

SUMMER COUNCIL PICKS UP FOR FALL

The salary paid to the president of the Student Union is not enough to consider being a full time summer job, according to Dachia Joudrey, Student Union President.

"The \$140/week salary will only cover my bills," she said.

This past summer Joudrey worked part time with the Nova Scotia Drama League during May, June and July. She was able to incorporate the Union president's job with her other job; being able to do most of her phoning from the N.S.D.L.

"The job of Union President is not a nine to five job," Joudrey said. "It is very sporadic and entails a lot of evening and weekend work."

"In an average week," Joudrey said, "she spent approximately two or three hours a day, five days a week, in her office." Also evenings were taken up with summer Student Council meetings, Finance committee, and Constitutional committee meetings as well as deciding on a drug plan.

"This summer we kept things moving along on Council thus enabling us to enter the fall semester ready for the return of students."

Joudrey, besides performing her routine tasks, also produced a handbook along with other members of the Council Executive.

As well, a calendar was

produced by the president and Paul McNair with photography by Orlando diMittia. This is the first time such an effort has been undertaken by a union president. The nice thing about the calendar is that it is free to students.

"The financial situation of the Student Union does not look very solid," Joudrey said. A running debt over the past few years has placed this year's Union in financial straits.

The Union has projected revenues of \$68,000. This figure is based on the collection of union dues calculated on last year's enrollment. Even with this amount, Council is projecting a deficit of some \$500.

"This year must be one of restraint," said Joudrey. "The societies on campus must tighten their belts."

On the topic of council/administration relations," Joudrey said, "they seem to be good." On the issue of year-book fees, however, some senior administrative staff view the union in a negative way.

"On certain constitutional issues, the university administration is not willing to compromise," Joudrey said. Other than that, Dr. Fulton and the administration have been very helpful over the past few months.

Future plans of Council include Winter Carnival; a

workshop for Dons, Resident Assistants and the executives of each society; and hosting a referendum on raising student union fees to provide a financial cushion for the union.

One major issue—the feasibility study on the construction of a Student Union Building—has been shelved. The cost of such a study would be \$500 to \$1,000.

"Looking at the Union financial situation, it may be two to three years before a study can be carried out," said Joudrey.

"All in all," she said, "she is looking forward to this year, initiating some change and settling outstanding issues."



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Frosh Wash Nets \$600



by Karen Stone

The "Frosh Wash for Terry Fox", 99 cent car wash proved to be the highlight of initiation for the first year students at the Mount. Initiation conducted by the Resident Assistants and Dons is an annual affair which takes many shapes and forms. This year we tried to spread it over the whole orientation week.

Monday night everyone attended a "Poster Bolster". It was the first occasion where all the frosh were together. Some made posters for the carwash while the others played games and learned songs. They received instruction on how to best conserve their toilet tissue in case of a shortage.

Tuesday was a big day. We had sunshine, warm weather and lots of frosh coming out in their pyjamas. However, they were not alone in their costumes. The RA's and Dons joined in the spirit. We modeled clown costumes, pyjamas, 1920's swimsuits and in one case "just a towel."

There was never a shortage of cars. At some points they were lined way down the hill. The Frosh were washing as many as 7 cars at a time. They completed one wash in less than a minute for one gentleman who contributed \$20 and a case of soap. Another couple who had already travelled 1600 miles came an extra 100 when they heard about the wash.

Two guys drove up in a Renegade. They said they wanted a complete wash without them getting wet. I should mention that the top was down and the two guys stayed in the Jeep. It was a challenge but the girls did it.

Dry was not a word that described the washers. We all got hosed down or a bucket of soap thrown at us. A good time was had by all and we very proudly made our contribution of \$636 to the Marathon of Hope.

"Thank You" to the University for their full cooperation; the publicity we received on such a short notice; the people who brought their cars and donations; and to the Frosh, without which it could not have been such a success. This is just one of the many examples of what can be done when the University, RA's, Dons and students work together.

Thursday morning 8:00 a.m., Evaristus Hall had a room inspection. Remember girls practice those hospital corners.

On Friday, the University campus came alive a bit earlier than usual, 5:00 a.m. to be exact, as initiation started in earnest.

We seranaded the Birches among numerous other things. At 7:00 a.m. everyone joined in the President's jog. It was

followed by a pancake breakfast without cutlery of any kind. A sticky situation indeed!

So far the 1980-81 Frosh have proved they have a lot of spirit. Keep it up and it will be a great year. Your stay at the Mount will be what you make it. Just remember your RA's and Dons will always be there to help!!

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Nancy and Charlene, barely clad, turn a few heads on the Bedford Highway, while soliciting (oops) customers for last week's Frosh Wash Photo: Moran

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Page Two and You is The Picaro's new, weekly information column. News of entertainment events at the Mount, announcements of meetings of the Union, Council or any societies or clubs, and public service announcements from relevant community services will be carried on this page each week.

Societies, clubs and interested community organizations who wish to place an announcement on this page may do so free of charge. The event announced must be of relevance or interest to the Mount community and the organization must be non-profit.

Submissions must be typed and double-spaced and must reach The Picaro office in Rosaria Hall by noon Friday for publication the following Tuesday.

Many thanks to the Resident Assistants and Dons for all their work during Orientation --- Student Services

This Week

Saturday, September 20

Dance
Beatles bash with "SPICE"
Rosaria Cafeteria
9 a.m. — 1 a.m. Wet/Dry
\$3.50

Advance tickets available after Wednesday at Student Union office.

Sunday, September 21

All Day Outing
Oakfield Park
Bus leaves Evaristus at 1 p.m.
\$4.00 (includes bus, B.B.Q., lots of fun and sun).

Rescheduled because of rain from Sunday, September 14.

Movie—

"The Reincarnation of Peter Proud"—8 p.m. Aud. B. Admission \$1.00 for all. Doors open at 7.30.

Watch for these events coming soon:

Wednesday night Beer & Chips. Starting soon

Barley Bree coming October 3.

Movie

"Midnight Express" Coming September 28.

