



Tuition Hike Again: 12-13%

by Francis Moran
Editor

Students at this university will be paying an overall increase of 12 to 13 per cent next year, according to the Executive Assistant to the President.

Michael Merrigan said in an interview Friday that although these figures are "ball-park figures and there is still discussion going on, we (the Senior Finance Committee)

are zeroing in on a final figure."

The increase follows in the wake of provincial government funding announcements that virtually ensured fees would rise by the cost of living, and which, in fact, are engineered to ensure increases.

The 12 to 13 per cent increase is the amount that total costs (tuition and room and board) will go up by for a

resident student.

For the non-resident students, tuition will jump by 10 to 13 per cent.

The hardest hit will be residents in single-rooms who are also on a 14-meal plan, thanks to higher-than-average increases in both of these areas.

"There is a tendency for the single room to go up more than other rooms," Merrigan

said. "Single rooms are more difficult to operate and we're trying to put a user pay system into effect."

Single-room residents will be paying the full costs of their rooms, rather than averaging the costs out over the entire resident population.

"There is a high demand for singles (at the Mount)," Merrigan said. "Putting the higher costs on singles should

reduce the demand."

If they also choose a 14-meal plan, single residents will be hit with even higher increases. The meal plan "complicates (the operation of VS Services) and makes additional costs," Merrigan said.

He said the cafeteria is operated on "the missed-meal factor" with VS' profits coming out of the meals that students buy, but don't eat. With the 14-meal plan, the missed-meal factor is virtually eliminated and costs, therefore, must rise.

As well as this, Merrigan said the volume of students on meal plans will be dropping and while the overall costs of operating the cafeteria will not rise as much, individual costs must.

Volume is dropping because the university is losing residence space in Vincent Hall. The Sisters of Charity are taking over the 1400 wing of that residence, which will mean a reduction of about 40 beds.

Several of the lost beds will be replaced by an increase in the other first-floor wings, made possible by renovations.

The only other costs due to rise next year are parking which, Merrigan said, will rise "slightly. Nothing else will be different," he added.

Picaro Predicts Vote

by our staff

The one amazingly clear result of a Picaro poll conducted late last week is that awareness of yesterday and today's Student Referendum is poor. Only 40 per cent of those polled were aware there was a referendum going on. The remaining 60 per cent knew nothing about it.

Of those who knew about the referendum, only 70 per cent said they intended to vote. Twenty per cent stated they were not voting while 10 per cent said they were undecided.

When the two referendum questions were put to the sample population, clear results were obtained. Sixty-eight per cent of those voting are in favour of an \$18 Student Union fee; 19 per cent are opposed while 13 per cent were undecided.

When the question of a

\$38.70 levy for the social/athletic complex was asked, the

tables were turned somewhat. Twenty-two per cent were in

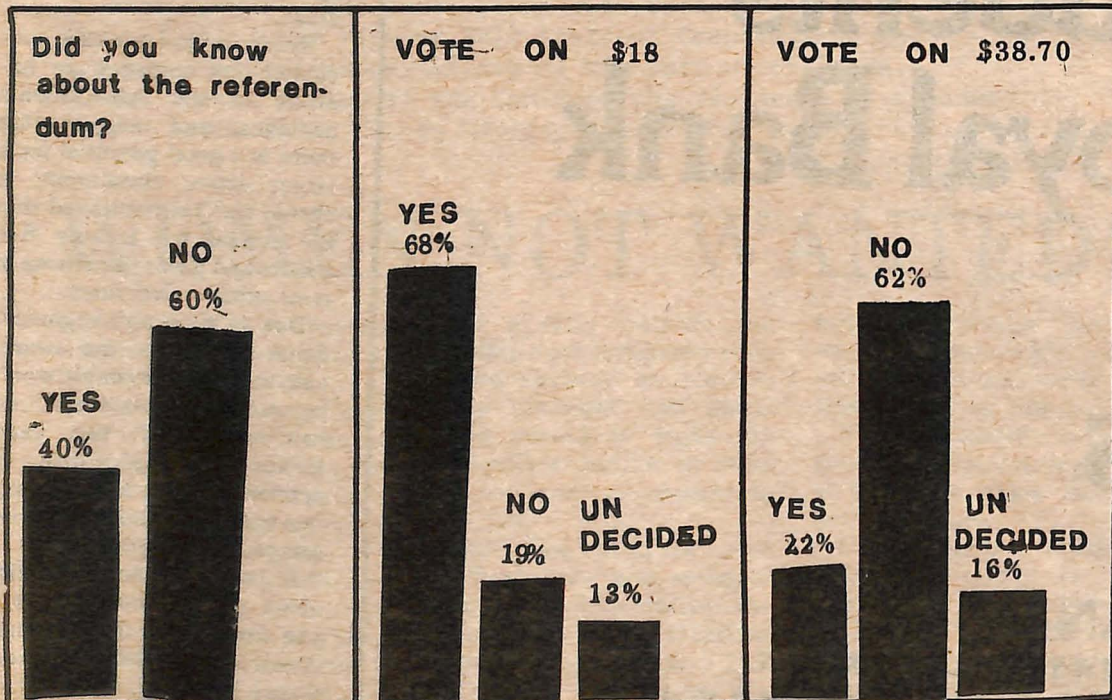
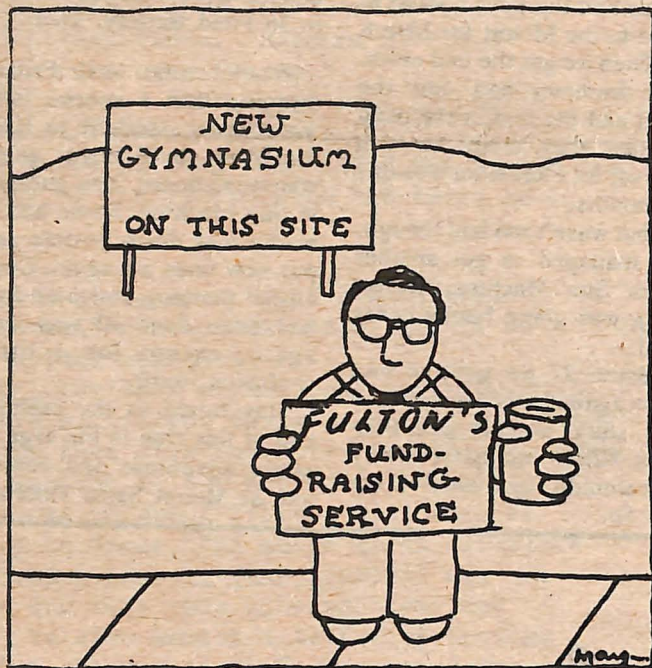
favour, 62 per cent were opposed and 16 per cent were undecided.

The poll was held Thursday and Sunday night, using a randomly selected sample of the full-time Student Union membership. A sample of 100 students were polled, providing the data with 90 per cent accuracy. According to David Naugler, a Statistics professor at the Mount, the data will be within 10 per cent of reality, 95 per cent of the time.

The data shows a number of things and several conclusions can be drawn. The most alarming statistic is the number of Union members aware of the referendum. After a two-week campaign, the fact that only 40 per cent of those polled know of the referendum is significant. Add to this the fact that only 70 per cent of these people intend to vote and you have a definite statement about Council's ability to communicate to the Union.

According to the data, less than 30 per cent of the Union intend to vote in the referendum. However, this figure is somewhat misleading in so far as many of the unaware students will actually vote when they pass a polling booth. There is, therefore, little danger that the 30 per cent quorum required for the referendum to be valid will not be reached.

The Picaro predicts that the Student Union Building fee will be approved with a three to one yes/no ratio. We also predict that students will reject the social/athletic complex fee levy. The margin won't be quite as high, however, with a 65/35 no/yes ratio.



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SUNS RETREADS LAST YEAR'S OBJECTIVES FOR 1980-81

ANTIGONISH (CUP)—After a year of discussion, the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) approved its policy objectives at a conference Mar. 22-23.

The organization will lobby the provincial government on behalf of students, investigate the quality of education, post-secondary institution funding, tuition, and student aid, and initiate action when necessary.

Delegates also decided to revamp the organization's campus committees and elected a new steering committee.

"The campus committees—that's where our potential is," said newly-elected secretary

treasurer Rob MacLellan, of St. Mary's University.

"They are going to keep the organization in contact with the students throughout the year," he said.

In theory the committees do research into local cutbacks and attitudes toward tuition, student aid, and the quality of education. They can also become involved in an institution's food service and parking facilities as happened at St. Mary's this winter.

MacLellan said, "This year the committees at St. Mary's and King's College started up and did a good job but kind of faltered at the other campuses."

"But next year the SUNS' steering committee will be more involved, there will be campus committee reports at every meeting so we know what's going on," he said.

John Phillips, president of the Dalhousie University graduate students association (DAGS), said progress was made towards more financial backing of the committees.

At the conference member institutions agreed to make a firm allocation to funding the committees in next year's student union budgets.

Although SUNS has criticized the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) for lack of student input into its decisions, the organization has not publicly commented on the impending eight per cent rise in tuition.

In its funding report for next year the MPHEC recom-

mended tuition be raised according to the increase in the cost of living.

