarily believe that? It's one group better than another? I don't believe so. What gives "pro-life" people the right to harass women going to clinics to get abortions. Don't they believe it's already hard enough for a woman to deal with her decision to get an abortion, the last thing they need are people telling them they are making a horrible decision and they will burn in hell.

If you don't want to get an abortion, you don't have to; however, if you do decide to get an abortion, no one should have the right to stop you.

Ruthann Reynolds

To the Editor:

Re: the letter submitted by Mr. Ian Cowan, printed October 31.

I feel compelled to write after reading Mr. Cowan's letter regarding men and abortion. Mr. Cowan noted, in a style of sincere frustration, that these men were, "...fanatics..." Ian also asked whether these men would, "...really (be) prepared to support, both emotional and financially, the young mother and her potential child..."

As a full-time student who is actively involved in the protection and compassion of both the mother and unborn, I can truly relate to the frustration that Ian, himself, appears to be experiencing: namely, both anger and sadness; obviously, though, the two of us come to this issue from two completely different positions of dialectic. Or do we? Clearly, we both agree that the issue in question is an unborn; medical science has proven this, it's not a matter of opinion any more; in his letter, Ian also noted the unborn's humanity: "The women carries the child for nine months..." (emphasis is mine). However, after this point his discourse becomes...fuzzy. Ian suggests that these men have no right to act or discuss the obvious: that we are taking human life, some of whom are unborn women. ("Why do these men even think they have an opinion.")

All Canadian citizens are

allotted inherent human rights. Our Charter of Rights was written with the supposition that humans have the right to life. Not so absurd is it? However, why does it become an intolerable concept when we include those who have yet to be born? According to Ian this is, "...a wholly woman's issue." Yes it is a woman's issue. But there also has never been anything written in the Charter stating that our human rights include the inherent character or right to terminate another's human right (see medical or embryology text for confirmation of the fetus' humanity). And far as I can tell, a human is a human; if its place of occupation is transferred from the support of its mother's womb to the support of a family or community environment (until his or her death), surely such territorial or physiological developments do not change the essence of its being.

If one was to truly examine the abortion issue in a unadulterated and logical manner, he or she could not make unintelligible analogies by comparing pro-life persons (whether man or women) to the likes of, "...Adolf Hitler, Pol Pot, Genghis Khan, Jim Jones and Charles Manson."

Human life is not an issue of relativity.

And yes Ian, there are many pro-life persons who support women in crisis situations.

Most sincerely,

Brent Stiller

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# MOSTLY NEWS

To the Editor:

RE: The boat harbour fish kill.

The fish at the outfall of Boar Harbour in early October is being presented by Scott and their "regulatory" government partners in environmental crime, as a mystery and, as "very unusual". All the well known principals involved, beat their breasts in public anguish and declare they too are concerned about the environment. The media, churns out a few stories, but living in the economic and political shadow of the pulp and paper industry, accept government and industry statements at their face value. Reporters turn philosophy on its head by writing material which show that "the uninvestigated life is well worth living." A public,

mentally immobilized by the lack of critical information, allows its anger once again to dissipate, until the next "accidentally" revealed environmental atrocity. The everyday reality of the pulp and paper industry dumping 50 per cent of all the waste into Canadian waters, continues unabated.

What are some of the actual issues brought into focus by the recent fish kill? We are told the Boat Harbour kill is due to lack of oxygen and that this is "usual". But this is far from the truth. On a routine basis, we know "one kraft mill discharges oxygen demanding substances equal to a city with a population greater than 120,000 people." (W.F. Sinclair, Controlling Pollution from Canadian Pulp and Paper Manufactures: A Federal Perspective) Sinclair's book, which

is an apology for the industry but provides some interesting data, shows also that the "unexpected" kraft pulp mill spill is better seen as routine practice. "It has been observed that approximately one-third to one-half of the BOD and TSS pollution loadings from a kraft mill is due to unexpected or unanticipated spills." BOD is a measure of oxygen deprivation and bacteria need oxygen to try and degrade the witches' brew of known and unknown components of the effluent from pulp mills. If we were seriously looking for a "clue" to the Boat Harbour kill, perhaps all those government/industry experts might consider Sinclair's comment that for chemical pulping "the major source of BOD is the escape of spent liquor."

As someone concerned about the ongoing environmental

destruction from the pulp and paper industry, it is extremely difficult to find out what is going on. The concerned public has no way of easily knowing what poisons, "legal" and otherwise are being dumped out through effluent, air emission, or sludge disposal by pulp mills. I have come to the conclusion that the industry and governments like this state of ignorance, because the ongoing partnership in pollution usually escapes public commentary and hence accountability. We fortunately, have our noses and our eyes, but we do lack an independent scientific capability, not capable of being corrupted by wealth and power.

From my perspective, the government regulatory authorities, whether provincial or federal, share certain assumptions with their industrial clients. There

is a common belief that the pulp and paper industry should continue to expand, irrespective of need or polluting impact on marine, air, forest or global ecosystems. There is also a belief that the so-called economic circumstances of the pulp and paper industry define what can and cannot be done from an environmental point of view. These economic circumstances are always industry-defined.

Until the preservation of the ecological integrity of the planet is put in first place and people as individuals are prepared to act, the fish kills and other environmental horror stories, known and unknown, associated with the pulp and paper industry, will remain with us.

Yours sincerely,

David Orton

## New Pub Policy

By Elaine Collins

Vinnie's Pub has a new policy that prohibits admission to minors who do not attend Mount Saint Vincent University.

Under the new policy, which went into effect October 24, 1990, only people under the age of 19 presenting a valid MSVU student identification card are admitted.

"Prior to this," said Harold Crawley, chief of Campus Police, "the policy was (that) anyone who said 'dry' was allowed in."

The bar's wet/dry program, the only one of its kind in Halifax, was designed to allow underage Mount students to come into the bar, so long as they did not drink. But as more and more underage non-Mount students frequented the pub, the Vinnie's Pub Committee decided to make admission restrictions.

"Which dry students is the bar open for? Mount dry? or outside dry? Well, who is paying the Student Union fees?" said Crawley, who is also a member of the Vinnie's Pub Committee.

"Not only does the new policy give the dry privilege exclusively to Mount students, but it also keeps out high school students, who recently had been showing up in increasing numbers," Crawley said.

The Vinnie's Pub Committee also voted to make it mandatory that people not attending MSVU be signed in by a Mount Student as they enter. This means that the Mount student's name, student number and guest's name

must be left with security posted at the door.

