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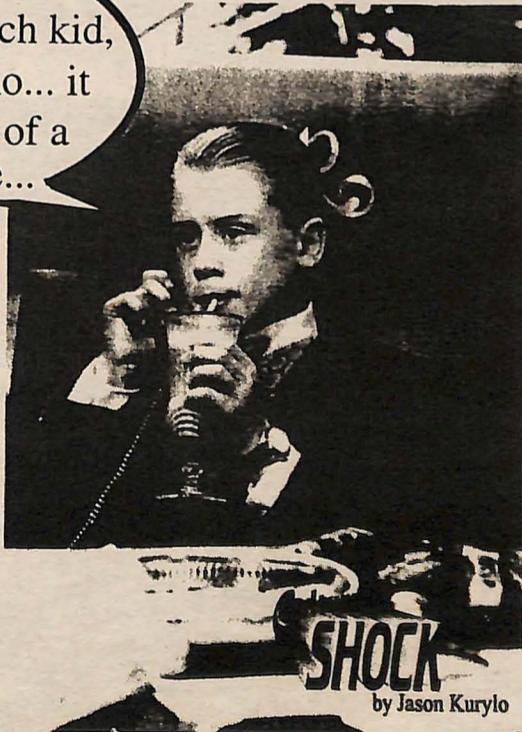
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Council Proposes Honoraria Hikes

by Andrea Bannister

Less than a year after giving themselves a \$50 month pay cut, the Student Council executive has proposed to almost double their honoraria, but not all councillors agree with this move.

In a memorandum to student councillors, Joe Strolz proposed a new honoraria system that pays executive members minimum wage according to the average number of hours worked each month. Council members voted earlier this year to take a pay cut after years of financial mismanagement left the union in debt.

"We are only making \$2 to \$3 an hour," said Lori Anne Jones, Academic VP. "If you can't pay people to do a job here, you can't expect them to be able to work their guts out."

Five of the six council executive members have part-time jobs supplementing their honoraria to help pay the bills. Council members fear this cuts into their academic and Student Council work.

Todd Jackson, the External VP said his part-time job, necessary to pay his expenses, has taken away from his work on the Council.

"I had to give up some conferences because I had to work, and that's my job, to get the Mount's name out there," said Jackson.

Jackson feels financial barriers are stopping some students from becoming involved on Student Council.

"People are not clamouring to be on Student Council. We have 27 spots, but are lucky if we fill 15," said Jackson. "Good intentions, wanting to help students is great, but, reality check, money is tight and students need a job that is going to help pay the rent."

Sheri Moore, Executive VP agrees. She said that mature students, for example, single parents, are disadvantaged. With the heavy workload and small honoraria, they can not afford to run for Council.

"We want to get the quality of people, people who are totally dedicated to the students," said Moore. "There are managers, like the Bar Manager, who are making more money than me, but I'm the one liable if anything happens. If I'm the person that is supposed to be hiring and firing people, shouldn't I make close to the wage they are making?"

But some other Student Council members have mixed feelings or disagree with the proposed honorarium system.

The VP Finance, Steve Brown, thinks the honorarium should go back up by the \$50 cut earlier, but that's it.

"In my opinion, you should be doing this job before you hear about the pay. I was originally willing to do the job for free," said Brown.

Sue Harris, the Arts Rep, believes that there should be a pay increase, but is wary of the proposed amount.

"The reason we run is to do things for students. I'm a student advocate on the Council, but my part-time job (at the Corner Store) is for my rent money."

Jackson, who first suggested an honorarium hike, has reservations about the proposed system. According to the Strolz's memorandum, the honoraria will be decided by a review committee set up and activated by the Student Council and will be comprised of mostly Council



photo: Heather Boudreau

The proposed honoraria changes were first discussed at the March 23rd council meeting. The next council meeting will be Friday April 7 in room S532.

members.

Jackson is also concerned with an hour based honorarium.

"You can't measure what the Student Council does through office hours. How do you measure what we do? By how many calls we make, how many letters we write, how many meetings we go to?"

Jackson urges students to voice their opinions about the proposed honorarium increase. The next Student Council meeting is at noon, April 7 in SAC 308.

President - works 30 hours a week, receives \$350/month honoraria, proposed \$630.

Executive VP - works 25 hours a week, currently receives \$300/month honoraria, proposed \$525.

Academic VP - works 25 hours a week, currently receives \$200/month honoraria, proposed \$420.

Internal VP - works 20 hours a week, receives \$200/month honoraria, proposed \$420.

VP Finance - works 20 hours a week, receives \$225/month, proposed \$420.

All councillors - works 1.5 hours a week, receive \$0/month, proposed \$30.