A steering committee member said they are waiting for the MPHEC's student aid feasibility study, scheduled for release in the next few weeks. The study is expected to examine students' ability to pay for higher education and make recommendations concerning student loans and bursaries, parental contributions and employment.

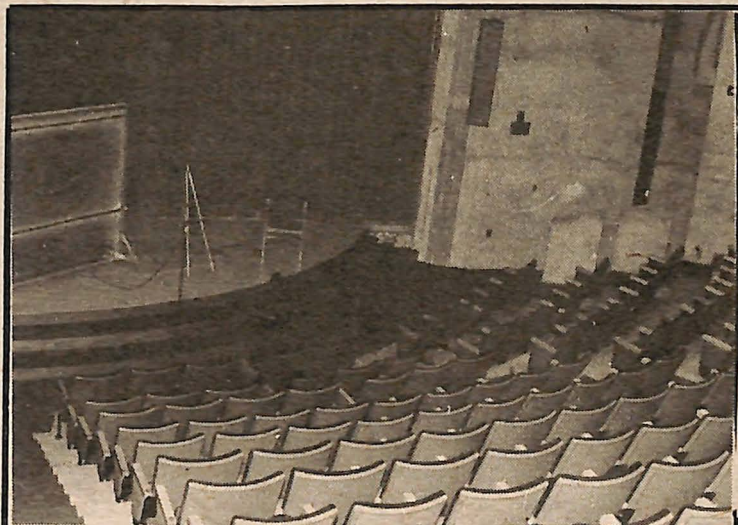
The steering committee member said SUNS was surprised the Maritime premiers announced the funding levels the same day students were meeting with the MPHEC. This, coupled with institutions having March breaks in three consecutive weeks, prevented any kind of broad-based strategy from being implemented, the member said.

The SUNS demand that two more students be appointed to the MPHEC has not met with any response from the governments. The organization says if it does not receive a reply by May 21 it will refuse to recognize the MPHEC as a legitimate government planning agency.

May 21 is also the opening day of the National Union of Students national conference in Halifax.

Delegates elected Lori Mullen of King's College as the new chairperson of the organization, Wayne Hall of King's as public relations officer and Anne-Marie Mann of St. Francis Xavier University as internal affairs officer. Former chairperson Mike MacNeil, of St. Mary's, was elected NUS central committee representative for Nova Scotia to complete the steering committee.

The next SUNS conference is planned for late April or early May in Halifax.



Students' Council sponsored an Open Forum last week as part of its pro-SUB Campaign. The turnout of students was overwhelming. It is reported that those present were so overcome with emotion that they had to leave for fresh air, which is about the only reasonable or acceptable excuse for the empty auditorium.

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The Great Mix-Up

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

Now this is a true story folks, so listen up. It gets complicated.

It all started back in March when the Student Union had Buddy and the Boys booked to come to the Mount for March 28. Then we got the bad news. The drummer had quit the band and the rest of the band decided they might as well take off for Florida for a couple of months.

That wasn't too bad though. We managed to get another band: Sun Machine. Everything was going hunky dorey until...

March 27 we got the bad news again. It seems our band was stuck in Port aux Basques, Nfld., waiting for a ferry that wouldn't get stuck in the ice. So...

Emergency arrangements were made for another band to come: 36 Field Battery. We all went crazy and got posters up and phoned everyone we thought should know. That was great because a lot of people were looking forward to 36 Field Battery. Then...

Word came last Friday morning that a special ferry was coming straight to Halifax. And you'll never guess who was aboard. You guessed it: Sun Machine. So we had to madly tear down posters and put new ones up again. Once all the phoning and posterage had been done all was well again, except for a little confusion, until...

Stay tuned to the exciting end of this true to life saga of untold adventure and confusion at Mount Saint Vincent.

Alumnae Contacting Students

by Catherine LeBlanc

The Mount Saint Vincent Alumnae Association is making an all out effort to contact graduating students before convocation. The association has found that, in the past, students have already left the university before realizing what the Alumnae is all about.

The effort will include a series of posters and information, as well, the schedule is tentatively being passed to have Alumnae meet with senior students during class time.

A questionnaire will be circulated among senior students in order to pinpoint weaknesses in the flow of information between the students and the Association. This, hopefully, will allow the Alumnae to zero in on its communication problem areas.

Recent interviews have concluded that students are unaware of the Association's activities, and indicate that there is a good potential for a larger active enrollment. It should also be mentioned that the annual fee is only five dollars and lower than those of most other universities.

Due to time and organizational limitations, the awareness campaign probably won't be as extensive as the Alumnae would wish this year. However it should provide an opinion feedback and information base for a more extensive campaign next year.

If you have any inquiries about the organization, or if you wish to join the Alumnae Association visit Michael Crowe in room 226, first floor Evaristus or call extension 136.

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VINCENT HALL GETS RIPPED OFF!

by Sandy Spencer

Staff Reporter

Vincent Hall is in the midst of a scandal after the ordering of resident shirts on December 11th from the Atlantic Insignia Company.

The girls of the residence ordered football jerseys from the company through their representative, Bill Norton. Each girl was required to put a \$5.00 deposit for each sweater ordered. The total deposit given to Norton by Vincent's representatives, Karen Stone and Lynn McCully, was \$450.00. The Atlantic Insignia Company was dealing through a company in Ontario. The shirts were to be in by January 19, 1980.

On February 14, Stone received word from Norton that the sweaters were being shipped from Ontario and would be in within the week.

When by March 9th the sweaters hadn't arrived, Stone called Norton. He advised her to cancel the order, claiming that he had warned them earlier that they may run into trouble as the sweaters were custom-made.

Norton came to Vincent to talk to the residents, and at the same time to return the deposit money in the form of a cheque from the Bank of Montreal. At this time, Norton placed the blame for the delay on the Ontario company, stating that they decided to put the numbers on the sweaters there.

The girls then decided to re-order from Norton through another company, Fred Martin Agencies in Winnipeg. These shirts would be here within approximately twenty days, from the date ordered, March 12th.

Stone said, "I never heard anything more, so I assumed that the sweaters were ordered and everything was fine."

"However, on Monday March 17th, I received a call from the Royal Bank saying that the cheque from the Bank of Montreal had bounced due to insufficient funds. Because of this, Lynn's and my personal accounts were frozen."

"I tried to get Mr. Norton and discovered that he was in Montreal and would not be back until Wednesday."

On Tuesday evening, a house meeting was called and Stone explained the entire story to the girls "with the facts as I knew them at the time."

The girls requested that Stone seek Legal Aid on their behalf. The Residence Council came up with the \$450.00 to clear Stone and McCully's bank accounts.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank discovered there were sufficient funds in Norton's account to cash the cheque. Stone then drew the money from his account.

Norton called Stone, wanting to see her Friday night at 6:15 p.m. He came and spoke to about fifteen residents at the same time. According to Stone, "He asked me to circulate information on campus stating that it (the problem) was not his fault but the bank's and that this (the problem) had ruined his credibility. He also wanted a letter of apology sent to him by me, which I refused to do." He wanted Stone to go to the bank and clarify the situation with the manager.

Stone went to the bank, along with Eunice Swartzack, (President of the Vincent Hall Resident Council) and the manager claimed responsibility on the part of the bank.

The matter is now in the hands of the residents of Vincent Hall. Stone said, "It is no longer in my nor Lynn's hands."

WOMEN NOT WANTED!!

HAMILTON (CUP)—They like women but they don't want to live with them.

That's the message from men living in a McMaster University residence who disagree with the university's decision to make the residence co-educational next fall.

Banners hanging from the windows of the five story residence, often referred to as Animal House, this week read: "Urinals for sale. Apply within" and "Would you want your daughter to live here? We don't"

At a rally outside the building a predominantly male crowd cheered as student union president Ann Blackwood vowed to fight the university's decision to make the residence co-educational next fall.

Blackwood called the move the final straw in a series of incidents in which she said the administration had failed to consult with students.

"They're treating us like children and we're not. It's

going to affect more than 200 male students. We can't understand it and we're not going to put up with it."

She urged students to sign a petition and voice their protest at a student union meeting next Wednesday.

Doug Richardson, residence president, said "we like women. Don't get me wrong."

"But we prefer the male atmosphere. It has a very strong tradition at Whidden Hall."

Mt. St. Vincent Hosts Spanish Conference

Hispanists of Mount Saint Vincent University hosted a very successful conference recently with representation from the universities of St. Thomas, Dalhousie, St. Mary's and St. Francis Xavier.

Following registration, a wine and cheese reception was well-attended in the Art Gallery, where an exhibit of Latin America craft was featured.

A theatre workshop, emphasizing acting techniques under the direction of David Renton and a lecture on pre-Inca art of Peru by Dr. Luis Garcia Nicoletti were highlighted.

During the two-day event, three dramatic presentations were performed in Spanish: "El Censo" by Dalhousie

University, "El Ajedrez Del Diablo" by Mount Saint Vincent University students and an original play "El Fabricane De Juguetes" by St. Thomas University students.

A dinner was held for all conference participants in the Saceteria on Saturday evening, featuring many Latin America specialties prepared by Assistant Professor of Spanish, Carole Hartzman and her students.