"It's protection for us," said Kristine Jagoe, assistant manager of Vinnie's Pub. "A list of names is necessary for liability purposes in the event of damages or misconduct," she said.

"Our license is in jeopardy if even one minor takes a drink," Jagoe said. She stressed that dry patrons require extra supervision, a service that can only be adequately performed on a limited number of people.

Jagoe also said that the

Vinnie's Pub Committee intends the new regulations to be enforced mainly on Wednesday nights and special events.

The Vinnie's Pub Committee is composed of the chief of Campus Police, Harold Crawley; the manager Ken Cormier and assistant manager Kristine Jagoe of Vinnie's Pub, the president, Karen Casey; treasurer, Mark Conran; and entertainment director, Tracey Cann; and D.J. technician Howie Lightle of Student Union, and director of food services.

## Ooh! Scary Stuff

By Julie Roberge

The students living on campus were in the spooky spirit last week thanks to the Halloween decoration contest that took place on October 30 and 31, between the wings of each residence at MSVU.

"The purpose of Halloween decorations is to generate house spirit between the floors and wings," said Suzanne Campbell, don of Assisi Hall, who was one of the judges for the event with Mrs. Barbara Crocker, financial aid and housing officer.

"I've always participated in the decorating, but it was the first year that I was a judge and I found it very difficult because all the residences were very well decorated," said Campbell.

There were three criteria

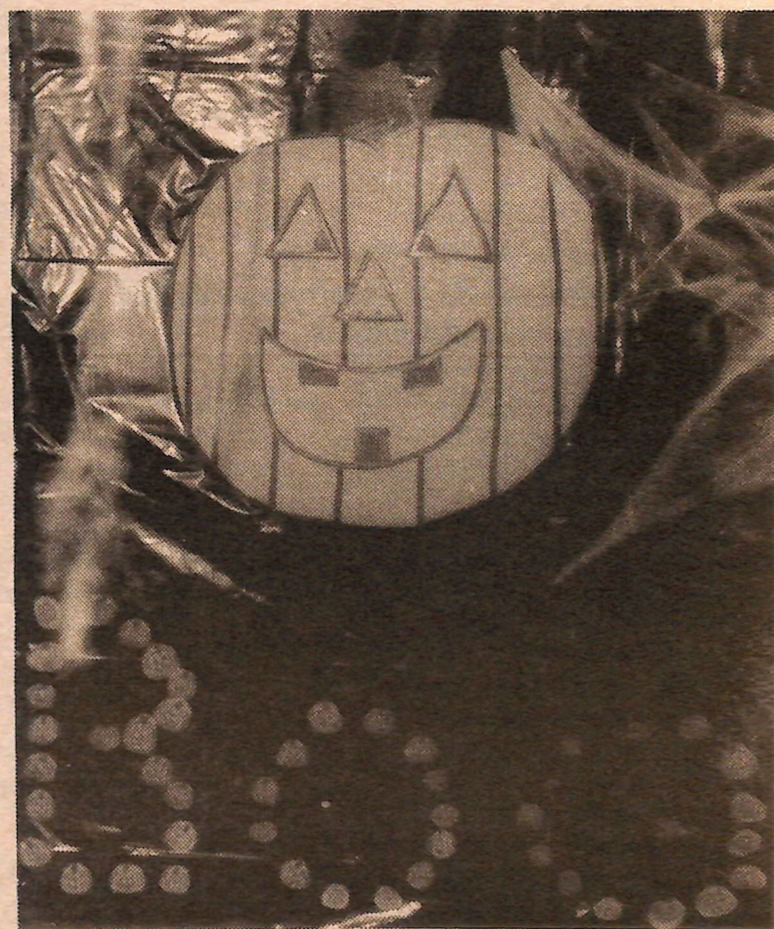
for choosing the winner in each residence: the amount of effort put into the decoration, how it follows the overall theme for Halloween, and the amount of participation by the students.

The prizes for the winners were donated by the Residence Councils of each residence. All the residences, except the Birches who had a treat bag for the winners, won a pizza and movie party.

Assisi, 8th floor, upper 1200 wing Vincent Hall, and Birch 3 won the first prize; while Lourdes Hall and 3rd floor Evaristus were tied.

"It was great because everybody put in a little bit of time and it gave us a chance to meet other students on the same floor," said Kelly, resident assistant in Lourdes Hall.

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Mount Residences in Halloween Spirit

Photo by Julie Roberge



# ENVIRONMENT

## Environmental Concern - Are People Serious?

Jannine Shave

Are most Canadians really worried about the environment or are they just trying to fit in with the new fad-to be environmentally friendly.

An opinion poll done in late June and early July by Decima Research said that most Canadians say diapers should be banned and newspapers should be forced to use recycled paper. It also found 60 percent of those surveyed would support the government spending \$5 billion on the environment. However, a recent survey conducted for the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors determined that many consumers are not committed to helping the environment. It looks into reality.

Canadians would cherish the thought of having a clean environment, but when it comes to what they can do, it is a totally different matter. Only 30 per-

cent said they would be willing to bring their own bags and containers when shopping. This poll, however, did not prove that Canadians do not want to be environmentally friendly, but, rather, an educational campaign is needed for the consumers to understand that their actions would make a difference to the environment.

As the thought of recession looms over Canada, the consumer has more to think about than just helping the environment. They must also think about the costs of buying environmentally friendly goods. Some goods are almost twice as much as non-environmentally friendly goods. "I really wonder myself if I would spend the extra money", said Mike LeBlanc, head of recycling research at the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment.

An Angus Reid and Associates study, published in "Marketing Magazine" on November 27, 1989 said that four in ten Canadians do not see the envi-

ronment as an issue. Reid split the public into six major groups. The "environmentally hostile", those that are characteristically older males who think that the whole situation has been blown out of proportion. "The apathetic forlorn," those that are more worried about surviving the day to day problems, and who cannot think about the issue of the environment. "The fatalists," those that feel that no matter what you try to do, it is not going to help the situation at all. Then there are the "environmental enthusiasts" those that feel the answer is in science and will buy anything "green". "The Privileged Optimists", the typically well-educated, well-off middle-aged who believe in the future, but also want to be in fashion with the new "issue". Finally, there are the "Anxious" those that stay home and watch the television a lot and see the problems of the environment.

Reid said the key part to these groups are the Environmental Enthusiasts, he feels that

they will change the ideals of the North American society just like it was changed in the 60's. Reid describes them as "the best and brightest of younger Canadians." He said that 65 percent are under 35-years-old, most are women and have some university education. "They believe in direct political action and they have enough commitment to keep the environmental issue alive."