Evaristus Residence to Close: Birches residents may be forced to go on meal plan

by Andrea Bannister

Residence students aren't happy with next year's proposed closure of Evaritus Hall, a residence for approximately 100 female students.

"This was something that I was upset about," said Rebecca Fountain, a second year science student. "I wanted to come back and Evaritus has been my home for the past two years. I'm in Housing staff, but if it wasn't for that, I probably wouldn't come back."

Frances Cody, the Manager of Housing, Conference and Financial Aid said the Mount is looking into opening a residence in the Motherhouse for first year students.

Evaritus will be renovated to accommodate the influx of education students and faculty expected next year after the Mount becomes the only Halifax university offering an education degree.

Without permission to open

a residence in Motherhouse, the Mount will only be able to offer approximately 250 students on-campus housing, one hundred less than this year.

"We are not sure what will happen yet," said Cody. "But whether we do move into the Motherhouse or not, this will only be a interim option. Hopefully, we will be able to construct a new residence in the next couple of years."

Emily Murray, a first year pub-

lic relations student says she is glad she got to live in Evaritus. "I wouldn't have lived on campus if I had to live in the Motherhouse."

Residents of the five Birches, townhouses which offer full kitchen facilities, are worried that the closure of Evaritus will mean they will now have to join the campus meal plan. The Mount needs at least 220 students on the meal plan.

"Overall, the girls in the house are against this, in fact none

of the 20 of us living here now are coming back next year and that was the deciding factor," said Pamela Weeks, a second year student at Birch #5. Weeks said she and other students moved to the Birches to avoid the meal plan.

"We already pay more than other residence students because we have the use of a kitchen. We are not going to pay \$2,300 for a meal plan on top of that," she said.

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Is Drunkenness an Excuse?

by Shira Katz

MONTREAL (CUP) — Women's groups and lawyers are anxiously awaiting the final draft of a new bill that will not allow drunkenness to be used as a legal defence for most violent crimes, including rape.

The bill was introduced two weeks ago by federal Justice Minister Allan Rock in response to a public outcry against a Supreme Court decision made last Septem-

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ber.

Sally Spilhaus, a sexual harassment officer at Concordia University, is happy with Rock's creation of a bill. She alluded to three men to date who have successfully used the drunkenness defence in court in assaults against women.

"You may be charged with getting yourself drunk rather than on the aggravated sexual assault so you may get a lighter sentence," she said. "I applaud Rock's intention."

But according to criminal defence lawyer Guy Cournoyer, who is president of the Association of Defence Lawyers in Montreal, the bill is problematic because it is too broad and takes for granted that evidence can be presented in court.

For example, evidence of extreme drunkenness was used in a recent court case, which led to the Supreme Court decision and the bill.

An expert witness testified that the accused, 72-year-old Henri Daviault, had such a high blood-alcohol ratio that he might have suffered a blackout, and that his brain was not functioning normally. The case involved the sexual assault of a 65-year-old woman who is partially paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair.

Cournoyer said there was

scientific evidence in Daviault's case that he was so drunk, his intention was not a voluntary act.

"The bill creates a negligent standard. Instead of arguing what was going on in the criminal's mind, it argues about what should have been there. It's not very often you convict someone of a crime because of what he should have done according to Canadian society standards," he said.

He said that the bill would also apply to a woman who assaults her best friend in a state of drunkenness.

"This makes an exception to the rule by saying that we should convict people for what they did [regardless of intention]," he said.

Cournoyer added that the question of what is considered a reasonable standard of drunkenness (one beer versus five beers) has not been answered.

"It's not clear to me where that line would be defined," he said.

Daviault's criminal defence lawyer, Giuseppe Battista, said he does not understand how the state can give itself the right to change

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the law.

"I think it's a political reaction to public reaction of a badly misunderstood Supreme Court ruling," he said.

He added that if the bill becomes a law, it will have no effect on the Daviault case, since Daviault was charged in 1989.

According to Josée Bebeau, a liaison officer at Le Regroupement des centres de femmes du Québec, the Supreme Court decision opened the door for criminals and angered many women. She emphasized the importance of the final wording of the bill.

"It's a good intention as long

as it is defined tightly and does not have any loop holes," she said. She added that definitions should answer the following questions:

"Alcohol use or drug use should not be a reason to plead not guilty.."

"What is extreme intoxication?" and "Who is going to measure that?"

"This terminology needs explanation," said Bebeau. "We find it's too easy to say, 'I was drunk so I was not aware.'"

Patricia Rossi, president of the Federation of Women's Shelters in Quebec, hopes the bill will be

passed quickly.

"Alcohol use or drug use should not be a reason to plead not guilty," she said. "What Rock is trying to do is good but we're wondering why it's taking so long."

She added that she is worried about the final wording of the bill.

"What's been tabled is what we want. We just don't know what we're going to get," she said.