Following the dinner, certificates were presented by Professor Hartzman to all participants and Mount Saint Vincent University students received medals in recognition of their considerable contribution to the success of the conference.



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Sure, we've heard the message before and we're all still here, or are we? How many students will not return next year because they simply can not afford a 12 to 13 per cent increase?

Can you afford to pay a minimum of \$84 more for tuition next year? And possibly as much as \$120 more? That could put tuition as high as \$960!

As a resident student, can you afford the 12 to 13 per cent increase scheduled for September?

Let's paint the worst possible picture. If you had a \$920 single room this year, were on the 19-meal plan and paid full tuition and Student Union fees, your total bill to the University was \$2951. This year, it could be as high as \$3340, nearly \$400 more!

Now, let's paint the best possible picture. Sometime over the summer, the provincial government makes an unprecedented move and starts listening! Listening to the thousands of Nova Scotians who believe post-secondary education is underfunded. Listening to the thousands of Nova Scotians who can't afford university because eating and living are more important. Listening to the hundreds of academics, scientists, economists and, yes, even businessmen who have argued that a top-quality, well-funded university system is Canada's only alternative if we are to survive in the world's increasingly competitive and sophisticated marketplace.

But no, we live in a fool's paradise if we believe the government is going to listen. They haven't listened for countless years (except in two-month bursts every four years or so) so what's going to make them start now?

Unwilling to make long-term plans for post-secondary education, our government has long been satisfied with political expediency and non-existent responsibility.

It is becoming painfully aware that they are not even willing to go through past facades of pretending to listen . . . to anyone.

There are obviously more votes in building bridges and highways (to say nothing of financing corrupt tire companies), than in financing the real, equitable future of our youth through education.

Can you afford to return? What are you going to do about it?

THE PICARO: VOL 15

Another publishing year has come to a close and it would be quite remiss of me not to say a few words about the progress that has been achieved since September.

Boy, it's been one tough year! Speaking personally and about the Union as a whole, I don't think we've seen one quite as controversial.

To recap, Council was torn apart from the beginning of the year, with four Executive members resigning before October had closed. When two of those members moved over and devoted their time to writing for *The Picaro*, the newspaper took on the appearance of being Council's Official Opposition. Which is what it should be.

It is the student newspaper's role to question, criticize and applaud, all where necessary. We certainly questioned, definitely criticized and, contrary to popular opinion, even applauded.

But, despite all this, we have survived and so has Council. Having devoted so much time to their last hurrah, a Student Union Building, they have left next year's Council with the legacy of what to do with *The Picaro*. Oh well.

For *The Picaro*, it ain't all been sunshine and roses but it

has been one of our best years. Thanks largely to the organizational legwork of Suzanne Drapeau and Jamie Murwin, and the advertising legwork of Sandra Wills, and the prolific writing of several staffers, we were able to put out a bi-monthly paper which we felt was the best this campus has ever seen. (We were only slightly biased, of course.)

From there, the only way to go was bigger and better. So we went weekly for a trial run of one semester. It's been a very hectic, but successful experiment. We hope you will be proud to know that *The Picaro* is officially registered as a weekly tabloid, scheduled to publish an average of 12 pages every seven days.

Well, folks, this is it for *The Picaro*, Volume 15. But, we will be starting all over again come September and the only way we can be your paper is for you to participate. Get actively involved on the staff, contribute a few articles or just read us. Whatever you do, let us know what you think, good, bad or indifferent.

Best of luck with those exams (shudder) and see y'all in September. I hope.

Cheers.

Francis Moran
Editor



The Picaro was proudly printed, produced and published this past year by a motley collection of Masochists. Above, from left, standing: Teresa (Little Sister) Joudrey, Ryan (Spoons) Baker, Sandy (Spandy Senseless) Spencer, Sue (Bubbles) Hebert, Orlando (Mafiosa) Dimattia. Seated, somewhat: Francis (Napoleon) Moran, Agnes (Straightlaced) MacNeil, Sue (Sasquatch) Drapeau, Penny (One Cent) Neal, Carolyn (Straightlaced) Pugh, Jeannette (Junior) Gilroy. Missing and missed are Janet (Non Grata) Mrenica, Mary (Take it away) Thorne, Nancy (Bancy Nurns) Burns, Fran (Cookie Cutter) Gallagher, Alan (Deadline) MacDonald and Heather (Cadre) Ronalds.

10TH ANNIVERSARY MEDIOCRE - MRENICA

Editor's Note: The following is an unsolicited article by a concerned member of the Student Union. The opinions expressed in this article are not necessarily of *The Picaro* or any of its collective staff.

by Janet Mrenica
Staff Reporter

A weekend of celebration has gone by and most Student Union members were not aware of the occasion that was to be celebrated—and it wasn't their fault.

In many ways, the weekend was like any other with a few entertainment events. But there was a special meaning behind the events that were held—the Student Union was celebrating its Tenth Anniversary of Incorporation.

How many students knew that the Union was Incorporated, never mind celebrating its Tenth Anniversary?

The weekend of celebration had been in the planning for many months; a committee was chosen by the Students' Council to ensure that the planning and the publicity of the event was done.

The result? A few students knew that Miller's Jug was on campus last Wednesday and

that Sun Machine was to play on Friday night, as the attendance number show—130 and 42 respectively.

At Miller's Jug, a birthday cake was given to those in attendance. Once that special moment had passed, the sentimentality of the event was forgotten.

When a committee is chosen to plan a sentimental event, they should realize that the publicity has to have an extra push. Both the publicity and background information on the event have to be done!

As well, the Students' Council must keep its commitment in ensuring that their Union members are aware of the importance of the event. It doesn't help when an event is being held with the Union members now knowing why it is held. Council members must inform their faculties, and the event must be thoroughly discussed in Council meetings, so as to ensure that all Council members are aware of its importance as well.

According to Susan Drapeau, Entertainment Director, there were three problems with the weekend.

There was not enough publicity done for the weekend—that is, as a special event in the Union's history.

There was confusion over which band was to play. Sun Machine was scheduled to play, and because they were stranded in Newfoundland, 36th Field Battery was to replace them. At the last minute, (Friday morning), Sun Machine arrived in Halifax.

The third problem, (or assumption) is that the event was held too late in the year and students had term papers to write and they were preparing for exams.

Are these the immediate problems? Or are most excuses?

As a Union member who still believes in what a Student Union stands for and why the event was held, I am very hurt because the Students' Council did not fulfill its original intentions of planning the weekend.

This weekend can have only been held once. Extensive planning could have been done, and because it wasn't, another chance to have the Student Union united has passed Council by.

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Letters

VICE PRESIDENT NOT VERY PLEASED

To The Picaro:

In regards to your article, EDUCATION NOT PARAMOUNT, (March 18), I would like to say that it does not accurately reflect what took place last Tuesday. First of all, may I ask exactly how many Business students got a rude awakening? You claim that it was "about 200...". I admire your dedication if you took the time to ask "about 200" students their reactions, which I doubt was the case.

In any event, students were not told, as you claim "... that formal education was not a prime consideration during employee recruitment", nor were they told this or anything like it during the workshops.

Students were told that jobs are very competitive today and not only do you benefit from education but for many jobs you may need education beyond a Bachelor's degree to be competitive. Students were informed of the nature of Federal and Provincial government career opportunities. Students were addressed on the issue of how to see themselves in an interview, to consider what they wanted and how to go about getting it.

Beyond this, as workshop representatives reported, many relevant issues were discussed in the smaller groups. Some of these included the types of problems a student may experience upon making the transition from full time study to full time work, the problems associated with promotions and transfers, and career paths of various organizations.

Finally, you have misrepresented us one further time. The theme of this years conference was not, as you have reported, "... employment opportunities" but it was career opportunities. Fortunately you did happen to mention the difference between the two.

The purpose of the conference is to give Mount Business Students the opportunity to be informed about a topic of interest to them and also to interact with members of the local business community. Your article referred to segments of the presentation that pointed out the competitiveness in the job market today and I believe you are underestimating students when you describe their reaction as being rudely awakened.

Yours very truly,
Sally Dionne
Vice President
MSVU Business Society

AXEWORTHY ADDRESSES ALL

by Francis Moran

As the recently appointed federal Minister of Employment and Immigration and the Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Lloyd Axworthy says he has "a large shopping list of things to do."

Axworthy was speaking at a press conference held in Halifax, Wednesday. The Minister was in the city on the first stop of a cross-Canada tour to familiarize himself with his new portfolio.

Axworthy was noncommittal when questioned about his plans to deal with the repayment of Unemployment Insurance benefits, a move made necessary when a com-

puter error paid thousands of Canadians more than they should have received. About 5,000 Nova Scotians were overpaid and have been asked to make repayments.

"It was an event that happened before my time and I'm only making myself familiar with it (now)," Axworthy said.

The Minister said he is not considering writing off any outstanding overpayments, a move he has been requested to do by the Halifax-based Coalition for Full Employment.

"The process of repayments is going smoothly," he said, with about 2400 Nova Scotians already repaid. Another 200 cases have been accepted as

hardship cases and have been waived.

"Legitimate hardship repayments will be written off," Axworthy said. The Minister added that any wholesale write-off at this time would not be fair to the people who had already paid the UIC back.