Dance Advance Advances

A Halifax-based performing modern dance company has come one important step closer to realization, with the approval by the Nova Scotia Department of Culture, Recreation & Fitness of a start-up grant to Dance Advance Association. The grant constitutes formal recognition by the Province of Dance Advance's intent to establish a professional company in Halifax within the next few years.

Dance Advance artistic director Jeanne Robinson received the good news upon her return from the highly successful American premiere of the multimedia dance "Higher Ground" at the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Boston Hotel (which drew a standing ovation from an audience in excess of one thousand). "The success of last spring's Dance Project," said Robinson, "which virtually sold out the Sir James Dunn Theatre two nights running—and broke even financially with no subsidy or support of any kind—proved the existence of a wide and supportive dance audience in the Metro area. More important, it unified, however briefly, many of this area's talented independent dancers and dancemakers. We all grew from that sharing. That's what a company can and should do."

Robinson has been dancing

—and teaching dance—in Nova Scotia since 1972. "It is frustrating," she said, "to spend years teaching and training good dancers—who must then leave and go elsewhere to find work and performing opportunities. Without dancers, how can local choreographers survive here?" Dance Advance Association, a non-profit group whose membership is open to the public, is committed to providing a genuine Halifax option in the next few years—and is actively seeking committed dancers and related professionals to

help in the creation and development of a professional performing company.

For those who see dancing as exercise, recreation, hobby or personal expression, as well as for those committed to it as a way of life, classes will resume for the Fall season at Robinson's DancExchange studios at 1585 Barrington Street, Suite 310, during the week of September 15.

For further information concerning DancExchange classes or Dance Advance Association activities, call 422-5915 or 423-7070.

INTERESTED IN YEARBOOK ?

All interested persons can attend a workshop for the 1980 Janus yearbook. Staff will be trained on layout procedures,

copy preparation and photo cropping. As well, persons interested in photography, art work or just helping out are

welcome to attend.

The workshop will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Pharos yearbook office on the third floor of the Dalhousie SUB (behind the Graywood Lounge).

Refreshments will be served and for further information contact Steve Hall or Jane Melanson at 433-4224.

PSYCH SOCIETY

The Mt. St. Vincent University Psychology Society announces its first meeting for the year will be held Friday at noon. We will be discussing the election of officers, means of fund raising, and, above all, what events and guest speakers we will be hosting this year.

All Psychology majors and anyone with an interest in matters psychological are welcome to attend.

Want to find out more about a particular topic in Psychology? Come to the meeting and we will see what can be

arranged.

Watch the notice boards for the exact location of the meeting and we will see you Friday at noon.

COOKE TO SPEAK

Internationally known theologian Dr. Bernard Cooke will be at Mount Saint Vincent University to deliver this year's Elizabeth Seton Lectures October 2 and 3, 1980.

The Elizabeth Seton Lectures were established by the Sisters of Charity to make the Christian presence felt at the university in a particularly tangible way, by bringing to the campus and the surrounding community outstanding expressions of Christian thought and life.

Dr. Cooke, currently a professor in religious studies at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, has taught at many universities throughout North America including the University of Windsor and the University of Calgary. He has written numerous articles and books on various aspects of religion.

His first lecture will be Thursday, October 2 at 8:00 p.m. entitled "Jesus: Man and/or God?". On Friday, at

10:00 a.m. he will speak on the "Uniqueness of Jesus as Saviour" and at 2:00 p.m. on "Recovery of the Human Jesus".

These lectures are open to the public. For further information, contact the Department of Religious Studies, Mount Saint Vincent University, 443-4450.

At The Gallery

Barry Feldman, Middle River, Cape Breton will give a presentation on his work in conjunction with his exhibit **Landscape**, Monday, September 22 at 8:15 p.m., in the Mount Art Gallery. Call 443-4450 for further details.

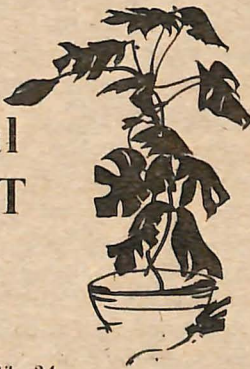
Junior and Senior art classes will be offered at the Mount Art Gallery this fall. The focus will be on landscape drawing. Call 443-4450 for further details.

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The Reincarnation of Peter Proud

Michael Sarrazin Jennifer O'Neill

Margot Kidder
Cornelia Sharpe

Seton Aud. B 8 pm
(Doors open at 7:30)
Sunday, September 21

Admission: \$1.00 for everyone

JANET MURRAY: BOARD FACES BALANCE ACT



Janet Murray will need a steady hand if she is to succeed in all the balancing she has to do at the Mount.

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Maintaining a balanced budget and maintaining a balanced academic offering will be the two major issues facing the Mount's Board of Governors, the new Chairman of the Board said recently.

Speaking in an interview over the summer, Janet Murray acknowledged that fund-raising is an essential priority in these times of fiscal restraint.

"Money is always a problem and our (fund-raising) committee is working very hard. It (raising money) is a continual problem that every university in Canada has," she said.

The Mount is even less fortunate than most other institutions because of the lack of "famous grads" who will spearhead fund-raising drives.

"Our famous grads are all homemakers," Murray said. "And there's not much money in that."

Yet fund-raising is the only method by which the Mount can keep tuition and other costs as low as possible and finance the necessary capital costs of construction.

But balanced books are not the only juggling act facing the university over the next few years; a balance must be maintained between professional and liberal arts course offerings.

Murray was appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors over the summer.

"We have gone into the sort of vocational courses like Child Studies and Public Relations. These are important... because there is a necessity for them and they provide a job at the end.

"On the other hand, this is a university and I think we all feel strongly that we have to maintain the university standards. We have to make sure that we are not just turning out trained people but also people who are least on a start towards being educated people."

Murray said this can be accomplished by making liberal arts courses requisites, even for the professional degrees. She said the student may not recognize the use of this education at the time but that appreciation will grow.

"At the end of it all, they not only have a job but can make a good life for themselves and make a contribution to the community as well."

The task of ensuring a standard of excellence exists to carry out this training at the Mount is another problem facing the Board. It is also another fiscal problem.