Groups like these are having an impact on what people think and buy. They are influencing large corporations to look into producing environmentally friendly goods. The environment is becoming a marketing scheme for companies, because they feel that is what the population wants. "Slowly, but surely, consumers are beginning to comprehend the power they have to vote for the environment at the cash register," said Dave Nicol at the "Our World" conference in Toronto in October, 1989. Consumers are making differences. MacDonald's announced that it will not be using

plastic foam for packaging their products starting in 60 days. They will start using paper to package such items as the Big Mac.

Customers see the plastic packaging as a major source of the garbage at landfill sites. The Canadian Polystyrene Recycling Association said in a release that the announcement "strengthens our determination to demonstrate to Canadians that polystyrene is an environmentally responsible product." Campaigns headed by environmental groups hit the schools and students started ordering their hamburgers without the container.

In the end, although MacDonald's felt that the foam was safe, they had no choice but to do what the public wanted them to do. There are many opposing views on whether or not Canada wants to be environmentally friendly. Obviously it is up to the individual to decide whether or not they want to help save our deteriorating environment.

## Untitled

*Do you see the dying leaves, my child?  
I remember when there was a time,  
a certain season of the year,  
that signified an end,  
but it really was the start.  
I recall the passionate reds  
and still smell the vibrant yellows.*

*Do you see the black pool, my child?  
I remember when there was a time,  
when children swam and splashed and laughed  
and swallowed crystal droplets  
now on which they choke.  
I recall the silent waters  
that are screaming to me now.*

*Do you taste the air, my child,  
or sense the terror of this land?  
If I could take you back in time,  
you would hate us for our mistakes.  
You'd ask us why we killed your home  
and took its beauty for our own.  
Because even a child knows better.  
I remember the rush for power  
but question now its usefulness.  
We tried to rule our Mother Earth  
and murdered her in trying.*

Karen Atkinson

## Are You a Recycler?

By Monique Dionne

Recyclers come from every walk of life. They cross religious, socio-economic and racial barriers. There are a number of tell-

tale signs that bind true recyclers together. Here is a sample of definite giveaways:

- Bandages on one or several fingers from opening tin cans at both ends, then washing and crushing them.

- Bruised legs from carrying bags of empty glass jars that bang against their thighs on the way to the recycler's.

- Nicks on legs or face due to the use of non-disposable razors.

- A look of disbelief as recyclable material is thrown into a garbage receptacle.

- Staring, or more precisely, glaring at a leaky faucet.

The following is a test that may be used as a way to detect a recycler: casually stroll up to a garbage receptacle, throw away an empty pop can and quickly scan the room. If you notice anyone mouth the words, "what a jerk" (or something more colourful) and then raise their bandaged fingers to cover their gaping mouths in disbelief, you are dealing with a serious recycler.

Many of us cringe at the thought of throwing recyclable materials away but on the other hand realize that it is not very practical to bring sticky pop cans home with us to rinse out and recycle.

The more active group among the environmentally conscious actually do bear a physical evident from recycling. But just as soldiers are proud of their war wounds, so too are recyclers.

## Lifeless Ocean

*Like thunder the waves pound upon the shore  
Relentless is their vengeance  
Eternal is their suffering  
Do you hear them?  
They are crying  
Lifeless Ocean*

*All the children of the sea  
Wiped out by the ignorance of man  
Crimson are the waves  
Do you taste it?  
Drink deeply  
The blood of Mother Earth*

*Like thunder my fists pound upon the wall  
Relentless is my frustration  
Eternal is my error  
Can't you see it?  
We are dying  
Lifeless Ocean*

Karen Atkinson



# ENVIRONMENT

## Evaristus Residence Working Towards A Recycling Plan

By Richelle Wilcox

"In this day and age, recycling is an issue that can't be put off at MSVU any longer," said Lisa Pinhorn, RA at Evaristus residence.

"We can't avoid it (the issue) any more. It's something that people should be bending over backwards to do," Pinhorn said.

For the past two years, Pinhorn's previous RA tried to implement recycling on her floor but it hadn't worked well. When Pinhorn became a RA this year, she decided to continue these efforts.

She went to the Student Union office and found out who to talk to--Lynne Isenor, off-campus rep. She told Isenor her plans for recycling paper, glass and cans on her floor at Evaristus. Isenor was enthusiastic and said she wanted a similar plan for the campus. Isenor then provided Pinhorn with a bin for can collection and volunteered to take

care of the disposal for cans.

"The Student Union had been marvellous," said Pinhorn.

Indeed, the S.U. is also concerned with this issue.

Isenor said, "Recycling that the Student Union does is on a small scale right now," but she hopes to expand it. She is in the process of starting an Environmental Action Committee in the S.U. and is optimistic that there will be results.

She has also sent a letter to Physical Plant asking for the proper storage bins so that the University can recycle paper, cans and glass.

In an inter-office memorandum that was to be posted in the residences, the official statement on recycling was, "due to the fact that the University is not equipped to store waste material the Physical Plant has requested that you do not keep boxes of cans and paper on your floors."

The concern is that they will be left for too long and will become a health and fire hazard.

The residences were con-

gratulated, however, on their "efforts to keep environmental pollution to a minimum."

Isenor is hopeful that the proper storage bins will be provided. "The Physical Plant has been pretty co-operative in the past," said Isenor.

There are efforts being made all over the campus, from professors who discourage the waste of paper by asking us to write on both sides, to the Cornerstore and PR Society who encourage us to stop using styrofoam cups.

"However, considering the amount of concerned students and the amount of paper, bottles and glass used at the University, something more must be done," said Pinhorn.

She said that the Physical Plant doesn't have to be bothered by recycling at all--concerned students can do it. She even offered to deliver the recyclable items to a facility herself, if that's the only way. She's sure it isn't though.

RA's in her residence have even decided to make paper mache

to use up old newspapers.

"When you are willing to sit down and make papier mache animals, you want to get rid of paper!" Pinhorn said.

She also had an idea for the Student Union. They could devote the \$3 cover charge for Vinnie's some Wednesday night to building proper storage bins for recycling. It could be an "Environmental Night" at Vinnie's. She said she believes that would get a lot of support.

"In the meantime, although residents aren't allowed to save papers etc. in rooms for recycling, they should become aware of what they can do, and do it," said Pinhorn.

Dalhousie, MUN, and Acadia have recycling programs. "It's as easy as picking up the phone and asking how to do it," Pinhorn said.

We at MSVU have no excuse for not recycling, if not now--then in the very near future," she said.