Axworthy said his department was powerless to make improvements to the summer employment programs which were introduced by the late Conservative administration. The programs are already set in motion, he said, and the budget for them already set.

He criticized the Conservatives for cancelling the Canada Works Program, which is being phased out this year. "The elimination of Canada

Works was a mistake," he said.

Although he said he could disclose no particulars, the minister said replacements for Canada Works and other job creation programs are under study by his government.

As far as youth employment programs are concerned, Axworthy said his government put a greater emphasis on making the programs more skill- and training-related, rather than just simply make-work programs.

He also said his department would like to get away from geographical criteria when deciding where federal funds would go. "We will look instead at labour problems on a national basis," he said.

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CO-OP EDUCATION: MSVU'S ALTERNATIVE

by Sandra Macleod

The all-new Co-operative Education Program at Mount Saint Vincent University is ushering in an all-new avenue to learning at this institution.

"Co-op provides students with the opportunity to seek the kind of depth in education that they might otherwise have missed," says Ivan Blake, full-time co-operative education program coordinator at the Mount.

"We are trying to ensure that the education the student is following is enriched by that extra dimension of work experience."

And "enriching" it is, for co-op students receive on the average \$800 to \$900 a month for their work terms, with most monthly salaries ranging from a low of \$600 to a high of \$1,300, according to Blake.

The Mount's co-op program can be simply defined as a co-operative arrangement between the university and outside organizations, where the student alternates four months on the job for a minimum of three work terms with the normal program of study at the university. The primary objective of the program is to provide employers with a continuous supply of students in a timely and beneficial manner. The job is supervised by both the employer and the faculty department head and must relate directly to the student's field of study.

Co-operative programs in education alter the traditional image of the university as ivory towers of academic theories and study, and expands the student's learning beyond the school walls.

The main driving force behind the introduction of the co-operative education program at Mount Saint Vincent was the people in the business administration faculty, says Blake. "Co-op was ideally suited to their program as it offered professional training and invaluable related work experience."

It is also significant that Mount President, Dr. E.M. Fulton, initiated a women's co-op program in non-traditional women disciplines at the University of British Columbia, while Dean of Women there. Undoubtedly, her enthusiasm helped initiate the pilot co-op project last fall in which a limited number of Mount students were placed in co-op positions.

Already, co-op expects to place between 40 and 60 students this summer, with some positions located as far as Calgary. "Only about 1/4 of the companies with which we are working are based in the Maritimes."

Practical work gives you more of an insight as to exactly what you will be doing than books do. It's a terrific way to learn.

Maura Murphy, one of the first co-op BBA students at the Mount working for one term, thinks co-op is a good program. She says: "Practical work gives you more of an insight as to exactly what you will be doing than books do. It's a terrific way to learn about the working world while you are still in school. I feel more confident about working when I get out now because of co-op. It gave me the practical knowledge behind the theory. And, things that books don't teach, you learn, like how to work and get along with people."

The co-op concept at the Mount has already been introduced into the following programs: BBA (Accounting, Marketing and Management), BSC/Home Ec. (Clothing and Textiles, Consumer Studies, Foods and Nutrition and Foods major), Modern Languages (French and Spanish) and Public Relations.

However, co-op does not have to be restricted to these disciplines. It can encompass almost all faculties if it proves beneficial and desirable.

"Although co-op is useful in these professional-oriented programs, we feel the advantages don't stop there as it could also be of great benefit to programs concerned with understanding the community and its value," says Blake.

"For instance, this kind of work experience can directly benefit a student in liberal arts. If and when the faculty chooses to go co-op, we have the experience of other universities to guide us. But it is really up to the department to say what is a satisfactory work experience if it is to be at all educational."

In the case of a general BA, students can work at "identifying thesis, formulating arguments, research and other ineffable qualities of thought that go with the liberal arts education."

In terms of the Child Study and Foods and Nutrition programs where non-paid internships form an integral part of the education, each department must resolve the relationship between these and co-op, if one replaces the other or complements it. This matter is still under negotiations.

For the moment, "we want as soon as possible to make co-op positions available to the foods and nutrition faculty that will meet with the requirements for dietary education. The question remains that can the hospitals, which at present receive their services free, afford to start paying students?" Through negotiations with the provincial government and the ministry of health, the



faculty is searching for a solution in a special subsidy program.

Another factor affecting the adoption of co-op into other faculties is the course sequences, as full credits make it difficult to rotate jobs. This would have to be resolved in the future.

What sets co-op apart from practicum and internship programs already in full force at Mount Saint Vincent, according to Ivan Blake, is that in regular practice, it is very difficult to determine the participation of the employer and often the student's work consists mainly of a special project of limited duration with little accompanying responsibility.

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On the other hand, the main advantage of the co-op program is the **quantity** of experience involved which allows the students to assume responsibilities resembling, as close as possible, the day to day operations of an organization. "In other words," says Blake, "students get a better and clearer idea of what is intended and the experience more closely resembles the kind of professional work for which they are destined."

In addition, Blake says, with practica and internships, there is a certain degree of "arm twisting" with the organization involved. In co-op, which essentially creates positions that would be available 12 months of the year and place different students every four months, a very different relationship is negotiated with business and government as they become permanent educators and co-operate with the university.

As this process becomes almost mechanical, there is an obvious appeal to employers, says Blake. For instance, a position in the accounting department of a firm will be constantly filled by BBA co-op trainees who can often perform these tasks with greater efficiency than other permanent personnel who already are well acquainted with the procedures.

Thus, the co-op process provides the employer not only with an excellent source of help but also gives the organization an opportunity to participate in the education of students.

We feel we **do** produce a better candidate, but that is not our main concern.

"Although some employers become involved in co-op to cultivate permanent employees—and banks are prime examples of this—that is not because we have raised it in their minds. We feel we **do** produce a better candidate, but that is not our main

concern.

"Co-op doesn't change the concern of the university for a quality education. We believe the whole education is improved with the addition of the co-op dimension."

"Although some employers have 'enlightened self-interest' in this, we cannot dismiss the fact that other employers get involved because they support the education philosophy. For instance, McCain's said, 'we don't know if we'll get anything out of this, but we do support the education'."

Many students entering university are not necessarily certain of what they may want to do upon graduation. These students must make a choice of faculty—arts, business, science, home economics, etc.—but within each faculty there remain further choices. The confusion of many students at this point is absolute.

It is precisely here that co-op can help the most. Co-op work teams help make students more aware of educational opportunities in terms of what electives might be best for a broader education that would enrich their chances of employment.

In addition, co-op can be a key element in making education more relevant to the student. And, failing this, as Blake says, "it is better that you discover that you are not made for your particular study after your first year than after your fourth."

Research has shown that the co-op system can be an important motivating experience for students, especially those who have inadequate opportunities to otherwise learn about the working world or those who failed to find the regular school program a meaningful experience.

One local entrepreneur said that students have provided him with new perspectives and ideas which are refreshing and stimulating, many of which wouldn't have otherwise been thought of.

Blake says that the open dialogue between business and the university can be very helpful as faculty discover what is current, and professionals find out what is being theorized. This is important for students entering the working world.

Although the co-op education program was just introduced at the Mount last fall, the co-op concept itself is by no means new. It goes back to the turn of the century in the United States where the University of Cincinnati was the first to initiate it in 1906.

Today, Blake says, the number of North American colleges having some form of co-op program is roughly 1000. Of those, however, only 20 to 30 in Canada conform to the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education standards.

In Canada, co-op was first introduced at Waterloo University in 1950 in the engineering faculty. Twenty years later, they introduced co-op into their liberal arts program where they now place about 200 students in work terms. In all, they have some 60 professional placement co-ordinators, says Blake, and place 6,500 students annually.

Although several other universities offer co-op programs, such as Simon Fraser, Victoria, Memorial and Sherbrooke universities, there is still very little emphasis placed on such programs.

Like the University of Victoria, MSVU is more concerned with input from the faculty than most other co-ops across the country, says Blake.

"When a university decides to go co-op, it can go one of two ways: either hire a lot of administrators to do all the co-op work, find placements, evaluate the work terms, etc., or set up procedures to enable faculty to guarantee educational standards without overworking them."

"The Mount has integrated the co-op program into the educational program rather than paralleling it—placing education in the hands it belongs—with the faculty."

"We are light years ahead of other universities in the region. We have done in six months what it would take others three to four years to accomplish."

To date, the Mount's co-op program's success is such that already businesses have been greatly impressed. To this, Blake added, "we are light years ahead of other universities in the region. We have done in six months what it would take others three to four years to accomplish."

The co-op program here is undergoing a phase-in period. Blakes says: "A handful of students will only do one work term this year so employers can try the students out. This is in the hope that we will get a commitment from the employers and put them on our roster as regulars. As well, we have other full time co-op students who will complete the full three work terms."

This has resulted in some confusion among students who look to co-op to find job placements. However, Blake stresses that co-op is an on-going educational program not designed for short-term placement.

"Placement is something Canada Employment can best handle. Our main concern is a first class educational experience with employment almost incidental to it."

"The stop-gap measure of placing one-term non-co-op students as of next year will stop altogether and only co-op students will go out. Our first true co-op student will go out from business administration in September."