"We want to maintain the highest standards that we can in our faculty. We have been able to do that so far. But you have to pay faculty a fair salary or there will be other places that will."

But faculty excellence is not

the only facet threatened by tight funds.

"Scholarships are another area that we are really concerned about," she said. "A lot of young people have a lot of difficulty getting through university and we would like to be able to help them. But we really don't have enough money in scholarships to provide (this assistance)."

When Murray attended Halifax West High School's graduation exercises last June, there was only one Mount scholarship awarded out of a total of about 10. Yet, she said, Halifax West is part of the same community the Mount is, and should deserve more than this.

The new Chairman said she is in favour of men attending the Mount and would hate to see the doors closed to male enrollment, despite the tradition of the university as a women's school.

The university was founded originally, as you know, to provide an opportunity for the education of young Catholic women. And we are still concentrating on education for women because that's where we see the need still is.

"We can't close admission to men although there are some people, I'm sure, who feel it would be better if we did."

Murray said if the Mount did close its doors to men, it would be as guilty of discrimination as those elements of society which close doors to women, especially where the Mount offers unique programmes such as Public Relations.

She said she considered it a compliment that men would consider coming to the Mount, not only for courses like Public Relations but for other degrees as well.

But, she said, there has been vices for that male complement, such as a men's residence discussion at the Board level

MINISTER COMES UNDER FIRE FOR 'OFFENSIVE' STATEMENTS

by Francis Moran
Staff Reporter

Although expecting a more friendly reception than that accorded him in Liberal-scarce western Canada, the federal minister of Employment and Immigration received what at times looked like is self-acclaimed public hanging when he addressed an overflow crowd Friday at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Speaking on the status of women (his second portfolio), Lloyd Axworthy said there is now an issue of discrimination against women in this country and "something should be done. On the rhetorical level, there is a commitment" to the issue.

Axworthy first came under

about providing complete serment, such as a men's residence.

"I would think that a men's residence would be fairly low on our list of priorities," she said. "As far into the future as I can see, we are still going to concentrate on the fact that we are a university that caters particularly to women."

But Murray cannot see this catering taking the form of relaxed visiting regulations in the women's residences of the university. In answer to last year's controversy over this question, she quoted from a past president of Berkeley College:

"He (the past president) thought it unfortunate that universities had reached the point where their most serious problems were providing athletics for the Alumni, parking for the faculty and sex for the students."

She said the decision last year not to relax the regulations was one made by the Sisters of Charity, the University Corporation, and not the Board of Governors. Since the Corporation holds a majority of votes on the board, the Governors could do little but to concur with the decision.

"The Board, however, felt and agreed with the concerns of the students," she said. "Social life is a very important part of university life."

The new building, it is hoped, will do much to alleviate the socially stifling atmosphere of the university. attention paid to the balance between young and old in the classroom.

Murray, currently serving her second two-year term on the Board of Governors, said she is anxious to get started in her new job and does not feel that her lack of experience on the executive of the Board—she has never held a position on the executive—will greatly hamper her.

flack when he said women will soon take their rightful places in the workforce as the number of skilled male labourers dwindles.

"It is an absolute economic necessity that women be fully integrated in the workforce," he said.

One member of the audience said she was "offended" by the Minister's intimation that women can only be useful when there are no men to do the job. She compared the Minister's statements to the situation that existed during the two World Wars. Because of the shortage of men, women were drawn into the domestic workforce, only to lose their jobs when the men returned.

"Is this what is going to happen (when the temporary

The Board as well intends to vastly improve the lounges provided for socializing. Murray said the old facilities were viewed by the Board as "a joke."

She added that, if it was any consolation, when she was a student here, the residents had to be in by 10 p.m., yet they still managed to have very good relationships with members of the opposite sex.

In response to the shifting patterns of university enrolment, Murray said the Mount would continue its pioneer efforts in the role of continuing education. The flexibility of the Mount's course offerings will ensure that more and more non-traditional students enrol here.

But there is even a balancing act to do here. In order to prevent Freshman students just out of high school from being intimidated by their much older and thus more experienced classmates, there is going to have to be a lot of

Originally appointed to the Board as an Alumnae representative, she is now serving as a representative of the University Corporation. In her time she has sat on the building committee which drew up the original plans for Rosaria Center; on the Athletics/ Recreation search committee which hired Deborah Denny; and on the President's committee on athletics.

She also served a year as one of the Mount's representatives on the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University.

She said her original trepidation about accepting the position has evaporated in the general spirit of co-operation and devotion to the Mount which characterises the Board.

"Ruth Goldbloom (the outgoing chair) worked harder than any Chairman I have ever seen in my life. It's going to be hard living up to that."

"It's going to be fun."

shortage of skilled males is over?" she asked.

In response to the Minister's reply—"You take offence too easily."—another outraged member of the audience quoted lines from a 1950's Broadway musical: "Words, words, words. Don't tell me, show me!"

In defence of his government, Axworthy said the Liberals have taken concrete steps to eliminate discrimination in the workforce, starting with the federal public service. Affirmative action programmes now in place in several federal departments will ensure that women can compete for (and get) jobs on an equal or even advanced footing with men, he said.

The next step is to build

Editorial

SHORTEN THOSE LINES!

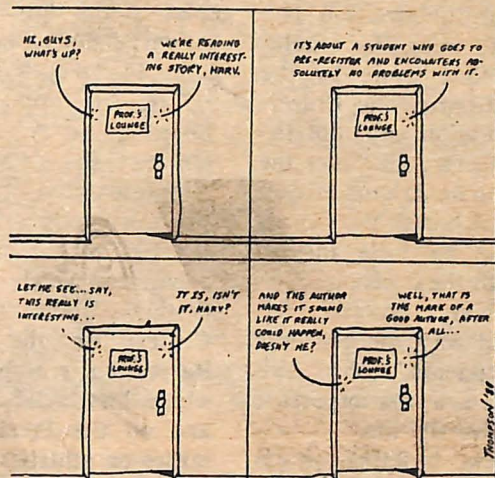
Last week, we were able to employ a unique distribution system for the paper when it arrived on campus at noon. Presented with a very captive audience, we went around and handed out copies to the masses of lost, confused and frustrated students who lined the corridors of Seton Academic Center. Never before had **The Picaro** received such joyous acceptance from the student population of Mt. St. Vincent University. But, as I said, they were a captive audience, locked for hours in a painstaking ritual known as registration.