"Something has to be done."

## Editorial

It seems lately that the hottest thing to be concerned about is the environment. There is valid reason for this concern because the destruction and waste which occurs worldwide has serious consequences for all of us.

In this small area of the world, I see the change in people's attitudes as I walk to school. Papers are often separated and put aside from the rest of the garbage at the curb. There is a lot of garbage thrown away which can be recycled, but separating papers is a first step. From this initial action people can implement a recycling program in their houses which is more widespread.

It takes some effort and time to totally participate in a program of this nature and that is where a danger lies. People will often give up on causes when they have to work at them. The environment is too important for us to let this happen. We have to push ourselves to reduce, reuse and recycle. We're playing with the future of the earth and everyone from the large corporations to children should be aware of the dangers.

Each person should feel they can make a difference. It may take some effort, but the future depends on it.

## Eclectic Corner - Perspectives From a Trash Can

By Betsy Kitchen

We recently spoke with Oscar the Grouch on location filming his new motion picture, "9 1/2 Weeks Without Showering."

Betsy Kitchen: Welcome to the Eclectic Corner, Mr. Grouch.

Oscar the Grouch: It's a pleasure being here as part of your trashy environmental issue of the Picaro.

BK: It's not a trashy issue!

OG: It's about trash isn't it?

BK: Well, not entirely. It's about a lot of things that are harmful to the environment.

OG: My agent said it was about trash! I'll sue you know! Of all the dirty rotten....

BK: Excuse me Mr. Grouch, but we invited you to the Eclectic Corner to hear your views on the recent hype about saving the environment.

OG: Oh. Well, I'm an environmentalist myself you know.

BK: You are?

OG: Yeah. I save a lot of things in the environment like this here old sock, an' over hear I've got Grampa Grouch's false teeth, and look what I found here under the bed! A sardine sandwich from last week--doesn't that smell great! Heh heh heh.

BK: Ah, that's not exactly what I meant by the term "environmentalist."

OG: I'm conserving my environment aren't I?

BK: Well, in a sense I guess you are trying to clean up today's world so future generations will have a safer place to live in.

OG: I'm really getting tired of people cleaning up things you know. I should've known when my agent told me a grown-up wanted to interview me that sooner or later she'd want me to

clean up my can!

BK: Don't you want to help protect your fragile earth from further destruction?

OG: All I'm interested in is protecting my can from you do-gooding grown-ups! I happen to like my trash can thank you very much, and so does my wife for that matter.

BK: Who's your wife?!

OG: Grundgetta of course! Geez, don't you watch anymore?

BK: Well, no I've got a class at 11 a.m.

OG: Where've you been? I'm on six times a day now!

BK: Really? I didn't know that. Say, I've got a free period between three and four--wait a minute--we were talking about the environment!

OG: I changed the subject.

BK: I noticed. Look, just ignoring the problem won't make it go away.

OG: Is this the part where you tell me I have to clean up my can? BK: How about just wading through your trash and taking all your aluminum cans and old newspapers to a recycling depot? That's a step in the right direction anyway.

OG: Would it get you off my back?

BK: For now.

OG: Ok. But I won't enjoy it! Cleanliness is next to yuckiness if you ask me.

BK: I didn't ask you.

OG: You mean the interview's over?

BK: Yes Oscar.

OG: Oh. I don't have to take my sardine sandwich to the depot too, do I?

BK: Just say goodbye Oscar.

OG: Goodbye Oscar.

Oscar the Grouch in a long-time opinionated resident of a trash can on Sesame Street.

Betsy Kitchen is a frazzled student who has written one mid-term too many.



It Ain't Easy Being Green



## SPORTS

## Kings Defeats Mount In Soccer

Mount Saint Vincent University Women's Soccer team travelled to Truro on the weekend to compete in the Nova Scotia Colleges Athletic Association Soccer Finals.

On Saturday the Mount defeated Nova Scotia Agricultural College 3-2 on goals by Shelly Snair, Jennifer Ayotte and Lindsay Jones to advance them to the final game.

On the other side, Uni-

versity of Kings College defeated Nova Scotia Teachers College 1-0 to advance to the final game against the Mount.

The Championship game turned into a mental and extremely physical game for the Mount played in front of a large cheering section. Even with all this support the Mount was unable to overcome the intensity which permeated the field and at the final whistle Kings had cap-

tured the NSCAA Championship 2-0.

"I think Kings played well," said Coach Patsy Pyke. "But at the same time, we don't play that kind of hit and run game. They were very aggressive mentally and physically. We like to play a wide open passing game and they shut that down. We have highly skilled players who play the ball. A physical game such as the Kings team plays takes away

from the game of soccer as far as I am concerned but that was their game plan I guess."

We placed three players on the NSCAA All Conference team. Jennifer Golding, Shelley Snair and Shelly Eichel were selected to the All Conference team. Shelley Snair was also chosen as the Conference's Rookie of the Year. Shelly Eichel was selected as the recipient of the Gerry LeBlanc Award for skill

and leadership which amounts to the Most Valuable Player of the league.

"I am very proud of our players and the things we accomplished over the season. We finished the regular season in first place with six wins, one tie and one loss. Our players are first class individuals who can walk away from a loss more graciously than some teams take away a victory."

## Fitness - Body and Mind

We get fit for what it does for us. Usually that means what it does for our bodies - our lungs, our hearts, our muscles, our shape.

Certainly, these physical parameters benefit from fitness, but, there is another hidden benefit. That is what it does for our attitude, our self-esteem. Fitness has the extraordinary power to help us to think positively about ourselves. And because so much of what we do or cannot do in a situation comes down to the attitudes we bring to bear on our capabilities, desire, and actions, fitness can have a very real, positive effect on all

aspects of our lives.

Fitness is a working model of individual achievement. Because getting fit takes decisiveness; a decision to set goals and go for them. It takes commitment; committing the personal resources to meet the goals. It takes effort and hard work to back up commitment with action. It takes perseverance to sustain the decision, commitment and action. It takes personal responsibility because decision, commitment, effort, and perseverance can only come from within.

This model of achievement

can easily be transferred to other goals or desires in our lives. Fitness is empowering, it gives us the sense that yes, we can make changes in our lives. If a person is lacking in inner fitness, outer fitness can help them sort things out.

We as individuals have to make the choice to make use of the positive power of fitness, and benefit from the spill-over into other aspects of our lives. Remember that what you become by reaching your goals is far more important than what you get by reaching them.

## Cross Country Season Ends

In weather better suited to ducks than cross country running, the NSCAA Cross Country Running Championships were hosted by Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney last weekend.