Rossi said that if the bill is changed, she would like to see the final wording before it is passed in Parliament and becomes law.

"The wording should be that intoxication cannot be used as a defence for violence," she said. "Alcohol and drugs are not causes of violence, they are precipitating factors of violence."

Evaristus cont...

Cody hopes the new meal plan, which will operate on a declining balance debit card system will attract residence students. Instead of the present cafeteria style, students will be able to choose from a "food court" with pizza, subs and other meals, as well as use their debit card at the Sacateria.

Lourdes, a wing in Evaritus for 14 students which offers the only French environment on campus will also be closing. Monica Wyman, a second year student at the Lourdes regrets the loss of the French residence.

"It's a shame that first year students might be moved into the Motherhouse. I don't know if they will have the same rules as everyone else," Wyman said. "I also think that there should be a French residence on campus. Maybe they can convert one of the Birches."

Gender Based Pricing

by Calinda Brown

VICTORIA (CUP) — That pen stain on your shirt will cost you \$5.50 to get out if you're a woman, \$2 if you're a man.

It's called gender-based pricing — charging women more than men for the same goods and services. Joanne Thomas Yaccato, president of Women and Money, Inc., wants it stopped.

"Women are no longer accepting these price differences," she said.

Five dollars here and there might not seem like much, but Yaccato estimates over a 40-year career, gender-based pricing will cost a businesswoman \$1 million more than her male counterparts.

Yaccato, author of the book, *The Balancing Act*, started an awareness campaign against gender-based pricing in June 1994. She said it "fuelled a fire" of women's anger at discriminatory pricing.

"Women are notorious for talking about [gender-based pricing] among themselves instead of putting it in the laps of the people practicing it," Yaccato said. Now, she said, women are starting to fight back where it counts — with their money.

Eighty-five per cent of the consumer dollar is under the control of women, Yaccato said, adding

she believes women could use that control to force industries to change — much like the recent consumer revolt by Rogers Cable customers that forced the company to back down from a price change.

Kerry Slavens, editor of *Focus on Women* magazine, agreed.

"Nobody changes without pressure," Slavens said. "We need equity in pricing. If we're moving to a balanced society, the marketplace should reflect that."

Yaccato started a petition campaign to have a private member's bill introduced in the House of Commons to make gender-based pricing illegal. She is using California's recent law as a precedent.

California criminalized discriminatory pricing in March 1993.

Companies found breaking the new law face minimum fines of \$1,000. Maximum fines of \$25,000 can also be levied.

But Yaccato doesn't think women should wait for legislation.

"Start challenging establishments that practice this," she said. "Get vocal, sign the petition."

She said the main industries practicing gender-based pricing are hair-dressers, dry-cleaners, retail clothing outlets and contracting services.

But big-ticket items like cars are also priced based on gender. In 1994, the Harvard Law Review found women pay 40 per cent more on average than men for cars. Black women paid the most, white men the least.

Michael Willie, sales manager for Willie Dodge Chrysler of Victoria, disagreed.

"No one says, 'Oh, it's a girl, I'm going to make more money,'"

Willie said. "Consumers nowadays are buying smarter than ever. Women are very assertive. They say, 'This is my bottom line.'"

Yaccato believes that is a solution to ending gender-based pricing.

"Education is key," she said. "Caveat emptor always applies."

Yaccato also recommends buying non-fashion items, such as shoes, in the men's or boys' department and trying and get dry-cleaning done under the men's category as ways to save money. However, she said speaking out is most important.

"Start asking questions. 'Why does my brother pay less for the same haircut?'" she said. "And tell companies, 'Don't use gender as a pricing category.'"

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The Scent Controversy...

No scents is good sense.

It's a catchy little slogan, but it's now starting to arouse resentment in those who see the posters popping up on the doors everywhere on campus. People are upset because they feel that their personal liberty is being taken away.

Well, I'm from the other side of the debate. I'm one of those mystery people with environmental illness.

Perhaps if I give you a little glimpse into my personal experience you will see why perfume is such a big issue. While perfume may seem like a little luxury of life to you, to me it's dangerous. My usual symptoms include nausea, breathing problems, dizziness, abdominal pain, mood swings, disorientation, loss of memory, blackouts, and fatigue, and usually a combination of these. When I'm sitting in an exam and someone sits by me wearing perfume I know I have an hour and a half before I stop breathing (according to my doctor) and twenty minutes until all of my memory is gone. In addition, I'll probably have to stay in bed for a couple of days

recovering from that kind of over-exposure.

You see, perfumes are toxins, or substances foreign to your body. In a normal person you breathe them in (or ingest them through your skin) and your body flushes them out of your system. My detoxification and immune systems are so overloaded by the toxins in my environment that I can't handle being around everyday toxins, such as perfume, Windex or hairspray.