You would think, that after a dozen years of practice, the (relatively) very small number of students being processed, and all the natural and manufactured talents of man and machine, our university administration would have figured out a way to remove much of the confusion, the frustration and, especially, the time it takes simply to registrar.

O.K., they say, you can pre-register. But if you did that, you were very fortunate if you didn't have to rewrite your entire schedule at least twice or three times.

The largest problem this year was the insane attempt to push all these students through the painstaking procedure in two short days. The inevitable result was the streams of humanity lined up at every possible bottleneck in a head-ache and wobbly-knee ridden attempt to battle their ways through.

In short, Administration, here is a strong suggestion that this very unpleasant introduction to university life be made somewhat less of an ordeal. Shorten the lines before tempers become shortened.



Also last week, the normally irresponsible provincial Department of Education came through with a very much needed increase in the bursary portion of the Canada Student Loan programme. The \$500 dollar increase in the non-repayable provincial portion of the programme will go a long way to alleviating the omni-present increases in the costs of post-secondary education. I extend my congratulations and thanks to the department for finally waking up.

There is only one problem.

Now we will have to put up with Terry Donahoe's self-righteous claims that he is doing nothing to make university degrees universally accessible. Hiding behind the glowing shield of his latest announcement, the Minister of Education will persuasively deflect all other arguments and issues.

I'm sorry, Mr. Donahoe, but you have a long way to go before your self-acclaimed goal of accessibility is achieved. Until differential fees are abolished, tuition cut back to affordable levels and more realistic criteria for the entire loan programme established, citizens of our country and others will be denied their basic right to education, at any level.

As Oliver once said: "Please Sir, may we have some more?"

I challenge you...

While talking about things that happened last week, I would like to take a short moment to address the myriad of responses to last week's Editorial. It would appear that there is some consensus of opinion that the Editorial was, perhaps, somewhat strong in its wording and prejudicial in its assumptions.

I hope so.

Based on three years of painfully watching faculty societies fold, Council elections being almost entirely uncontested, and Entertainment events chalk up deficits that would make the national treasury look good, I have become firmly convinced that apathy and non-participation were as firmly entrenched at Mt. St. Vincent University as a mountain climber's spikes in the rock.

But, as I said last week, I may be wrong. I sincerely acknowledge the wealth of energy, intelligence and talent that is rampant on this campus. The point of the Editorial, however, was to point out the almost as rampant waste of that talent on this campus.

I hope I was wrong. I challenge you all, Freshmen and upper classmen alike, to prove me wrong.

Francis Moran
Editor

Letters

Submissions for the "Letters-To-The Picaro" column must be typewritten, double-spaced and should not exceed 200 words on length. All letters must be signed but anonymity may be granted upon request. The staff of The Picaro reserve the right to edit all letters for taste, length or legal reasons. Deadline for submissions is each Friday at noon.

ABOUT OUR EDITORIAL

To The Picaro

This letter is to criticize your editorial which appeared in the Orientation Edition of **The Picaro**. First, I would like to refer to your statement that students are "hermits in a cave, coming out only to go to classes (sometimes), to get drunk and to wash your hair because that really cute hunk you picked up last week..." May I point out to you that on Tuesday when this issue came out, the Frosh of this University were busy raising \$700 to honour Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope campaign. How's that for student spirit and determination. I wish to commend everyone who helped in any way to make this Car Wash a successful event and wish to suggest that something of this nature continue every year. Hats off to you for a job well done!!!

Second, I'd like to point out that you refer to the submission by myself and Dr. Fulton as "trite welcomes from people you really don't want to meet." You seem to forget that it was you who requested these submissions and that is why they were sent to you for print. I feel it is unfair after you asked for submissions that you can call them trite submissions from "trite people". This shows your disrespectful attitude towards anyone in a position of higher authority than yourself.

I was sincerely hoping that this year you would take a different stand with regards to the Student Union and the rest of the University community, but I see that this is not so. I have urged as many students as possible to submit letters to you stating their disapproval of your Editorial. I believe that what this University and this Union needs in the upcoming year is not unjust Editorials

from (and to borrow your words) such a "trite Editor" as yourself!!!

Yours sincerely,
Dachia A. Joudrey, President
MSVU Student Union

To The Picaro:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the editorial in the September 9 issue of **The Picaro**.

First of all, I resent the negative attitude you put across in this "trite" piece. My position on Students' Council is that of New Students' Representative. In this position, I am trying to encourage the new students to become active in student activities.

Allow me to quote, please: "Most of you will spend the next several months like hermits in a cave, coming out only to go to classes (sometimes), to get drunk and to wash your hair because that really cute hunk you picked up at Phi Del is coming over."

Could you explain to me who has given you this vast amount of intelligence and inside information that you are able to stereotype the first year student as you have? In your opinion, all freshmen are females (yes, you even managed to get a sexist remark in there), who come to university merely to skip classes and indulge in "pick-ups".

Did it ever occur to you that there are people who attend university for the purpose of gaining an education? (Yes, believe it or not, there are students like that, fortunately). Involvement in the Mount community, be it academic or social, is something that must come about as a result of enthusiasm and a want to become involved. Your attempt at intimidating people into becoming involved is the wrong

approach, by my standards. Some people cannot or merely do not want to become active due to academic responsibilities that they take very seriously. And that is their prerogative. I cannot understand how you can honestly label these people as being apathetic without giving them a chance.

I sincerely hope that the new students will become active participants in our university. But at the same time, I strongly urge every one of them to weigh their priorities first, and above all, not to feel they have to participate due to someone's comments or feelings.

And finally, as for the editorial, Mr. Moran, I feel terribly sorry for someone who has such a low opinion of his fellow students. I can only hope that this year's new students will prove you wrong, but for their reasons, not because your editorial forced them to retaliate. It's a pretty poor way to recruit people.