The MSVU Women's team of Denise Fraser, Christine Pernette and Margaret Kenny completed the course in third place.

Without their big guns J.J. Poidevin and Tony Roach, who were running the New York Marathon, the men's team failed to place. Steve Quinn running for the men's team placed third in the finals, and has really improved all season.

The team is planning to run all winter and set up a Running Club. All those interested please contact the Athletic Recreation Office.

## PEPSI ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



This week's Pepsi Player of the Week is Shelly Eichel. Shelly is a member of the Women's Soccer team and a second year Bachelor of Arts student from Bridgewater. She was recently selected as the recipient of the Gerry LeBlanc award for skill and leadership. The Award recognizes Shelly as MVP in the NSCAA for her skill as a player and her leadership and role model to her team.

Congratulations Shelly on being selected Pepsi Player of the Week.

## ONGOING

Wed. Nov. 7  
Intramural Men's Indoor Soccer  
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Rosaria Gym

Thurs. Nov. 8  
Intramural Women's Badminton  
1-2 p.m.  
Rosaria Gym

Intramural Coed Volleyball  
8-10 p.m.  
Rosaria gym

Fri. Nov. 9  
Intramural Coed Basketball  
2-4 p.m.  
Rosaria Gym

## EVENTS

Mon. Nov. 12  
Weight Room and Exercise Room  
Open 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Tues. Nov. 13  
Intramural Coed Badminton  
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Wed. Nov. 14  
Intramural Men's Indoor Soccer  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
Rosaria Gym

MSVU Men's Basketball  
TUNS at MSVU  
8 p.m.  
Rosaria Gym

## MSVU

## Athletic Schedule

## Women's Basketball

November 21	KINGS at MSVU	6:00 p.m.
November 28	MSVU at TC	6:00 p.m.
December 1	MSVU at STU	6:00 p.m.
December 2	MSVU at STU	12:00 noon
Regular games continue in January.		

## Men's Basketball

November 14	TUNS at MSVU	8:00 p.m.
November 21	KINGS at MSVU	8:00 p.m.
November 28	MSVU at NSTC	8:00 p.m.
December 1	MSVU at STU	8:00 p.m.
December 2	MSVU at STU	2:00 p.m.
Regular games continue in January.		

## Co-Ed Badminton

November 18	at STU	9:30 a.m.
November 24	at Ste. Anne	9:00 a.m.
Regular games continue in January.		

## Cross-Country Running

(Locations of NSCAA meets)  
September 22 at T.C.  
October 14 at MSVU  
October 20 at King's  
November 3 at CCGS (Provincial Championships)

## Women's Volleyball

TBA

Mount teams compete in the Nova Scotia Colleges Athletic Association against 8 member colleges. Nationally, we compete in the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association.



## SPORTS

## MSVU Teams Come Close in Tournament

By Nadine Hines

Both of the Mount's men's and women's basketball teams participated in the MSVU invitational basketball tournament held in the Rosaria gym over the weekend.

On Friday night, the men's team played against AMS. They were behind in the first half, but pulled away 10 minutes into the second half, winning 83-74.

Top scorers were Wayne Keddy 24, Andrew MacNeil 13, Mark Forward and Dryeck McDermott with 12 a piece, Tony Ross 6 and Garnet Wright 4.

The men's second game was quite a frustrating one, losing to Saint John Moosehead on Saturday by a score of 77-72.

Top scorers for MSVU were Wayne Keddy 19, Mark Forward 16, Tony Ross 14, Dyreck McDermott 10 and Ray Adekayode 5.

Saint John Moosehead went on to win the men's tournament, beating Wolfhead Tavern 96-93 in overtime. The all stars of the tournament were from Saint John

Moosehead, Paul Vaughan and Steven Welson; from Wolfhead Tavern, Steven Woods and Kevin Newcombe along with Brian William from Clover Products. The MVP of the tournament was Kevin Lewis, also from Saint John Moosehead.

The women's team also won their first game, beating UPEI 56-52. Top scorers were Carol Ann Coon 13, Gail MacDonald 12, Alex Taylor 8, Wanda Skinner 6, Jocelyn MacLean and Andrea Drake with 5 a piece. Players of the game were Carol Ann Coon MSVU and Rea Bahadivisnigh, UPEI.

With this win, the team advanced to the championship game.

This was a fast paced game, with Bogarts jumping out into a large lead in the first half. The women came back with good shots and a stronger second half and brought the final score to 54-40, with Bogarts on top.

Top scorers were Jocelyn MacLean 11, Gail MacDonald

10, Alex Taylor 7, Carol Ann Coon and Nancy Carson 4.

Players of the game were Gail MacDonald of MSVU and Coreth Greeley, who was also MVP of the tournament.

## Tournament Results

## Men's

1. Wolfhead Tavern 102 Clover Products 93
2. Truro MacDonalds 84 Clearwater 76
3. MSVU 83 AMS 74. Saint John Moosehead 99 Yarmouth City Drug 78
5. Clover 109 Clearwater 95
6. AMS 95 Yarmouth City Drug 87
7. Wolfhead Tavern 79 Truro MacDonalds 69
8. Saint John Moosehead 77 MSVU 72
9. AMS 96 Clover 84
10. Saint John Moosehead 98 Wolfhead Tavern 93

## Women's

1. MSVU 56 UPEI 52
2. Bogarts 74 NSAC 27
3. UPEI 61 NSAC 28
4. Bogarts 54 MSVU 40



Photo by Kelly Beaton

Fouled All Over

## ENVIRONMENT

## Pollution is Everyone's Concern

By Karen Atkinson

Over the summer I worked for the Lower Trent Region Conservation Authority, in Trenton, Ontario. This was my first real eye-opener to the predicament that our world is in. I have always heard those people on T.V. talking about what we should and shouldn't be doing, but I guess it just never sunk in. Who do they think they are, anyway? I don't appreciate being told what to do (Hey, mom are you reading this?) but now I realize that maybe we do need a few pointers.

The office I worked for offered a variety of services to help everyone conserve our natural resources. It seems a lot of people out there don't understand that some things just can't be replaced. When all of our oceans and rivers and lakes are polluted, that's it, there's no more. You can't just go out and buy a river these days (I wonder what one would go for, anyway?). Once we've destroyed this land we can't pack up, move to a new planet and proceed with destroying

another one. Once we've fully polluted our environment, we die.