Since I was diagnosed in 1992 my life has changed drastically. I can't go many places or do many things and I always have to be mindful about how much exposure I've had. I have to carry medication to ensure that if I get overexposed I can breathe long enough to get out of there.

To you perfume may be a personal choice. I no longer have a choice. When you wear perfume around me you restrict my ability to live a normal life. To me, not being able to breathe is the ultimate restriction of freedom.

-Alana Wiens

B A C K K L A S H

Continues

Oh look, it's another announcement on the 1990s newest rage - Environmental Illness. You may be asking yourself, "What exactly is environmental illness; how do you get it; or why have I never heard of it before now?"

These are all good questions, unfortunately though nobody can answer them with absolute certainty. The most prominent of medical specialists don't even agree on the existence of this "illness", let alone give definitive reasoning for why we all MUST change our lifestyles to accommodate those who are stricken with it.

We have all heard about psychologically induced false pregnancies, sufferings and other hypochondriac prone "diseases". I often wonder how many of these environmentally ill people really fit into this category.

Even with all of this uncertainty everyone who steps onto campus is being asked to alter their lives for those people who suffer from this 'dreaded disease'. This illness which has no concrete medical backing, no scientific reasoning for why it's so prevalent in today's environment, is affecting each one of us with these new rules and regulations.

If you have seen (I'm sure you have since they are plastered on every door and bulletin board) the latest notice by administration, you have read the catchy little phrase "No scents is good sense". Unfortunately, I also have a catchy little phrase, "No scents = no sense."

We are being asked to wear absolutely no scents on campus. That means no perfume, cologne, hair spray, or even fresh scented deodorant. And next time you go to buy your laundry detergent make sure its not scented - you could be killing someone with your Fresh Scented Tide.

So, where does this leave us healthy people? We are stranded in the land of expensive "no scents," buying an all new line of body and hair care products, laundry detergents, and making sure we don't even attempt to smell nice while on campus.

Speak up for your right to smell however you want!!

-Jamie Munn

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the Starvin' Students guide to cheap living

by Andrea Bannister

unboring budget tips

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- Go to the grocery store an hour, hour and a half before it closes on Saturday. Stores mark down deli, meat, pastries, etc. just before they close.

- Cavendish Farms hash browns are a steal at Sobeys for only \$.33.

- Buy second hand books and CDs. They are lots of places that sell these cheap.

- The most obvious thing is ... watch for SALES!

- Go shopping when stores have sample days, like Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you're lucky enough to go to the Price Club, you can practically get a full course meal with all the samples.

- The Nutrition students say stay away from processed food - they're too expensive. Even a box of pancake mix (ok, it's processed too) but it's cheaper than a box of Eggos. They suggest:

- PASTA PASTA PASTA, rice, potatoes, and fruit and vegetables only on sale. "Root" vegetables like carrots are cheap all year round.

- Buy spices from the bulk section. A little bit of basil or oregano goes a long way in making your food taste better and costs only pennies! Buy real garlic cloves for only about \$.25, way cheaper and tastier than the processed stuff.

eat on the cheap

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Probably the most important thing is to use your imagination. Throw in what you want. Think casseroles. Can anyone say cream of mushroom soup?

Hamburger Surprise

Cook up some hamburger, throw in a cup of water, a cup and a half of Minute Rice and a can of mushroom soup and whatever veggies you have cook at 375 for about 30-40 minutes.

Tuna Surprise

After you cook up a box of Kraft Din-

ner or equivalent, throw in a can of tuna and a can of cream of mushroom and if you have it, celery is good too.

Another (spicy) Tuna Surprise

Cook some onion and garlic if you have it, than add, you guessed it, a can of cream of mushroom soup, a little bit of milk or water and a can of tuna. Then, and some CURRY powder to taste. Add this to some rice. Good for a couple of meals.

no dough? -

where to go \$

- Empire Dartmouth and the Oxford Theatre have cheap nights from Monday to Thursday. Try a matinee on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Park Lane for cheap night prices.

- For the more culturally inclined, watch for pay-what-you-can nights at Neptune Theatre or plays, dance companies at alternative places like our art gallery.

- No money even to rent a movie? The public libraries have movies you can rent for free. Don't expect "True Lies" to be there, but they do have the classics! They also have CDs there too.

- Get drunk on Sunday. If you hate crowds and don't have class on Monday morning, take a spin around downtown Sun-

day night. Draft and drinks are a buck at the Liquor Dome and only a little bit more at the Palace.