Yours truly,
Sandy Spencer
New Students' Rep

LISTEN UP: A GOOD IDEA

To The Picaro:

Textbooks for a required course are quite often very expensive. Most university students are anxious to buy and sell used textbooks, in theory, a smart thing to do. There is a slight problem, however, very often textbooks for the same course change all too frequently. Once a required text is changed, the old text, in good condition, is virtually useless. The student that completed the course cannot receive the benefits of selling the book, and the new student cannot buy the book at a reduced rate.

A proposed solution: a regulation allowing the professor to change the required text only once every three or four years. Not only would this give the students an opportunity to buy used texts but would also ensure that the professor be very discriminating in his choice of texts. How about it?

Sue Smith

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Well, folks, we've managed our second issue of the year. Thanks to the numerous bodies who showed up for layout, especially those who fought through to the end, particularly Suzanne, Sandy W. and Croft elder.

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Bursary Increase: Stop Gap

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

Last week's announcement of an increase in the maximum Nova Scotia bursary allowed is not meeting with favourable response.

A spokesman for the Student Aid office of the Department of Education confirmed this, partially.

The students most affected by this increase are those already given a loan/bursary combination of between \$2600-\$3000. The way it was set up before the announced increase was that the first portion of the loan to a maximum of \$1400 was allotted in September. The next \$1200 bursary came in January along with a possible further \$400 loan.

"Anyone who was assessed any or all of the remaining \$400 will automatically be

reassessed so that a portion, probably half, of that will be bursary and the rest loan," said the Student Aid Office.

"Late applications which are being processed now may be held up for a short time while we decide on how to administer the increase to them", the office representative added.

The initial response to the \$500 increase from Student Union presidents was lukewarm. "It is hearty but not enough," said Dachia Joudrey (MSVU). Both Joudrey and Gord Owen (Dalhousie) viewed this measure as a stopgap one that would soon outlive its usefulness.

"It's a farce," said Don Perry, Atlantic fieldworker for the National Union of Students (NUS). "People who followed the rules and applied in June are being penalized," he said.

"There is more wrong with

the system than just these last minute increases," said Perry. "The whole system has to be revamped and two of the major bones of contention are 'independent status' and 'parental contribution'," he said.

Joudrey said that the criteria for status is too cut and dried. "Maybe they should interview



a person if the parental contribution is more than their parents are actually contributing or if parents are not financing their education," said Joudrey.

Heather MacDougall, External Vice President of the MSVU Student Union, plans

to try to find out this year through a campus committee what some of the problems being experienced by Mount Students are regarding Student Aid.

AXWORTHY -- FROM PAGE 3



Lloyd Axworthy fends off questions while speaking at MSVU Friday. Story starts page three.
(diMattia photo)

affirmative action clauses into federal government contracts and the Minister hopes to persuade his cabinet colleagues to do this.

Other ways to eliminate discrimination include government incentives for the hiring of women in non-traditional careers and a new stream of job-creation programmes which must include an equal opportunity hiring plan. The ultimate goal is to have components of the employed force coincide with the components of the workforce.

On the topic of summer student employment, Axworthy blamed the poor programmes this past summer on the previous Progressive Conservative administration. The Liberals could do nothing in the time available other than rearrange some of the funds, he said.

"We tried to use the money in a more effective way," he said.

The Minister's appearance was the first of several such appearances hosted by the Mount each year.



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Solutions For A University System In Decline

by RORY LEISHMAN
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How many students are going to show up on university campuses across Canada this fall and in the years ahead? This is more than an academic question. At stake are literally thousands of faculty positions and millions of dollars in university funding.

Desperate to conserve both jobs and money in the face of an apprehended decline in enrolment, some universities have already resorted to lowering admission standards and debasing the quality of their undergraduate programs. A downward spiral has set in, which will be more and more difficult to reverse in the years ahead.

For next year, however, most universities should get a temporary reprieve. Preliminary statistics in Ontario indicate that university applications in the province are up by about three per cent over last year.

That's good news for the universities, whose funding is largely tied to enrolment. But taxpayers aren't likely to be too pleased to learn that the cost of the lavish recruitment drives by Ontario universities alone this year has exceeded \$1 million.

Moreover, the hard sell, lower admission standards, and greater entrance "scholarships" are not likely to stave off a precipitous decline in university enrolment for more than two or three years at most. Sooner rather than later, the halving of the fertility rate for Canadian women, which occurred during the 1960s, is bound to have a drastic impact on the universities. To be specific, Statistics Canada projects that the 18-24 age group in Canada is now levelling off at about 3.4 million and will decline to less than 2.7 million by 1994.

It is conceivable that university enrolment could hold steady, if the participation rate—that is, the proportion of the 18-24 age group attending university—increases sharply; but that is not likely. In a report released last December entitled *University Research in Jeopardy: The Threat of Declining Enrolment*, the Science Council of Canada acknowledged that "there is a great deal of uncertainty in predicting participation rates".

"However," added the Council, "there is no doubt that the size of the 18-24 age group will decrease by 20 per cent between 1982 and 1994. Therefore, it would seem reasonable to assume that full-time university enrolment will decrease by at least this amount over that period."

To drive home the enormity of this trend, the Council has noted that the anticipated reduction in the number of students attending university in 14 years is likely to approximate the present full-time enrolment at every university west of Manitoba.

During the past three years, a modest decline in university enrolment has already begun in several sections of the country, but matters have been made much worse for the universities by the failure of most provincial governments to

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increase operating grants by even as much as the pace of inflation. When the public clamors for spending restraint, it is relatively easy for politicians to clobber universities, because the damages caused by cutbacks in spending on higher education are difficult to compute and do not show up for several years.

A related factor has been adoption in 1977 of the federal established programs financing act, which changed the rules of the game for conditional grant programs in the fields of medicare, hospitals, and post-secondary education. The adverse impact on medicare has been well documented; the consequences for the universities in Ontario

have been hardly less severe.