Scary thought, eh? It's true though, and not enough people seem to care about that. We treat our environment with such disrespect. I think a lot of people want to take the laissez-faire attitude, myself included. Let someone else worry about it, I haven't got the time. I always thought that conserving our resources was someone else's responsibility. It's pretty bad, isn't it, when the government has got to pay people to take care of our planet? There were only about twenty people working for the Authority, that's a hell of a lot of work for twenty people to do on their own.

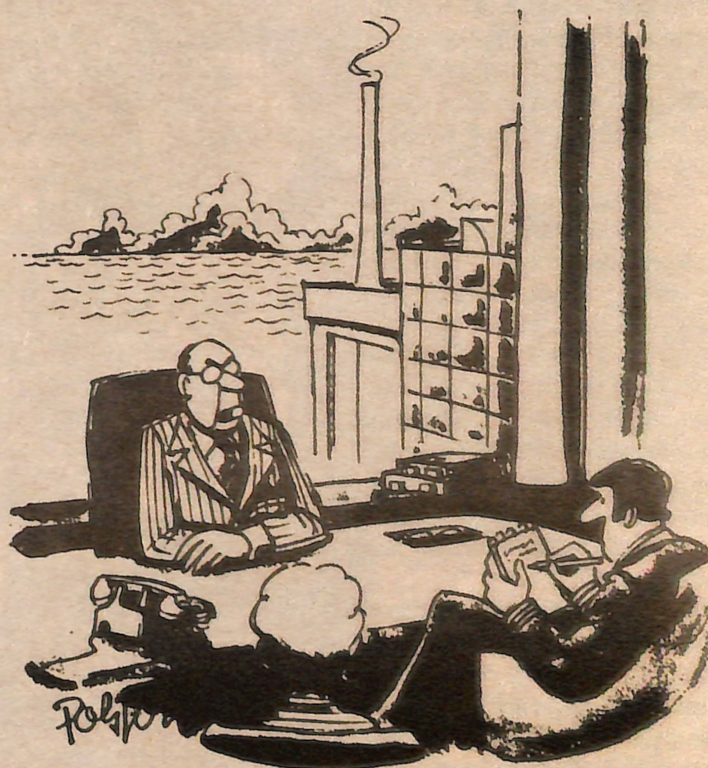
I think that instead of trying to tell people how to do their part in "fixing" the problem, we have to let them know first that there is a problem and if they don't do something about it, they will die. Good idea, threaten them with their lives, it works in the movies.

My job this summer was great in two ways: 1. It paid a lot of money. 2. It proved to me that I have to do something. If I want to breathe in clean air and swim in that pond beside my house, then I better let everyone know about it. Hey, everyone, I WANT TO SWIM IN MY POND. I want the big manufacturing companies to know that I'd rather have my good ol' air any day, instead of that deluxe fishing gadget. (Hey, guys--THERE'S NO MORE FISH.)

This isn't something that you have to jump off your couch--especially if the Simpsons are on--and get involved, join the team. Just take a little time and think about how much breathing means to you and about how you'd feel if a little breath of air killed you.

There are plenty of small things that every one of us can do without putting much effort forth. We all like that idea, don't we?

Every little bit makes a WORLD of difference.



"It's not my factory that's polluting the lake. It's all those dead fish that're doing it."



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Running Amok - Halifax Nightlife Messenjah

By Ian Cowan

Off I go to see Messenjah, Canada's foremost reggae band. I didn't really want to go by myself, because I have got a poor track record with bars, hillbillies and solo excursions. I get a hold of my very able-bodied assistant, Stephanie Siddall, and we headed for the Sea Horse (a.k.a. the "Sea Pig" or just plain old "Pig"), for a few preliminary beverages. Half way through beer number three I realized that I had forgotten all of my notes on the band at home. So I figured, the hell with

it, I will do it by memory.

We finally make our way to the Pub Flamingo. My one and only attempt to contact the road manager backstage was ended by the appearance of a large individual who basically told me to get lost. Otherwise, he would tear off the limb of my choice and beat me with it. I made a hasty retreat to the bar to sulk for a bit.

Messenjah knows how to put on a good show. It was excellent. The Pub had two camera persons filming the show and they broadcasted it on the Pub's T.V.s during the performance. It was an excellent added visual effect.

Messenjah is out of Toronto, but there is very few hints that they are not a true island band. In a couple of their songs they would stop the reggae lyrics and do a rap with a reggae instrumentals. It's the first time I've heard them do that, but it's really cool.

It was as good as expected. They packed the dance floor, and everybody let it all hang out. If you "people" had read my preview article you would have known that they were playing Halifax.

And it's your fault for missing the show.

## Our Country's Good

By Paula Kendrick

The first theatrical performance in Australia was George Farquhar's comedy "The Recruiting Officer" on June 4, 1789. The play was performed by members of a newly-established British colony made up of convicts--sent away from their country to deal with England's rising crime rate.

This historical fact was the basis for Thomas Keneally's novel "The Playmaker". This in turn was the inspiration for Timberlake Wertenbaker's original play "Our Country's Good", now on Neptune Theatre's mainstage.

Ambitious British lieutenant Ralph Clark (Ross Manson) attempts to engage the convicts of an Australian penal colony in a production of Farquhar's play. What follows is a successful mixture of comedy, tragedy and self-discovery.

Strong and memorable performances are given by each cast member--most of them display their talents by playing two or more roles.

Alexander Poch-Goldin has the most challenging of roles: playing both Ketch Freeman, a spineless hunchbacked hangman, and British Major Robbie Ross, a cruel-hearted man who specializes in colourful adjectives and alliteration.

Ted Dykstra's character Robert Sideway delivers a lot of the play's humour. Sideway is a convict bit by the acting bug, and his overdramatic entrances and struggle for theatrical perfection keep the audience laughing. Moving performances are given by Camille Jones as Duckling Smith, and Kyra Harper as Liz Morden.

The play combines intense scenes depicting human cruelty with scenes that are wildly comical. The success of such a contrast is amazing.