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dining out -

no frills style

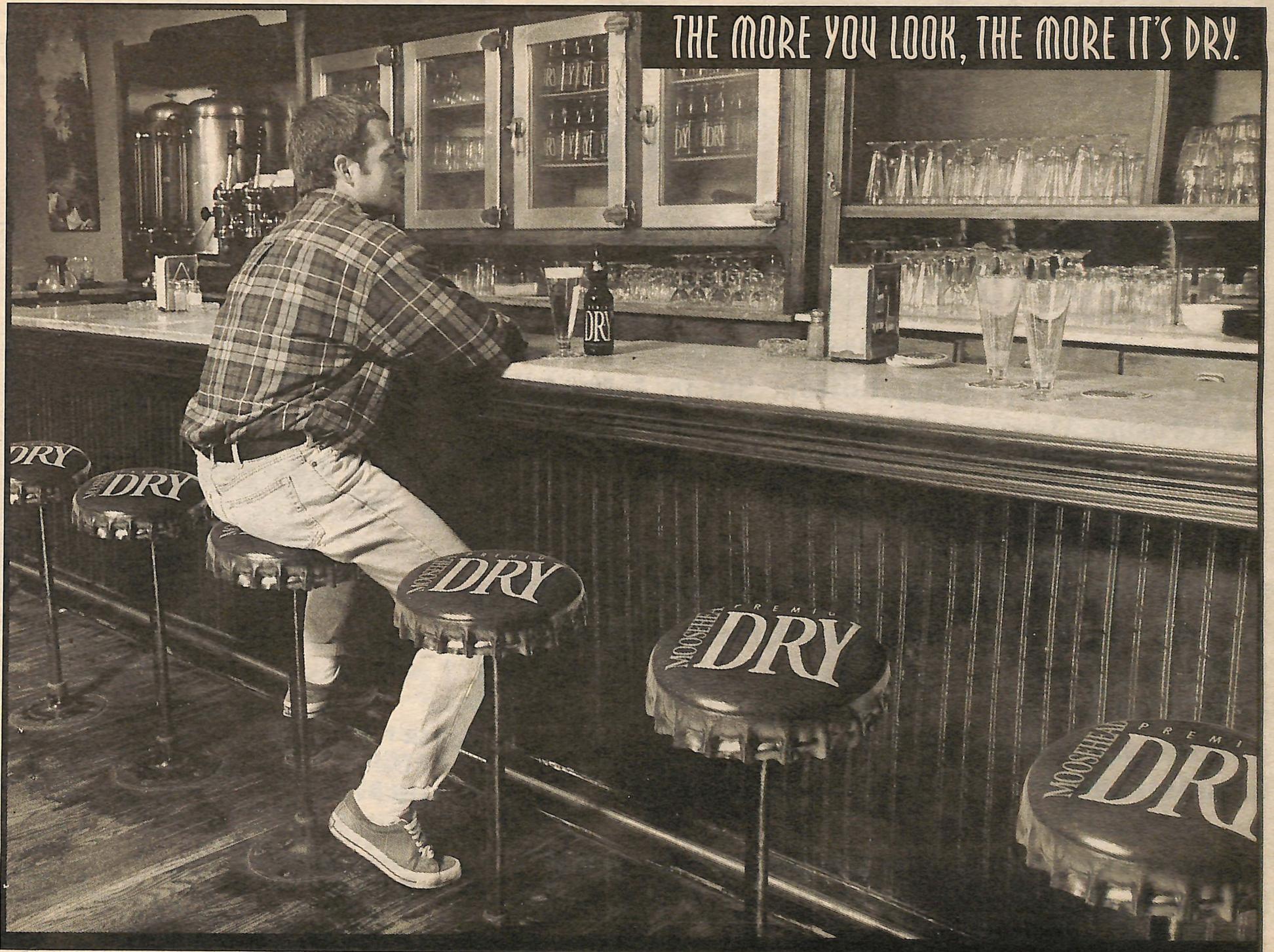
- Go out to eat at lunch, the menus are always cheaper. For example, Pizza Hut has a great all-you-can-eat lunch buffet every weekday for \$4.99.

- Bypass the McDonald's on Quinpool and go across the street to Hungry Harry's. For the same price as a Big Mac combo (\$3.99), you get a big hamburger, fries, coleslaw, pickles and your choice of a draft or pop. And for the vegetarians, they have an all-you-can-eat spaghetti bar (they do have meat sauce too).

- Peddler's Pub has some great deals to. On Wednesday, get your choice of wings for \$.99 with a beverage purchase (and it doesn't have to be beer) or on Fridays, get a plate of Nachos with salsa and sour cream for \$.99 with a drink.

- Midtown & Maxwell's Plum have good, cheap, greasy pub food.

- And if you're feeling more uptown, Brother's Cafe on Spring Garden is fairly cheap and not so greasy.



A Night With Al

by Nola MacDonald

Where can you find rock, country, blues, heavy metal, and polkas all together on the same stage? At a "Weird" Al Yankovic concert of course!