Prior to 1977, each dollar allocated by the provinces to university operating grants was more or less matched by the federal government. Since then, the federal government has automatically increased its contribution to the provinces through a transfer of tax points and grants tied to growth in the gross national product, but the provinces have not followed through with corresponding increases to the universities. Indeed, the total increase in university operating grants by

percent of faculty members were over age 50. The implication drawn by the Science Council is that only a 20 per cent reduction in faculty—just enough to match the expected drop in student enrolment—could probably be obtained through normal attrition during the next 14 years.

This, in turn, means that unless the present faculty: student ratio is reduced or professors start leaving the universities for reasons other than normal attrition, there will be no openings for new faculty members until about 1995. In the meantime, an entire generation of young scholars will be lost to the Canadian university system and that, says the Science Council, "would cause almost irreparable damage to the universities."

Perhaps the most alarming aspect of this crisis is that the universities are helpless to deal with it. There is excessive university autonomy. Spending restraint is not centrally coordinated, but left up to each university acting alone. Within each institution, the administration is largely beholden to the university senate, which is dominated by faculty, and the last place the faculty will look for budget cutbacks is in reduced teaching posts and lower salaries. Instead, they will first loot the libraries, plunder scientific equipment, and allow physical plant to

deteriorate. The inevitable results will be poorer teaching and worse research.

Compelling evidence to support this alarming proposition is contained in the latest report of the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA), an independent advisory body to the Davis government. Since enrolment peaked in Ontario in 1976-77, the value of books and periodicals purchased by Ontario universities out of operating income has declined by more than 18 per cent. In the opinion of OCUA, "the decline in funds available is now causing real difficulty in the ability of universities to maintain adequate collections".

Between 1976-77 and 1977-78, university expenditures out of operating income for equipment and furniture in Ontario increased only 5.4 per cent. Preliminary figures for the following two years indicate that spending in this area actually declined. Last fall, OCUA estimated that Ontario universities were spending out of their operating funds just slightly more than one-half of the \$45 million a year than is required to maintain their existing inventories of equipment and furniture.

What has happened to the number of professors during these years? A drop did not occur until 1978-79, when the number of faculty members was somewhat less than 0.3

percent below the peak set in the previous year. During those same two years, enrolment in Ontario universities dropped more than five per cent. (The figures represent both full-time and part-time faculty and enrolment, measured in equivalent full-time units.)

For one reason or another, few senior faculty members protected by tenure have accepted salary restraint as a means of saving jobs for junior colleagues. Contract settlements for Ontario university professors last year provided for income increases averaging close to eight per cent (six per cent as a standard, plus another two per cent for progress through the ranks). In the words of the OCUA report, it is now "extremely difficult for universities to offer teaching and research careers to young people".

This, then, is the nature of the universities' crisis. What should be done about it?

In the first place, provincial governments might fund early retirement programs for professors which would make it possible for universities to hire some talented young faculty members in the years ahead. Another proposal would be for

the provincial governments to increase university funding for books, periodicals, furniture, and scientific equipment in the form of conditional grants, which could not be used to finance faculty salaries. But these would only be partial

solutions.

Saving the quality of the Canadian university system requires not just across-the-board retrenchment but consolidation. In the words of the Science Council, "In the interests of good scholarship, as well as economy, inter-university transfers of faculty members and facilities in specialized areas should be undertaken whenever they are likely to fall below the critical mass in a particular university, and when the transfer could bolster a more flourishing activity in another university."

"Today, such action may seem drastic," admits the council, "but in the long run a rational redistribution of specialization among universities may be the only way to avoid mediocrity in many areas. Public regard for the universities and the preservation of their autonomy would be greatly enhanced if the

universities would initiate such action themselves."

This last observation is a pipe dream. To cite just one example, there are now seven schools of library science affiliated with Canadian universities. It is certain that all of them cannot maintain their current standards of teaching and research as enrolment drops. But is it conceivable that the University of British Columbia might agree to drop voluntarily its library science program so that a larger and better one can be maintained at the University of Toronto (or vice versa)? Not very likely.

Such interprovincial consolidation could best be directed by an agency of the federal government, but under pressure of the provinces, Ottawa has renounced all responsibility for university administration. No other industrialized country has a central government with so little influence over university affairs.

Of course, considerable consolidation among the several universities of Ontario and Québec could be directed by their respective provincial governments. But this is not a task for politicians who, for obvious reasons, should not have responsibility for evaluating university departments. Besides, both Ontario Colleges and Universities Minister Bette Stephenson and her Québec

counterpart, Jacques-Yvan Morin, have made clear that they don't want to take the

political heat for ordering regional universities to axe programs.

What both provinces need is an independent university council composed of laymen and academics exercising executive authority in a manner similar to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. Creation of just such a council was recommended in 1972 in the prescient report of the Wright Commission on Post-secondary Education in Ontario. The chief purposes of this council, the commission suggested, "should be, not the administering of the programs and universities under its jurisdiction, but the planning

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and co-ordination of an orderly development of its sector of post-secondary education in the closest consultation with the universities and related voluntary associations."

A similar proposal for Québec was made in the May 1979 report of the Commission d'étude sur les universités (Commission Angers). So far neither the Ontario nor Québec governments have

acted on these recommendations. The longer they delay, the more certain will be a serious decline in the quality of their universities.

Nationally, there can be no hope of sustaining, let alone improving, the quality of the Canadian university system unless the federal government assumes responsibility for promoting centres of excellence. Ideally, Canada

should have at least one outstanding institution which could rival in academic achievement the great universities of the United States, France, or Great Britain. But that's an impossibility for Canada, because the federal and provincial governments could never agree on where that single best university should be located.

Alternatively, an independent grant-giving agency of the federal government could identify and promote superior departments at universities across the country. For example, the economics department at Western, the political studies department at Queen's, the commerce school at the Université de Montréal, and the English department at the University of British Columbia could all be targeted for special federal development grants, which could be made contingent upon hiring new young faculty members.

It would not take much additional federal money on top of regular provincial funding to enable recipient departments to attract the best professors and purchase the best equipment necessary to outstanding teaching and research. The result would be centres of superior quality which would surely have a positive impact on the rest of the university system.