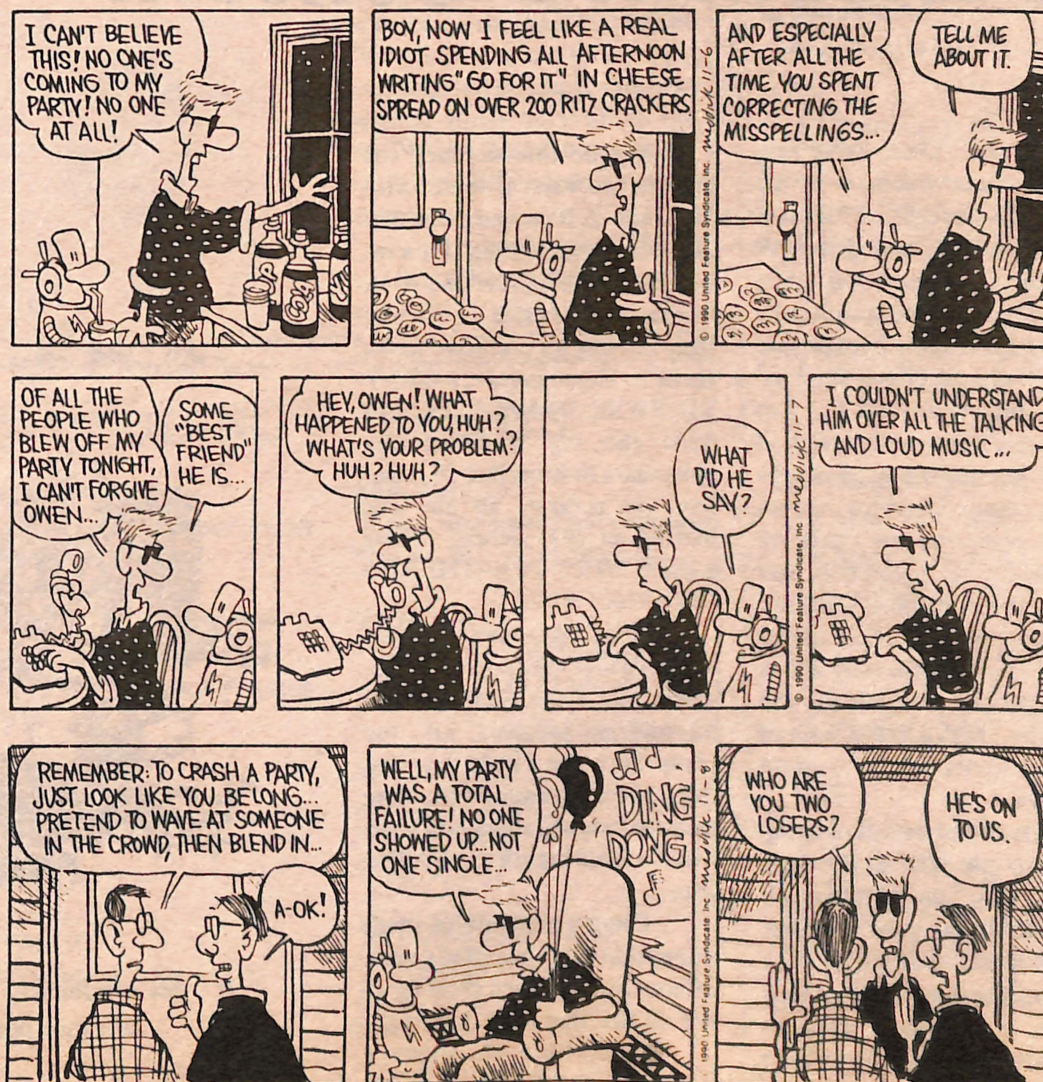
The lack of music and elaborate sets works to the productions benefit, keeping the focus on the characters. The costumes are fantastic, creating a wonderful contrast between the convicts

brown and grey rags and the bright red, white and blue British military uniforms.

The entire performance is captivating from its opening scenes of brutality and depression to its moving, and even heart warming, conclusion.

"Our Country's Good" runs on Neptune's mainstage until November 25.

## ROBOTMAN® by Jim Meddick



## Pursuit of Happiness

By Alison Cameron

On a night that is traditionally set aside for dressing up in last-minute costumes and going out in search of candy, this Halloween some people had more worthwhile things to do. The crowd of 800 that was gathered in The McInnes Room at the Dal SUB were waiting for happiness...The Pursuit of Happiness, that is.

The band opened with a few new songs from their most recent album, "One Sided Story". The crowd was more than receptive, but it wasn't until they played "She's So Young" that they truly had everyone's attention. One of their most popular songs, and the one that they were, perhaps, initially recognized for, "I'm an Adult Now", got a raving response.

This, of course, could be partially because of the medley they

threw in at the middle consisting of an old Doors song and Stephenwolf's "Born to be Wild".

The crowd applauded and brought them back for an encore, one that was definitely worth witnessing. Pursuit of Happiness does New Kids on the Block...I kid you not. The band came back with "Hangin' Tough", waving arms and all. They certainly gave the New Kids a run for their money! And for something completely different, they turned to Joan Jett and the Blackhearts for their version of "I Love Rock n' Roll".

The Pursuit of Happiness is definitely a band of individuality. They say what they mean. I think that's one of the reasons their popularity and success has skyrocketed so quickly since their last album, "Love Junk". It was an evening well spent, and even worth the candy I missed out on.

## Music: Whether You Like or Not Jellyfish

By Ian Cowan

There is a lot of good music out there that you people are missing. Perhaps I can expose

you to some different tunes to widen your horizons and warp your outlook on life at the same time.

The group Jellyfish (not the Jellyfishbabies), have produced a new tape called "Bellybutton". The tape is reminiscent of the Beatles "White Album". The Jellyfish remind me of the Beatles when they were experimenting with L.S.D. and Marijuana.

They do have their own distinction. The hard realities of the 90's are never forgotten on this tape. The song "The Man I Used to Be" is an anti-war tune, sung from a father to son. The line: "Medals don't mean shit to me, when your family is lost at sea."

The song "She Sill Loves Him" is a sad piece about a woman who loves her husband, despite the fact that he works out his frustrations by beating her up. She remains with him into old age when all they have is their memories.

"Calling Sarah" is the traditional love song about the boy who can't tell the girl that he loves her, but he can't live without her. It's an old story but the presentation is different.

Like I said, this album is like the Beatles on "acid" with a Skinny Puppy attitude. Another hard edge album, but I like it.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## ASK ALICE

Dear Alice:

I'm lonely and depressed. Now that midterms are over for me, I feel burned out. I live alone and I feel like I need to do something other than sleep, study, and eat. Can you prescribe an antidote for this feeling?

-Mr. Lonely

Dear Mr. Lonely:

Cheer up! There's a whole world out there just waiting to meet you. It's never too late to get involved in school activities. Check out the intramurals in Rosaria, or drop by the weight room or an aerobics class. If sports aren't your style, join a society around school, or better yet, drop by the Picaro! We can always use help with writing, photography, typing, and layout. Vinnie's is another great place to meet people. There's more to the Mount than studying!