"Weird" Al played at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium last Wednesday evening, and I was lucky enough to get great seats for the second concert of the night.

Never before have I seen an audience applaud an accordion more than a guitar.

"Weird" Al, of course, is the King of Parodies and one of the greatest comedic singers I have ever

heard. He's also one of the most flexible I have ever seen.

By flexible, I don't just mean his music, he actually managed to put his leg behind his head during "Like a Surgeon".

Al also had to be flexible to make the constant costume changes. Since most of his songs are spoofs of other songs, he tries (and succeeds) to look something like the original singer.

Al managed to play music off all of his album, including the new song "Headline News" a take-off of "MMM MMM MMM MMM" by

the Crash Test Dummies.

The Food Medley was a brilliantly spliced together assortment of every food song in the history of music. (Or so Al would have us believe). It made my roommate hungry.

Each member of Al's band had a solo, and each was funnier than the previous. The guitar player did a spoof of Jimi Hendrix's famous "Star Spangled Banner", using "Mary Had a Little Lamb" for his base song.

The bass player played a single note. The audience cheered. He

played another note. The audience cheered. Finally, he played a chord -- with his foot.

Al actually wandered into the audience during "One More Minute". He threw water on the crowd (just a glassful) during "Smells Like Nirvana". It was a true concert experience. He even smashed a guitar.

The final number Al performed was "Fat", a spoof of Michael Jackson's "Bad". It started with a clip from the video, and went on to live performance.

If you have ever seen the

video for "Fat", you know about the fat-suit that Al wore. You probably also remember that his face and hands were made to look fatter.

I was amazed to see that Al actually had the fat-face with him!

Although most of the show was great, we encountered a few problems. There were also a lot of smoke effects, and too much strobe lighting for my liking.

However, Al put on a great show, even coming back for an encore - "Yoda", and I was very, very glad I went. I even bought a cool Alapalooza t-shirt.



by Bryan Wiens

Love Battery

When you look at the cover for the album Straight Freak Ticket you think "a rock n' roll album." When you listen to it that's basically what you get... another rock n' roll album. The guitar is good in places, but the songs are not bad at best and the lead vocals aren't ear catching either. Don't get me wrong, it's not a bad collection of songs, but it's not chart breakthrough material. Overall, not a bad album, just not really worth spending twenty bucks on.



face to face

Good punk rock. That pretty much sums up the album "Big Choice" by the Californian based punk band, *face to face*. It's got all the energy, anger and loud guitar you'd expect. Following in the footsteps of Green Day and Offspring chances are that *face to face* will never be as widely popular as its predecessors. The songs on the album aren't chart-topping material but they all sound pretty good.

The name Big Choice comes from, as the band says, "one of those machines you put a quarter in -- it's got a crane and you try to pick up a little stuffed animal. You could pump two-fifty into that thing and still never get the pink teddy bear. So, it's like we're all faced with big choices every day and nine times out of ten, we make the wrong ones, but we still pump that other quarter in them. It's depressing if you think about it, but certainly an album to check out if you are a genuine punk rock fan.

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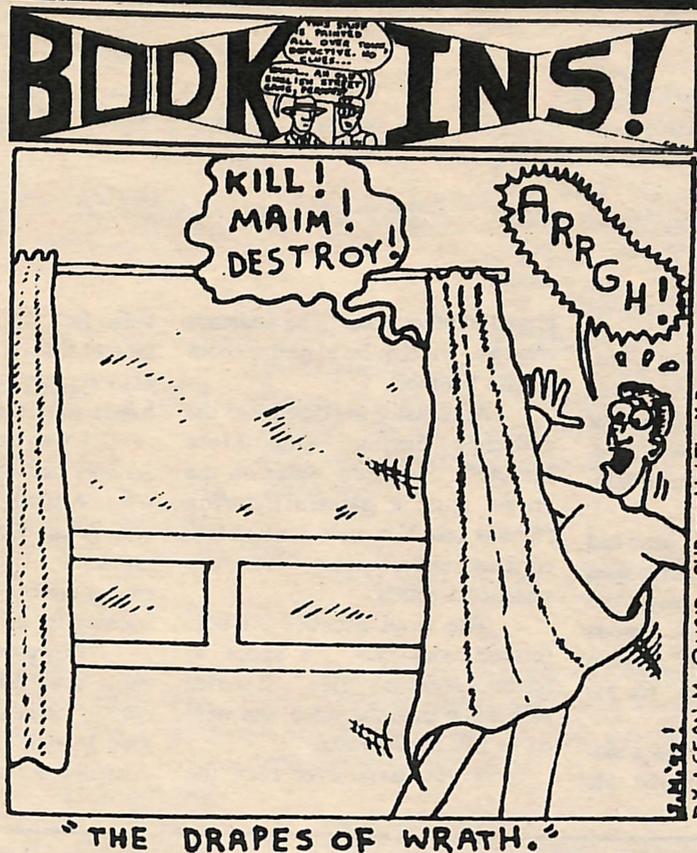
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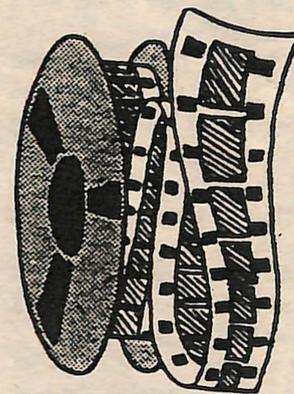
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Film Reviews