For the federal and provincial governments to do nothing to save the universities would be disastrous. OCUA has well stated that, "the universities now stand at the brink of a decline which threatens the continued existence of a quality university system". That is true not just of Ontario, but of Canada as a whole.

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Questions: What do you think of Mount Saint Vincent University?
How do you feel about the male/female ratio at the Mount?

Bruce Croft - First year

I like it quite a bit. It's a small university, I like my profs. I don't particularly like the girl/guy ratio. I think there should be more advertising for mens' activities, for example, a hockey team. They don't even have a mens' basketball team.



Andrea Currie - First Year

I like it. It seems like a place where there's a lot to plug into—many different interests. The girl/guy ration is pretty poor.



Robert G. Sharpe

It's got nothing to do with the girls. Strictly studying. I figure the other Universities tend to have a lot of parties, this university takes it's working habits more serious to the point where I would be better prepared for the next course. (geology)



Patricia Keane - First Year

I like it an awful lot. The professors have been some of the best I've had. I like the classes, there's a really good spread of older women (like me) out of high school. The administration seems very concerned about the students, and that counts for a lot.



Lynn Rafuse - First Year

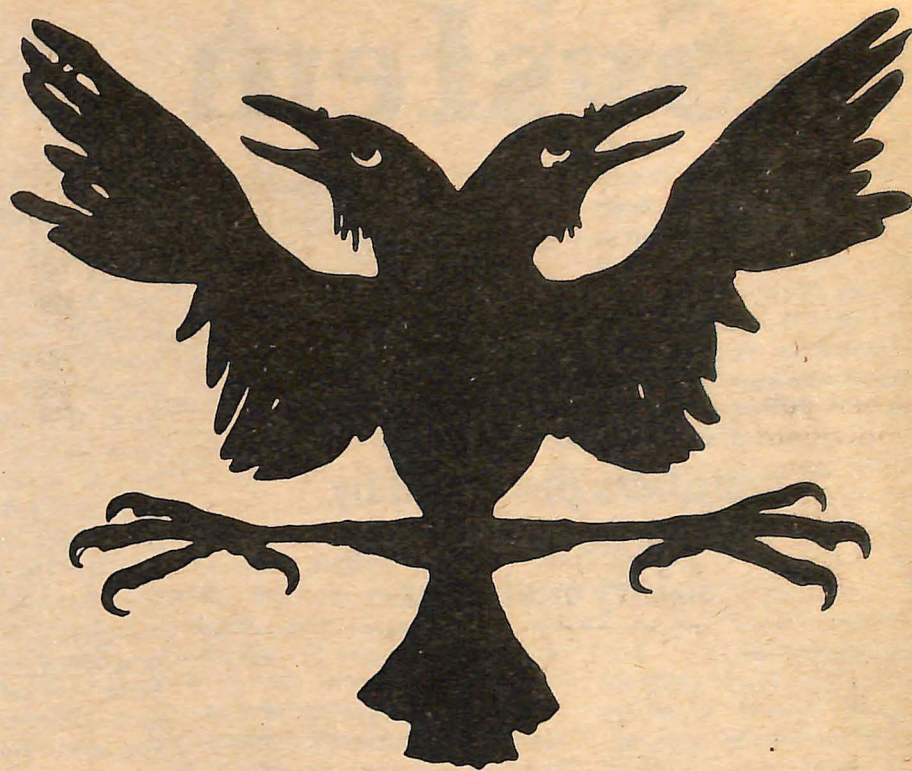
I think it's wonderful. It's very congenial. I've only been here one and a half days. It's difficult to say much more at this point. Everyone is very helpful.



Gerald Denison - First year

It's a nice place. It's small, I've never gone to a big school. I like the family plan. The girl/guy ratio did not influence my coming here. There should be more advertising for male activities.

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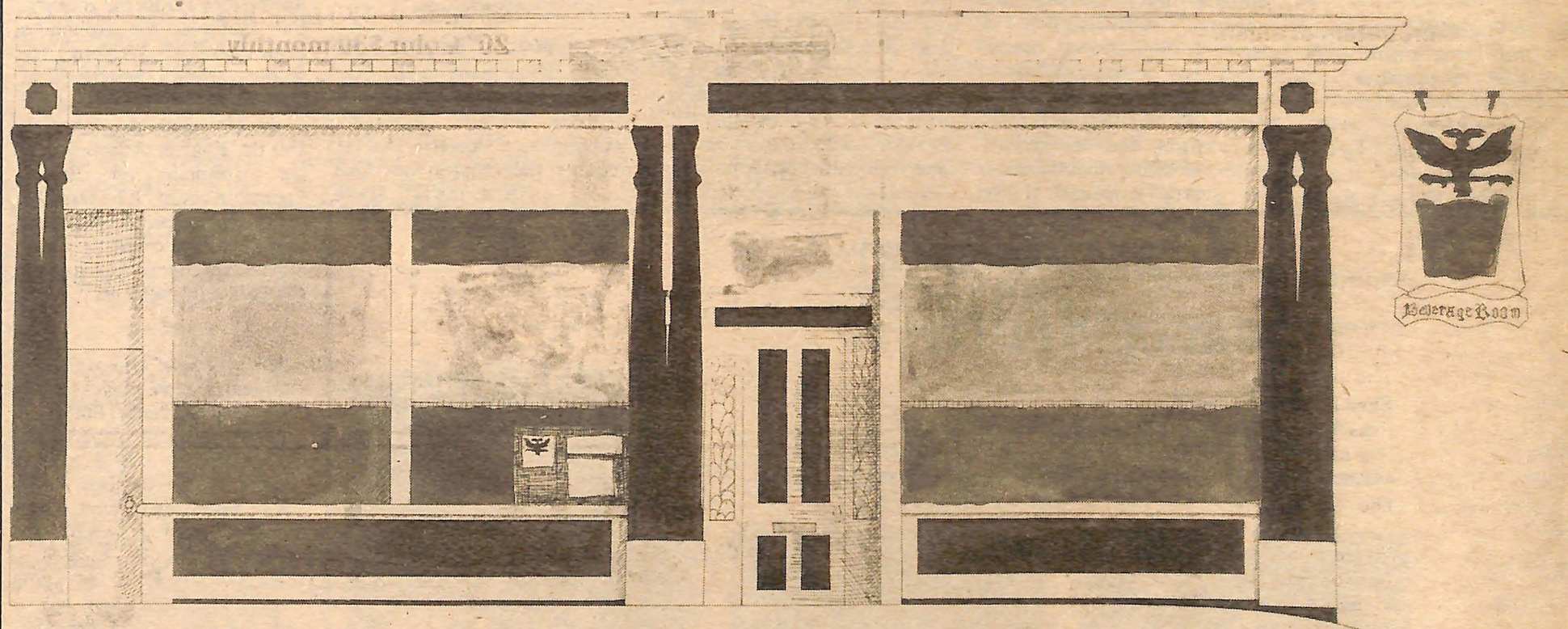
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A Friend—I repeat—is one with whom you dare to be yourself.