Will co-op take over certain programs? Blake answers: "I can foresee the day, say for PR, when we will have enough placement for every student in the program where co-op will become compulsory if the department so desires." For the moment, the only limiting factor is the number of positions available.

The co-op program has given the Mount a real boost. Blake says that while there is not a dramatic impact in the number of students enrolled at the university, the caliber of applicants has increased. Blake is finding that co-op students are more highly motivated and have clear career goals.

For those who missed applying last year, they can apply in September. All the details are in the 1980/81 university calendar. Students must watch for the deadline date and should contact the co-op office as soon as possible.

Smile if you are co-operative. There are plenty of reasons to.

As well as Ivan Blake, co-ordinator of the Co-operative Education program at the Mount, sources for this article included Jack J. Phillips' "Is Co-operative Education Worth It? One Company's Answer," (Personnel Journal, October 1977) and Orst Cap's "Another Avenue to Learning, Co-operative Education", (Education Canada, Vol. 15, No. 1, Spring 1975)

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UNIVERSITIES FACE PAINFUL FUTURE

by ISAAC BAR-LEWAW
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In the 1980's, Canadian universities face painful problems which could cause irreversible damage to the Canadian society as a whole if government and industry do not increase funds for academic research. In the very near future Canada will have to pay the price of any major disruption of the university system caused by lack of sufficient funding of research projects at various campuses.

These are the opinions of Mr. Claude Thibault, executive director of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and Dr. Claude Fortier, chairman of the Science Council of Canada. University bosses have im-

plemented the obvious economies, wherever possible, trying desperately to preserve the essence of the institutions. But the future is not encouraging if there will be no radical changes in the attitude of the federal and provincial governments.

The key to the problem is declining enrolment. Statistics Canada expects a substantial drop in enrolment at Canadian universities in the next few academic years. This trend might well continue into the 1990s due mostly to a low Canadian birth rate. Proposed increases in tuition fees—such as at the University of Toronto—are not the answer. Larger sums are required if Canada is not to become a banana republic in the academic field, because few or poorly trained researchers will definitely undermine the Canadian

economic development based on high technology and scientific discoveries.

The fragmentation of the educational system

Since Canada does not have a Federal Ministry of Education the universities in each province depend on the whim of each provincial minister responsible for the portfolio, and, therefore, each province has different fundings.

Due to huge oil profits, Alberta is better off than British Columbia, which in turn is better off than Saskatchewan, Manitoba and other provinces. Quebec—for political rather than educational purposes—under the Parti Quebecois is one of the biggest spenders on university

education and research. Since Quebec's universities are the centres of the separatists' strength, Premier Levesque channels funds in order to keep his troops happy.

Academics in each province sometimes know more that's going on at American or British universities than at those of other Canadian provinces. In many instances fragmentation causes double or triple expenditures on identical projects or research plans, carried out in different places at various campuses by different scholars or scientists without any coordination whatsoever. Ottawa lacks the jurisdiction to provide the leadership, and the poor performance of the academic institutions, due to the lack of sufficient and permanent funds—is mostly the catalyst that counts in forming the public opinion against the universities.

Notwithstanding financial restraint universities must attract bright young people, provide them with a good education and assure some of them a role at the universities commensurate with their professional training. But a close examination of the whole problem shows that it is just wishful thinking. Universities thrive on young blood and fresh ideas. However, there is no place for young and talented Canadian PhDs, since Canadian academics work together and age together, and new hirings are almost nonexistent.

Alternatives

There are possibilities to avoid cutbacks: eliminating high cost programs; closing satellite campuses; enrolling more part-time students; combining courses and faculties from nearby universities, such as Toronto and York, Carleton and Ottawa and others; asking the private sector for more funds.

But the Canadian private sector is not known for its generosity. It's common knowledge that money invested in R & D (research and development) brings tangible rewards in the fields of medicine, industry and commerce; inventions, discoveries and new products create new jobs, cheaper goods for the consumer and other benefits to society. In their recent submission to Heward Grafftey, former Minister of State for Science and Technology, physicists and biologist scientists underline the gravity of the situation because of the constant and persistent neglect of Canada's R & D personnel.

Whereas in the USA, Japan, Britain, Germany, Sweden, and even in a small country like Israel, the R & D figures show growth of about 8 per cent annually, in Canada the rate—beginning from 1967—is less than one per cent per an-

num.

The politicians in Ottawa, whether liberal or P.C., are busy being elected or clinging to power when already elected. They promise a lot before the elections trying to bribe the voters with their own money, but even they do not even mention the universities, simply because the academia has no voting power.

There is a real danger that Canada will—if it has not already—become an authentic satellite in all aspects of R & D. In a letter to the *Globe and Mail* (Aug. 9, 1976) the eminent University of Toronto's scientist, John Polanyi, wrote that the real spending by Ottawa on basic science in Canada has been decreasing "in an alarming fashion since 1969", and that "we are in the process of forcing mediocrity on our established researchers, while denying even that dubious privilege to our aspiring scientists. It is important that we reverse the trend." Unfortunately the problem is even worse in 1980 than in 1976 when Polanyi's letter was published in the *Globe*.

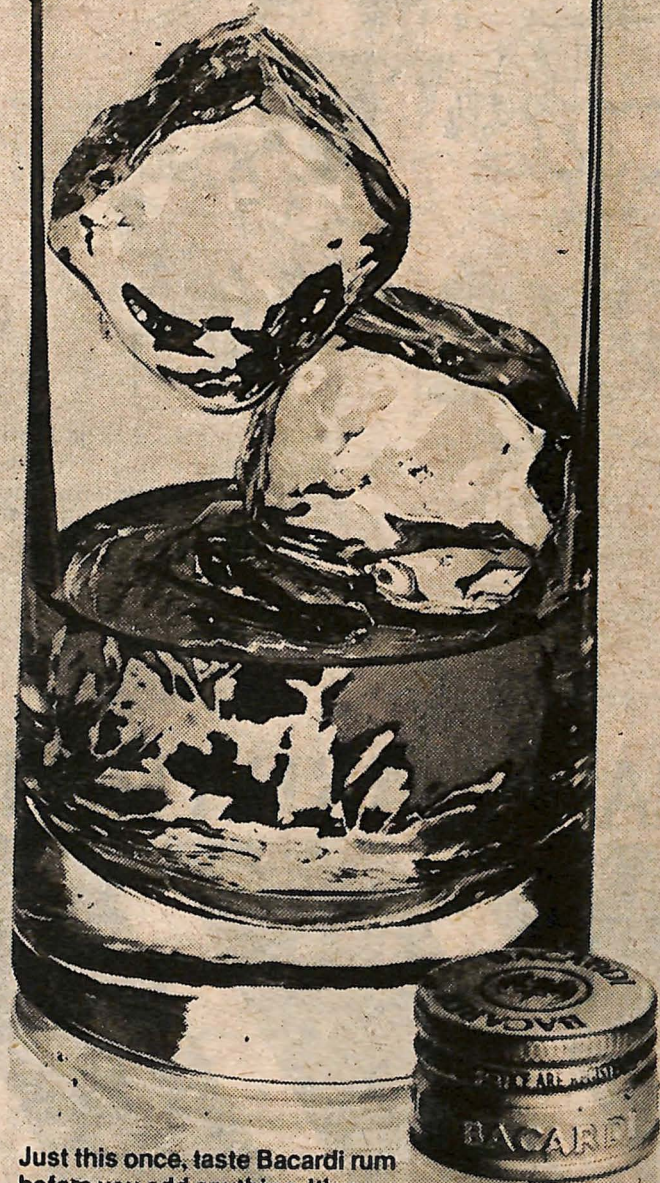
Canada has no serious private donors to speak of. Canada lacks the Guggenheim, Rockefeller, Ford and less known Foundations. Here are some figures which illustrate the point: some 500 U.S. colleges and universities have endowments exceeding \$3 million. Half of them have funds in excess of 10 million and over 40 have more than 100 million. Harvard and the Univ. of Texas have each more than a billion. In precise figures Harvard had at the beginning of 1979 \$1,392,636,682; the Univ. of Texas had \$1,043,000,000.

On the other hand the University of Toronto—the biggest academic institution in Canada—had in April of 1979 an endowment of \$79,300,000, and York University—one of the youngest universities in Canada—had last December \$7,387,000 in trust and endowment. Without the trust funds the endowment reached only \$944,000. Moreover, the University of Toronto has a student population at least three times bigger than that at Harvard.

These figures speak for themselves and need no commentary. Science is not a luxury. It is the basis of progress as it is known in the civilized world. Will somebody listen?

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TALENT PROLIFIC

by Jeanette Gilroy
Staff reporter

In an attempt to provide an entertaining change for the Mount, A.I.E.S.E.C. (International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce) sponsored a Coffee House, Tuesday evening, March 25, in Rosaria Cafeteria. It is unfortunate, though, that only a small number of students went. Could you possibly all have been studying that night?

Atmosphere for the event was relaxing. Candle-lit tables and a beautiful view of the Halifax harbour added to the room's total theme. As well, a

few people chose to sit on the rugs and cushions scattering the floor.

Of real enjoyment were the four hours of singing, piano and guitar. Music ranged from easy listening, blues and folk to pop and rock. It was encouraging to see the quality of the talent participating. A few students even revealed some of their own compositions, much to the pleasure of the audience.