Outbreak

by Alana Wiens

Do you like to be scared? I mean really scared. If you do, go see Outbreak.

However, if you're like me, don't go see it. Yes, I admit it. I had to leave the movie and couldn't sleep that night.

Outbreak is supposed to be a fictional account of a virus which kills within 24 hours. The military knows all about it, as they bombed a community that had it 30 years before. However, they are keeping their knowledge under wraps and are trying to keep the new outbreak a secret too.

Don't worry, I'm not going to give away the plot. Remember, I left before the end.

Of what I did see I know that the premise of the plot hits just a little too close to home, with diseases such as AIDS spreading without a cure. Could humanity be wiped out by a virus like this? Sure. Are we living next to a harbour that is an open sewer and breeds bacteria in unimaginable amounts? Sure. Would an airborne virus have a field day here? Sure. Perhaps you can see how my line of thinking went all night.

Dustin Hoffman gives an amazing performance, providing the movie with a human touch.

If you enjoy thrillers, this movie is for you. It is suspenseful, filled with action and has bits of humor. What makes it extra scary is that this scenario probably could happen.

Muriel's Wedding

by Alana Wiens

This movie looked cheesy. It opens with scenes from a wedding where Muriel is wearing an ever so tight leopard print dress and spies on the groom, who is having sex with one of the bridesmaids.

Actually, this is a really great movie. Not deep or emotional, but fun and a great way to let off steam after an exam. The soundtrack is all ABBA, which is always a bonus. It fits really well with the characters, though sometimes the ABBA theme seems to be taken a little too far.

The plot is far too complicated and outrageous to seem plausible on paper. Enough to say that it's about friends, family, priorities, and the truth.

Toni Colette, who plays Muriel, is really great and provides real depth to her character.

It's doubtful this movie will be a huge hit in Metro, but I think it's a must-see.

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Grad Class Events



by Theresa McGinn

Well, school's 'getting kind of hectic', but hey - you're almost done, so let's get ready to celebrate! The 1995 Spring Graduation Executive has party plans for you, so get out your calendar and mark these dates.

To kick off our 'pre-celebration' of graduation, why not treat yourself to a night on the town just as we finish those last minute projects, and before we hit the books. On Friday, March 31st there will be the 'MSVU Spring '95 Grads' Final Stumble Downtown.'

The night out will begin at 5:00 pm at the Port-A-Pub where there will be live entertainment. At 6:00 pm, we've booked a bus to take us directly to our first downtown destination. Let the crawl begin! The shirts will be on sale Wednes-

March 30th for \$10 (look for us in the link). This will include all of your cover charges and will allow you to by-pass the line-ups. For an extra \$5 you can enjoy the 'All you can eat buffet' at the Bull Pen, if you let us know when you purchase your t-shirt.

Starting to get frustrated with all of the work, why not purchase a raffle ticket for a 'buck' and a chance to win a weekend for two at a beautiful resort, White Point Beach Lodge. It includes two-nights accommodations, and all of your meals. Doesn't that sound nice and relaxing? Look for the posters, they'll have the details. All proceeds will go to the Spring '95 Grad Executive to help cover our expenses and keep costs down.

On Saturday, April 22nd, af-

ter writing your FINAL exams, there will be a Semi-Formal Dinner and Dance at the Prince George Hotel. Tickets will be on sale in advance for \$20 per person. This includes your dinner (which will be a caesar salad, the main course, grilled chicken breast with Madeira sauce, and cheesecake for dessert), and of course the dance with an all request DJ. Tickets will be on sale in advance so look for posters with the details (limited tickets available, so get yours early).

When May arrives, get ready to party again! The night before the BIG day, Thursday, May 11th, there will be a Harbour Cruise. Following the cruise there will be a celebration with your friends and family at a local pub.

Don't forget about the 1995

Spring Convocation Lobster Dinner, hosted by the Alumnae Association, on the night of convocation, May 12th. Remember, tickets must be purchased by May 11th from the Alumnae Office.