Author Unknown

Silent Host

One day I found ice fossils
of famous parasites,
While out in the blizzard alone,
They tumbled through memory
like so many dream warnings;
and I wanted to scream, but I froze.

I guess it starts when you're younger,
a light continuous snow
building to an avalanche,
ending in the inevitable;
mountain of slush.

Greg Croft/80

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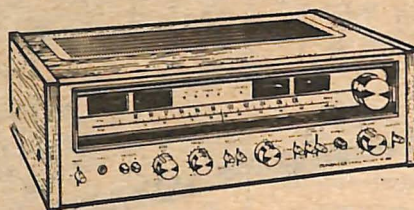
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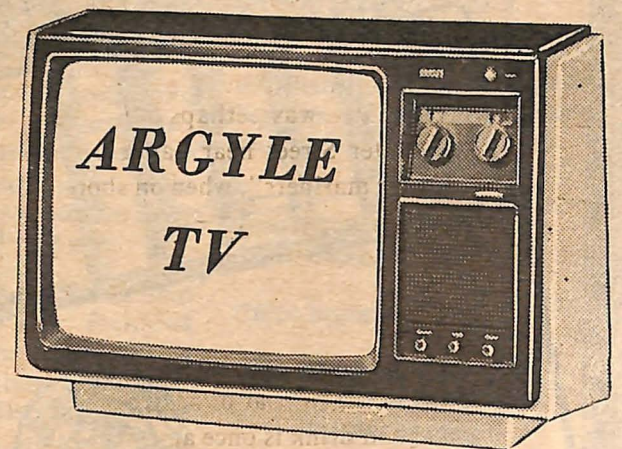
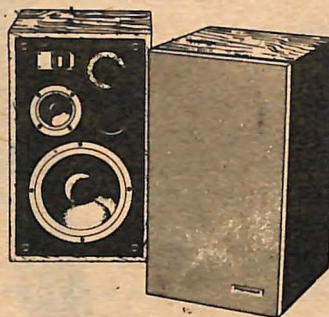
by our gossip columnists

- that baby brothers are invading the Mount.
- a tall Italian-looking guy is in the Mafia.
- a pizza was ordered from and delivered to Seton on Wednesday, (does that say anything about cafeteria food?)
- Foxy is interested in a certain fellow by the name of Jonesy.
- Howdy Doody rides again!
- Security members are very calpigeonistic.
- Charlie's Angles return for another year.
- Wally's on a diet, no drinking.
- Council... it's a family affair.
- New stock of males are easy, but... not cheap.
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KASATKA COSSACKS

by Nancy Onysko

If the Kasatka Cossacks received rave reviews from around the world, it was no doubt deserved. Certainly, they don't lack in proficiency or energy. But their performance at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, September 13, still left a little to be desired.

The production was a combination of folk music and dance of the Slavonic and Cossack idioms. Four very adept musicians played non-stop throughout the performance, providing music for both dancers and soloists, as well as being featured in several selections of their own. An accordion, guitar and two balalaikas made up the ensemble. The result was inspiring.

Janos Kurucz, the male soloist, could well have been the original "Fiddler on the Roof". In fact, his rendition of *If I Were A Rich Man* was thoroughly appreciated by the audience. His bass voice was especially effective for such traditional songs as *Kalinka* and *Song of the Volga Boatmen*.

The highlight of the program however, was the dance. The group of three women and four men were obviously highly skilled in classical ballet, and their interpretations of the traditional folk dances were superb. They joined the traditional folk movements with a

thoroughly creative choreography; an unsurpassable combination.

The male dancers especially were outstanding, with their incredible acrobatic abilities. In the finale, the traditional Ukrainian Hopak, they flew around the stage in the most amazing of positions. And the audience marvelled.

The disappointment of the production came in the paucity of the dance numbers. Two of the scheduled selections were omitted from the program, and while there was a constant flow of entertainment, the pace at times, tended to drag. While it may be demanding for a seven member group to perform at that pace for any length of time, it would have been much more effective if the lapses between the dances had not been quite so long.

While the talents of the performers were of their highest calibre, some of the liberties taken with the rendition of the traditional numbers were questionable. And why was there the need for the Russian version of *Those Were The Days*?

The Kasatka Cossacks have been together since 1977, and are now making their first North American tour. For the energy and color alone, they are well worth seeing. But while the performance may be unequalled technically, be prepared to stifle a yawn or two.

PARTICIPACTION!

The President's walk and job was a huge success with over 160 students and staff attending. Dr. Fulton encouraged everyone to keep moving and the vim and vitality of the students at the pancake breakfast was visible proof that exercise before breakfast is a good way to start every day! A meeting of all people interested in the **JOGGERS CLUB** will be held Tuesday, September 16 at 12:00 noon at 2nd floor Assisi. **JAUNTERS CLUB** (walking) will meet at the same time and place.

SOFTBALL—Those who missed the softball game last Sunday afternoon as part of the orientation program we hope will be in attendance next time a game is scheduled. Ken Turner's team won with a 7-3 victory score. I believe everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves.

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Swimming	Wed., Sept. 17, 12:00, 2nd floor Assisi
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