As a whole, the Coffee House was well received by those who were there. To those of you who did not or could not attend, I am truly sorry you missed it.



Sue Hebert demonstrates the type of talent that was so prolific at the coffee house. Several Mount students displayed their singing talents to an unfortunately small audience.

Rosaria Cafeteria Easter Break Dinner

April 1, 1980

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Roast Potatoes

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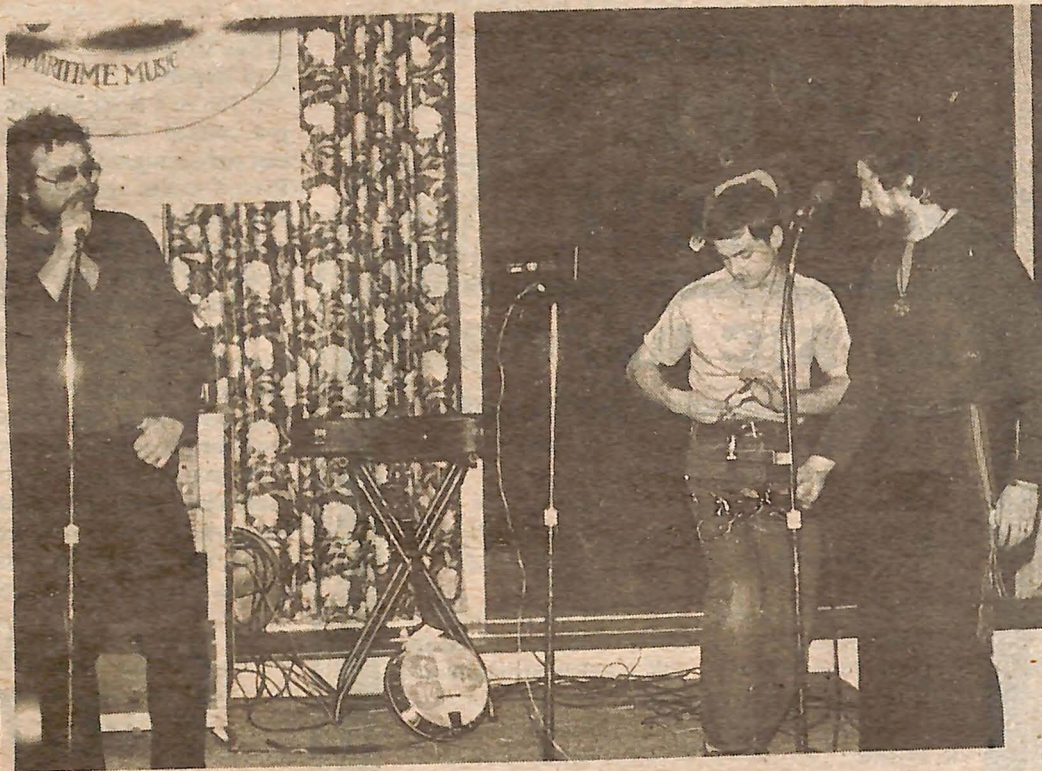
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MUSIC REPORT

NOVA SCOTIA'S TOP TEN SINGLES

1. Another Brick in the Wall Pt. II	Pink Floyd
2. Longer	Dan Fogelberg
3. The Spirit of Radio	Rush
4. 99	Toto
5. How Do I Make You	Linda Ronstadt
6. Too Hot	Kool & The Gang
7. Him	Rupert Holmes
8. Working My Way Back To You	The Spinners
9. Desire	Andy Gibb
10. Crazy Little Thing Called Love	Queen

NOVA SCOTIA'S TOP ALBUMS

1. The Wall	Pink Floyd
2. No Nukes	Various
3. Permanent Waves	Rush
4. Jackrabbit Slim	Steve Forbert
5. The Fine Art of Surfacing	Boomtown Rats
6. Damn The Torpedoes	Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
7. The Long Run	Eagles
8. Tusk	Fleetwood Mac
9. Cornerstone	Styx
10. Breakfast In America	Supertramp

This record listing is the opinion of CJCH, based on surveys of record sales, listener requests and opinions, and CJCH's judgement of the song's appeal to the Nova Scotian audience.

CJCH COMMENTARY

I READ AN ARTICLE THIS WEEK THAT WAS DIRECTED TO MUSIC DIRECTORS AND RADIO PROGRAMMERS ABOUT MUSIC TRENDS. THE WRITER, A SUPPOSED RELIABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION STATED THAT WITH IN THE YEAR THE MOST POPULAR MUSIC WOULD BE OF A COUNTRY ROCK NATURE AND WOULD ALSO LEAN TOWARDS THE COUNTRY FOLK SIDE. I TOTALLY DISAGREE, NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE THAT TYPE OF MUSIC BUT AS I'VE TOLD MANY MUSIC INDUSTRY PEOPLE, THIS YEAR WAS SETTING THE PACE FOR THE DECADE OF A REFINED PUNK SOUND, AN UPGRADED NEW WAVE THAT WILL HIT FULL FORCE BY THE FALL AND SET A TREND FOR THE DECADE. NOW... IT'S WAIT AND SEE.

by Sue Drapeau
Staff Reporter

If you're a Nova Scotian and you missed *The Collector*, I can only sympathize with you. Even if you're not a native and you have any interest in the heritage and tradition Nova Scotia is steeped in, you missed an enlightening performance.

The Collector, the biographical story of Dr. Helen Creighton, Nova Scotia's first lady of folklore, was written in the charming reminiscences of a 55 year old Dr. Creighton, played by Edith Thorne, being interviewed by Joanie Gillis. Joanie did a marvelous job of singing "You're the Collec-

tor", the music and lyrics written by Marci Lyn Melvin.

Pat Beaven-Browne, played Helen Creighton at 25 and displayed some of the bubbly enthusiasm Dr. Creighton must have felt when she began to dig into the folk songs and ghost stories of Eastern Passage and Cow Bay. Whoever did the casting made an excellent choice of Dr. Creighton at both ages. There was even some resemblance in their looks.

In the brief hour and a half, many of the areas and styles of music of Nova Scotia were touched upon, from the Cape Breton Ceilidh to the Acadian

French tradition. The musical presentation was well done all around from the crackly out-of-tune voices of the fishermen to the spiritual sound of the East Preston Choir.

The acting, mainly by Mount students was delightful and the playwright, J. Frederick Brown, managed to add a bit of charm to the characters with a touch of comedy, reminiscent of the attitudes of the rural folk of Nova Scotia.

To everyone involved in the production right from Mary Sparling to the stage crew, I take my hat off to you. **WELL DONE.**

ALL THAT JAZZ NOT ALL THAT BAD

by Francis Moran

Lights, eye drops, cameras, alka seltzer, cigarettes, action... It's show time, folks!

Preceded by all they hype, all those Academy Award nominations and all that fuss, *All That Jazz* opened in Halifax last week to instant sold-out audiences. And, amazingly enough, it's not all that bad.

Director Bob Fosse has created a death fantasy that is intriguing, provoking and bursting with colour, music, dance and creative imagination.

The audience is treated to a first-hand, close-up and touching look at the life of Joe Gideon, a hard-working, hard-playing musical director whose personal prowess is obvious from the opening scene. Roy Schneider plays the part impeccably.

Gideon is an enigma of the theatre and cinema world; a mastershowman, writer, producer, director and choreographer who plays nearly as hard as he works, going from

woman to woman so fast he can't even remember their names.

And, the only treatment Gideon has for the three women in his life who truly care for him—his ex-wife Audrey (Leland Palmer), daughter Michelle (Erzsebet Foldi) and girl friend Kate (Ann Reinking)—is to lie to them and hurt them.

From the exhilarating opening scene, through all the well-choreographed and imaginative dance numbers, to the finale, Fosse continues to dazzle with his brilliance as a choreographer and musician.

But the story, and the drama, lags and becomes repetitive. The continual early morning ritual Gideon goes through, the continual viewing of a past movie Gideon directed and several of the later dance scenes which never seem to end, are examples where the movie becomes boring.

Throughout the movie, the "live" action is alternated with shadowy, dream se-

quences where Gideon speaks with complete frankness and truth (perhaps for the first time in his life) to a beautiful shrouded woman. This character plays the dual role of Gideon's conscience as well as his dream lady.

All the boozing, all the smoking, all the work, all the playing—in short, all that jazz—finally takes its toll on Gideon as he suffers a heart attack.

The final death sequence, starring Ben Vereen as "a great entertainer, a great humanitarian, and a very good friend for 25 years", is the number which saves *All That Jazz* from slipping into banality.

Gideon passes away, in a dreamlike, flowing manner that restores his opening prowess, into the arms of his dream lady.

Despite the excesses which continually threaten the movie, Fosse has achieved one of his greatest pieces. Tender, thoughtful, witty, wry and cynical, it shows the world of showbiz... stripped of *All That Jazz*.



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Sports Beat

by Nancy Burns

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

The last issue of Sportsbeat in **The Picaro** for the 79/80 academic year pays tribute to an athlete who has played her last game for the Mount.