Dear Alice:

Is it wrong to love a 16 year old? I'm 26 and married to another man. I've tried to get over him, but my feelings only intensify every time I see him. I can't help myself. He looks like Robert Downey Jr.

Am I in love with this boy because he looks like Robert Downey Jr, or am I in love with Robert Downey Jr because he looks like this boy?

-Ever Lusting Love

Dear Lusting:

It's not wrong to love anybody, regardless of their age. It is questionable though, to be so attracted to someone when you're married to another man. Also, think about the reasons why you're attracted to this other guy. Would you want to strain (or destroy) one relationship because you've found a Robert Downey Jr look-alike?

Dear Alice:

Help! My roommate's boyfriend has been visiting for the past two months, and after a dispute at our house, has refused to leave. He pushed me into a wall and threatened to punch me. He didn't. He called me everything in the book and did the same to one of my other roommates. His girlfriend hasn't said

or done anything about this situation. This guy really scares me and I have left the house until he's gone. I have considered moving out, but why should I leave? I could kick him and his girlfriend out, but my other roommates would not agree to that. I am just scared he's really going to hurt somebody next time. How can I get his loud mouthed creep out of the house without causing too much trouble with the girlfriend and other roommate?

-Con-

sidering Hiring a Hit Man

Dear Hit Man:

No one has to live in fear. You can't continue living like this, no matter what your other roommates say.

First, it is just as much your home as your roommates. Anyone who "visits" for two months, is certainly not a just a guest. I hope he has been contributing towards the rent and other expenses.

Secondly, how would this roommate feel if you had someone over for such a long time who physically and mentally abused her? Don't feel guilty about standing up for your rights. If you don't, no one else will.

Thirdly, there is absolutely no reason for this guy to be treating you like this. Violence solves nothing. You are not dealing with a sane individual, so don't even try reasoning with him. Also, don't stay away from your house because he's there. The next time he gives any indication of losing his temper, call the police. Don't be hesitant about doing this. It's part of their job to handle situations like this. Sometimes people like your roommate's friend just need a little intimidation from someone with more authority to make them realize that they're not omnipotent. Besides, it's better to act before things get out of hand than wait until it's too late.

Finally, and most importantly, don't move or stay away on this guy's account. That's probably what he wants. Stand up for yourself and demand some changes. You deserve better than this.

Dear Alice:

A good friend of mine has a crush on me and I don't feel the same way. We've been best friends for a couple of years. Last year, he told me he was gay, but that didn't bother me until now. I'm not gay, but it doesn't bother me that he is. How can I defer while still remaining his friend?

-Crushed

Dear Crushed:

You didn't say if you are male or female, but regardless, the situation is the same. Any friendship is strained when one person likes the other as "more than just a friend." It sounds to me though, that you have a very honest, open friendship. It would be a shame to damage it by continuing like this. Explain to your friend that you want to stay being friends, but nothing more. Also, try to reinforce your feelings to him that his being gay doesn't bother you. I hope things work out.

Dear Alice:

I seem to have a problem. There is a very sexy, attractive, outgoing male in Vinnie's Lounge. He has a killer smile, and eyes that could make you melt. His voice is very sexy and when I hear it, I could just die. I can't hear it for more than five minutes without being terribly flustered. How do I go about romancing him?

-H&B

Dear H&B:

Cool down! This isn't a problem, you've got your work cut out for you. If you like him this much, then something must be done. The next time you see him in Vinnie's, make your move.

Ask him to dance or ask him what he's doing this weekend, and take it from there. Don't be flustered, he's just human!

Are you having problems? Do you need advice?

**ASK ALICE**

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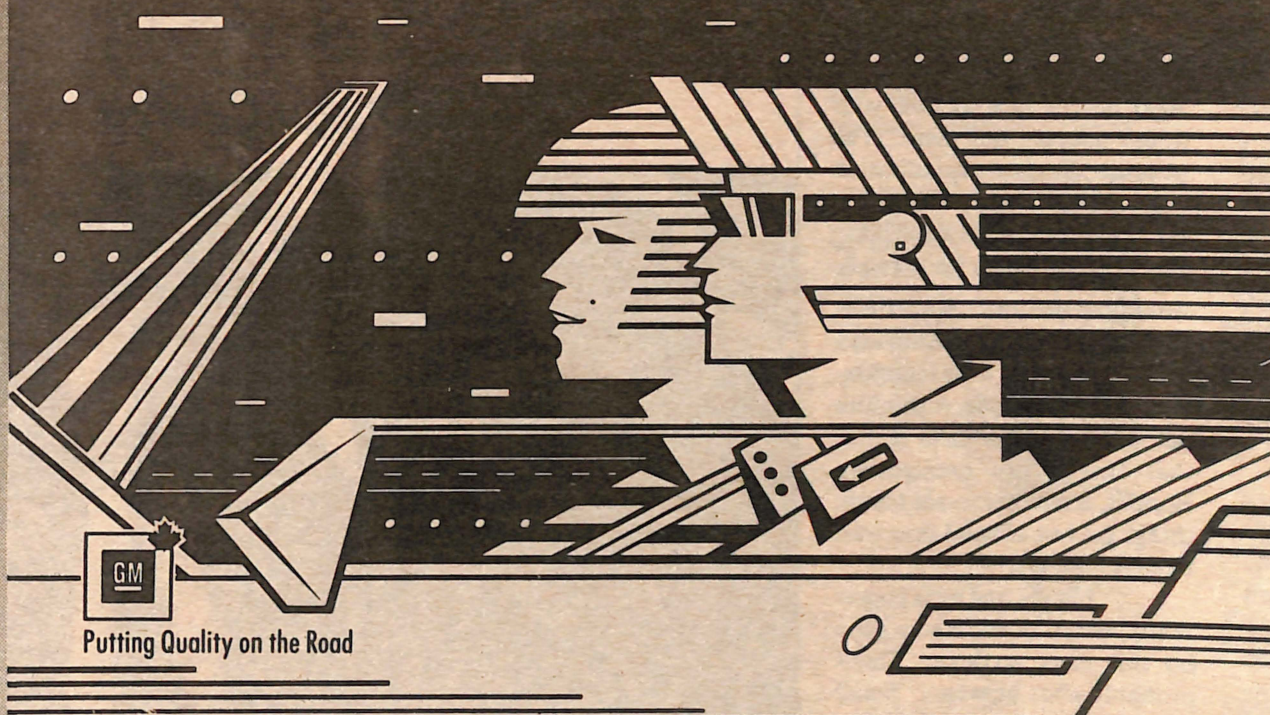
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