Volleyball team captain Heather Hart is the Athlete of the Week—an award of which she is particularly deserving, having been the backbone of the Mount volleyball team for the entire four years that she has attended this university.

Coach Brian Carleton says she was a born leader for the team, always buoying them up when team confidence was at its lowest.

She is an extremely good hitter and a very strong server. Carleton says he has the best court sense of any player he has seen in the leagues in which the Mount is involved. Hart can plan the winning strategy.

This year alone she was selected to the first All-Star team for the small colleges league. In her position as captain, she has been "...all round terrific, keeping in touch with the team on all matters of concern." She has been Carleton's right hand player this season.

Heather lives in the Birches. She is graduating with a general sciences degree in April. After graduation she will be returning to Paget on the island of Bermuda.

Back home she has a history of sports involvement to her credit, having played just about every sport imaginable and achieving the award of Athletic Excellence for her efforts. Her hobbies now include horseback riding, swimming, antique bottle collecting.

She has enjoyed her years at the Mount and spent some time visiting parts of the Maritimes. When asked what she will miss most about this place, she replied that it would be the friends that she's met, especially those she was closest to who played with her on the Volleyball team.

Good luck to Heather in future years and a special thank you for her contribution to the Mount volleyball team.

The Mount volleyball team ended its year with a third-place finish in the Provincial Championship Tournament for Volleyball Nova Scotia.

Due to a failure by the VNS organizers to check out the facilities before arranging the tourney, the playoff nearly didn't take place. Originally scheduled to play at Hawthorne School in Dartmouth, the teams soon discovered that one court would not be sufficient to hold the two divisions. So, the Division in which the Mount team plays was bused twenty miles out of Halifax to play in Brookside, along with three other teams. The tournament finally started at 11:30 a.m.

The Mount team played an excellent match against the Breton Gaels from Cape Breton. Unfortunately, they lost the two games to them, 8-15 and 8-10. Coach Brian Carleton said that the score was not indicative of the calibre of the game at all. He

said that the Mount girls had never played so well as a team before.

Our team fared better on the score board in the second match against the Star Tack team from Truro. The Mount beat them 15-12 and 15-5. This match was dedicated to Heather Hart, captain of the team. This was her last game for the Mount as she is graduating this year. She played extremely well and made the last winning point of the day on one of her serves.

Joan Vissers also put in an outstanding performance despite a sprained thumb which has kept her out of action for the past two weeks. Jerry George played her usual steady game serving as one of the mainstays of the team.

The Mount came in third in the Volleyball Nova Scotia Provincial Championships, a commendable feat considering this is the first year they have been in this particular league. They are now ranked sixth in the province.

Mount places Third

AND THIRD AGAIN

Last Wednesday night witnessed the semi-finals of the Halifax Senior Women's Volleyball League at the Stadacona base. The Mount played the Antiques in the best out of three with the Antiques emerging the victor. The Dalhousie Junior Varsity team

lost to the Misfits. Therefore, the Antiques placed first in the playoff with the Misfits right behind them. The Mount captured third place over Dal because of their record of four season wins and one loss over Dal.

Athletic - Recreation Notices

Are you interested in bicycling? Halifax has a club known as Velo Halifax Bicycle Club. It's a recreational club. Rides and tours take place every weekend from April to November. Riders can select from many of varied duration, pace, length and novelty. For further information contact Derek Watts at 477-9804 or Claire Osborne 469-8985 or the A/R office.

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Potpourri

"SUPER" HAMBURGER 1.49

6 oz. - our own pure beef hamburger - very
big and very good.

"SUPER" CHEESEBURGER 1.69

6 oz. - our own pure beef hamburger topped
with tangy melted cheese.

Burgers are served with choice of onions,
ketchup, relish or mustard.

PORK CHOPS 2.89

Hot golden french fries, applesauce,
garnish.

LIVER AND ONIONS 2.25

Mashed potatoes, garnish.

HOT HAMBURG SANDWICH 1.99

Hot golden french fries, vegetables and
garnish.

HOT TURKEY SANDWICH 1.99

Hot golden french fries, vegetables and
garnish.

CHILI CON CARNE 1.49

Hot and spicy, served with hot buttered
toast.

Atlantic Bounty

FISH & CHIPS 1.99

Haddock, golden brown English style fish
and chips served with ketchup and lemon
wedge.

Sandwiches

HOT SMOKED MEAT SANDWICH 1.39

Served on rye with dill pickle.

GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH .99

Served with dill pickle and garnish.

Quick Snacks

EGG ROLL AND PLUM SAUCE .59

ONION RINGS .79

FRENCH FRIES .69

TOSSED SALAD .79

CHEESE AND CRACKERS .50

Special Requests

TOAST .20

GRAVY .15

CHEESE SLICE .15

FISH .70

Desserts

APPLE PIE .79

APPLE PIE WITH CHEESE 1.05

Tangy hot apple pie with a touch of
cinnamon.

DAILY SPECIALS

HOSPITAL TAX WHERE APPLICABLE



Coup D'etat at MSVU



Enraged at counter-revolutionary propaganda put forth by former student newspaper, Blisters of Chastity destroy blasphemous copies and dissect future editorial, written by confirmed anti-revolutionary. Revolutionary Council has exposed *The Picaro* as a den of insurrection, iniquity and countless evil and immoral activities.

WARNING

The Canadian Surgeon-General warns that reading the outside four pages of this newspaper may be hazardous to your health. Please avoid believing.

WARNING

NEW POOL FOR MSVU

by Francois Bonaparte
Slanderer in Chief
and Betty Flag
Sicaro Staff Slanderer

Mount President Dr. E.M. (Ego Maniac) Fullofit said last week that student concerns over the lack of a swimming pool in the new social/athletic complex have been answered, naturally.

Dr. Fullofit said the University is negotiating with Halifax City Council to have the drains shut off at the two Bedford Highway entrances to the campus. Heavy spring rains and melting snow create two natural pools and blocking the drains will ensure that the pools become permanent and will be used by the University to replace the swimming pool cut out of the new complex.

"The pools are there anyway," Fullofit said, "And we might as well make use of them. The cost is in line with the spirit of austerity which we have injected into the university."

While Fullofit conceded that

the use of the pools would impede traffic somewhat, she said she felt that the increased interaction between drivers, ducks and swimmers would contribute to the wholistic atmosphere at the Mount.

The proposal has met with enthusiastic response from nearly every sector involved. Students' Council is reported to be considering implementing a 5 per cent student Building Fee to pay for the capital costs of installing diving boards by the pools. Union President Pear McMale said a referendum and feasibility study are currently being considered.

The Mount's Biology department sees the new pools as an opportunity of a life time. "We will be able to see firsthand what the effects of all those bacteria floating in the water, combined with hypothermia will have," said Dr. Sillyone Brainright, Biology chairman.

When Dr. Fullofit heard of the hypothermia studies, she said she was firmly convinced

the cold-water pools would take the edge off the residents' demands for male visitors. "They (the pools) will work like cold showers, only better," Fullofit said.

Dal students were apparently overjoyed at the pools. "We can use them whenever our's are overbooked," said Johnny Jockstrap and Sally Sweatshirt, co-presidents of that University's Find a Mental Home for Jocks (FMFJ).

Rockingham residents were also overjoyed at the prospect. "We've put up with that University for years now, but it will be okay if they build a couple of swimming pools on the site," said Bilbo Baggins, president of the Rockingham Resident and Renters' Association (RRRA).

Ralphie Slamm, City Councillor for the area, said he will bring the University's proposal to the next Council meeting. He doesn't see much opposition to the plan and we can expect our pools by September.

A coup d'etat at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax has swept the Revolutionary Council of Dr. E.M. (Ego Maniac) Fullofit into absolute power.

Soldiers of the Revolutionary Council, mostly armed insurrectionists from the Blisters of Chastity, overran the campus earlier this morning; taking hostages, evicting or killing all males and destroying all traces of male presence.

The Revolutionary Council was firmly entrenched in power by the time the first bell rang.

In a statement released at 9 a.m., Revolutionary President Fullofit proclaimed that the Mount would no longer admit men and was reverting to an all-women's university.

She said the university has been exploited and cheapened by the presence of males and that she has long been determined to correct the situation.

A three-person junta will continue to rule the university with the same iron fist as before. Former chairman of the university corporation, Blister Catherine O'Fool joins Fullofit and former chairman of the Bored of Shovellers, Rude Silverblossom, in the new revolutionary Council.

One of the first duties of the new Council was to order trials of all males suspected of counter-revolutionary activities under the old regime. Fullofit openly admitted that the trials of former male students would be swift and merciless.

"From her years as Chairman of the Bored of Shovellers, comrade Rude Silverblossom is an expert in assembly-line treatment of students," Fullofit said.

The Council has already tried several former administrators and faculty members and have found all males guilty.

Former executive assistant to the President, Micky Hooligan, and the former Academic Vice-President Dr. Swelter Shouting, have both been sentenced to death for their counter-revolutionary activities.

Both administrators pleaded innocence, saying that they never opposed anything the women did before. Hooligan and Shouting both said they had accepted their positions as rubber-stampers of everything the Bored did, and had never even listened to

students.

The Council turned down their plea, saying they were males, and that was guilt enough.

The Council was apparently thwarted in its attempts to try the male students who led counter-revolutionary activities. A known counter-revolutionary, the former editor of the student newspaper, threw himself off the top of Assisi Hall, rather than be captured by the habit-clad soldiers who overran his office early in the morning.

The second major counter-revolutionary, former Student Union president Pear McMale, has apparently fled to Panama, where he has sought political assylum. McMale is reported to be undergoing surgery for an undisclosed blood disorder.

Aids close to the former Union President said McMale is "in good spirits." They said they can not comprehend why the revolutionary council is angry at him because he was never anything more than a figurehead.

The Council has captured several hostages and will only release them when McMale returns to face the Revolutionary court.

Among the hostages are several females who were part of McMale's figure-head regime including Maggot Enduring, who, the junta says, is herself guilty of one of the most heinous crimes, questioning their authority.

"Although in the past few months Enduring was a quiet rubberstamper who did what she was told, her recent participation in the counter-revolutionary Student Union Building proposal is unforgivable," Fullofit said.

The *Sicaro* has learned that all remaining students at the university, who are all female, have been brainwashed into total obedience.

One observer close to the scene told *The Sicaro* that large crowds of these students can be seen roaming the smoke- and rubble-filled campus buildings chanting loudly "Two X-chromosomes bad; one X-chromosome good," over and over again.

In her statement to the masses, Fullofit said the university would undergo certain difficulties now that it is no longer eligible for government assistance. She said the problem would be solved by raising tuition fees and investing in South Africa and Chile.

STUDENTS SQUEEZED

The Canadian Red Cross today announced that it will no longer hold blood donor clinics on university campuses due to the near total lack of donations. A Red Cross spokesman said the students who do turn up at the clinics are already bled dry.

C. Drake Ulla said in Ottawa that although donor turn-out is still very high, the students have nothing left to give.

"These kids either show up here so emancipated that we can't possibly take any blood from them or they have no blood left to give. Although we have tried and tried, they seem to have had every possible drop already

squeezed out of them," Ulla said.

He said the most frequent visitors to campus clinics are desperate students looking for a cot to rest on for a few hours or begging for the refreshments the Red Cross hands out to donors.

"It's like a famine," he said.

Ulla blames the lack of donations on university business offices who have already bled the students dry with tuition, residence, books and other fees. The situation is common all across Canada but seems to be most rampant where tuition fees are highest.

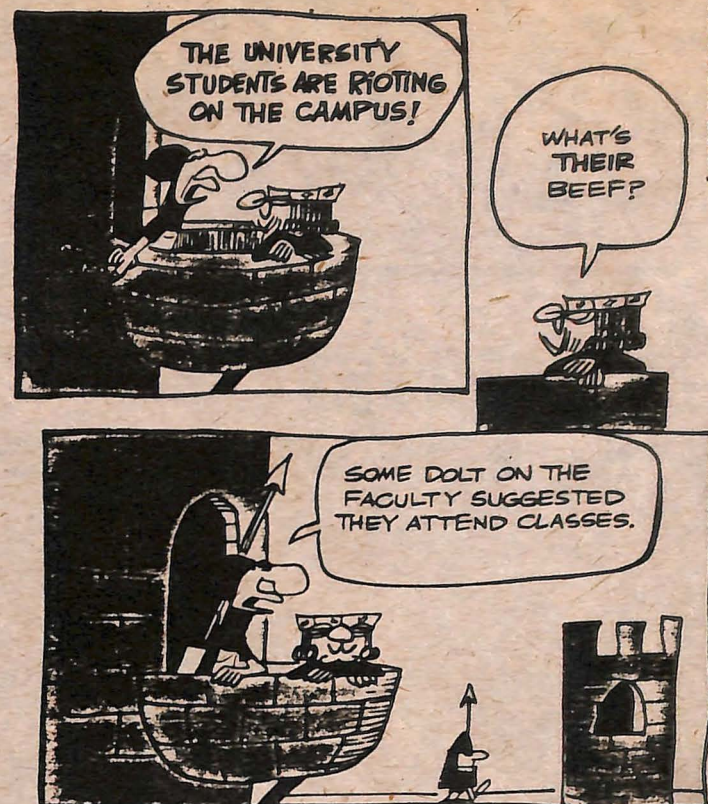
Ulla said it is no longer

feasible for the Red Cross to try and extract the last few remaining drops. "The universities obviously have a more efficient system," he said.

In an apparently unrelated story, the Mount's financial officer Tarry No More announced today that this university's fund-raising drive has reached its \$3.5 million goal. Several Halifax-area hospitals have apparently retained the Mount as supplier for their blood-banks.

"The Red Cross had no blood to give (the hospitals)," More said, "And we seemed to have a surplus lying around. The arrangement is mutually satisfactory."

The hospitals have apparently made substantial donations to the Mount's fund-raising drive, Project One.



Fawcett World Library

Talent Hunt!

Canadian University Press will be launching a national four-colour campus magazine (200,000 circulation) in the fall of 1980, that will be distributed through member newspapers.

Writers, photographers and illustrators are invited to submit samples of their work, sketches, ideas and outlines for consideration by the editorial board.

Please include a brief resume, recent photograph, present address and telephone number, with forwarding address if applicable. Material will be returned only if accompanied by self-addressed stamped envelope.

Material should be sent to:



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126 York Street
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In a surprise move today, the Administration announced that no men would be allowed into the Assisi Hall residence for any reason whatsoever. In an open letter to the university community, Executive Assistant to the President, Micky Hooligan, said appropriate facilities have been provided not far from the residence. Hooligan refused to elaborate.

Overpass Closure Causes Disruption

***by Betty Flag*
Star slanderer**

The closure of the Fairview Overpass last weekend has disrupted the Salmon Spawning season on the Bedford Highway this year.

The Salmon, who usually swim up the Bedford Highway in mid-March have been holding off this year because of unusually low amount of flooding on the highway, and because they had heard that construction on the Overpass was going to present an obstruction.

When the Salmon were told the Fairview Overpass was to be closed last weekend they were extremely disappointed. "We were hoping we could do it over the weekend to avoid traffic, but we can never make it up the Clayton Park hill."

Laser Looney, Minister of Highways said he regretted inconveniencing anyone but "It had to be done, and with Spring coming, it's the best time of the year to get a start."

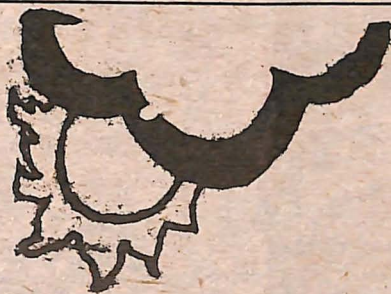
Sam, spokesfish for the Salmon said, "This is going to mean a serious depletion of our stocks this year. Old Jonah (Jonah's Seafood) won't be happy when we don't get there on time."

To add to the problem, the Public Works Dept. may have

Public Works Dept. may well have decided that it was time they fixed up the problem that is causing flooding on the Bedford Highway every spring.

"We won't know what to do. I guess we'll have to use Dunbrack Street next year," said Sam.

MSVU STUDENTS' STORE



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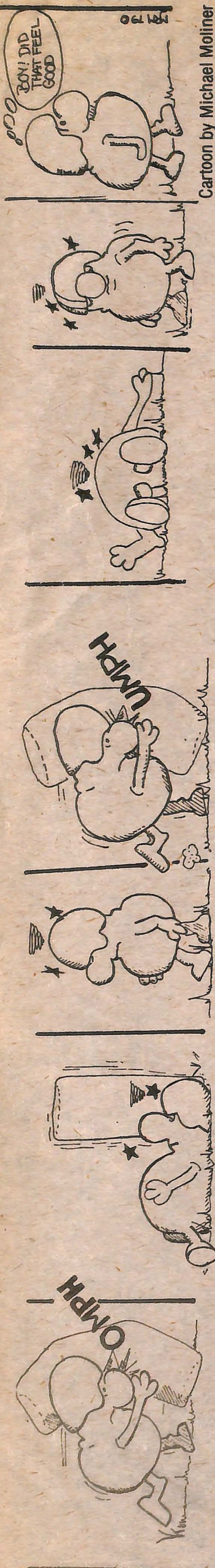
HAVE A NICE SUMMER

Cartoon by Michael Moliner

YOU CAN TELL IT'S GOING TO BE A ROTTEN DAY WHEN ...

You put your bra on backwards and it fits better.
 Your call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold.
 Your son tells you that he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.
 You want to put on the clothes that you wore home from the party and there aren't any.
 Your twin sister forgot your birthday.
 You wake up and discover your waterbed broke, and then realize that you don't have a waterbed.
 Your car horn goes off accidentally and remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels down the street.
 Your boss tells you not to bother taking off your coat.
 You wake up and your braces are locked together.
 You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.
 Your income tax cheque bounces.
 You put both contact lenses in the same eye.
 Your pet rock snaps at you.
 Your wife says, "Good morning George", and your name is Bill.
 The Picaro wishes you a happy summer, and hopes it will see you again in the fall.

Author unknown, but troubled.



Radical Group of anarchist degenerates display form and fitness in Seton Academic Centre. Seriously though folks, you're looking at a delegation from that apex of ardent academics, Twit Corner, during one of their rare serious moments.

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