So, action packed or what? Hey, pat yourself on the back - YOU DID IT! Let's get ready to celebrate, you deserve it! If you would like to help out, or just want more information on the events, you can contact the president of the Spring '95 Grad Class, Frances Roesch at 445-5169, Theresa McGinn, vice-president at 457-4741, Vicki Schnare, secretary at 865-4742 or Cindy Blinn, treasurer at 543-3919.

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I WAS WONDERING....

by Susan Dumaresque

"What is the first thing you are going to do after your last exam?"

"I'm going to Disneyworld...really!"

Angela Hill, 4th year Tourism & Hospitality Mgt.

"Probably sleep cause we'll be over exhausted."

Becky Fountain, 2nd year BSC. &
Kelly Crouse, 4th year Arts.

"Find a job!"

Andrea Simmons, 4th year Public Relations

"Scream!"

Craig Smith, 3rd year BBA.

"Go home, take off my shoes and have a cold brew."

Sarah Clarke, 2nd year Arts.

"Registering for summer school."

Reyn Gray, 1st year Arts.

"Going to Florida and visit Mickey."

Tara Mamy, 1st year Arts.

"Go to a depressing movie and cry."

Jenna Chaisson, 1st year Child & Youth Study

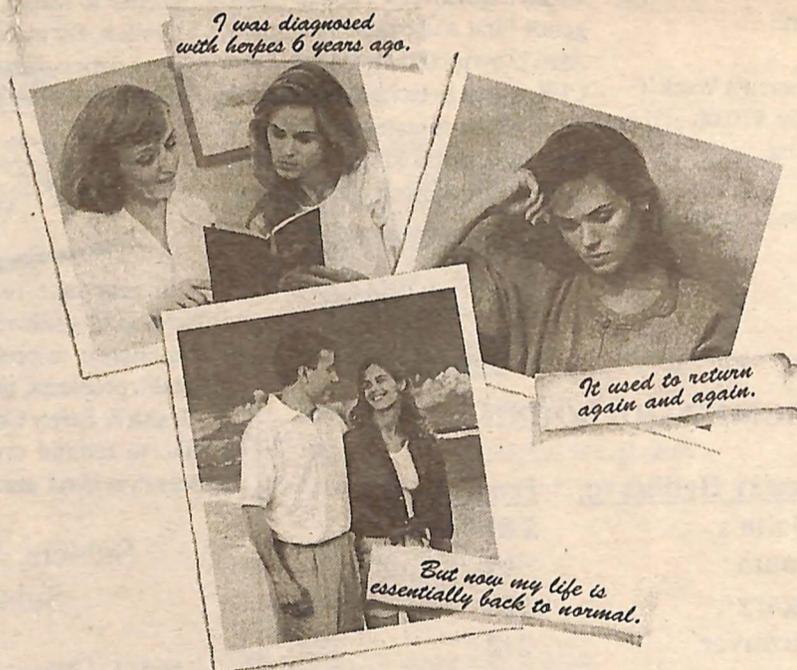
"Go out and party!"

Irene Vassallo, 1st year BSC.

"Celebrate, (hee,hee)"

Wendy Journey, 1st year Arts.

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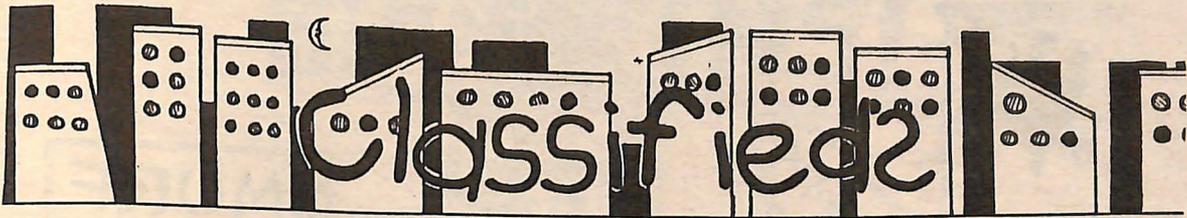
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Public Service Announcements

The M.S.V.U. Business Society Conference Dinner will be held March 29, 1995 at the Prince George Hotel in Halifax starting at 6:00 pm with a cash bar and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. There will be two guest speakers. Margaret McGrath, CEO/President of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. Inc and Janet MacMillan/McArther Thompson & Law Advertising and Public Affairs. Tickets are \$25 for students and \$35 for everyone else. For ticket information call 865-7661 or JRIDGEWA@Linden.MSVU.Ca.

Early Registration for 1995-1996 will begin on March 27. More information will be posted on campus giving all the details.

The Commerative Anthology for International Women's Week has been printed and is on sale for \$3.00 at the Student Union Office. Pick up your copy today.

International Women's Week T-shirts are on sale for \$10.00 at the Student Union Office.

MSVU Awards Banquet has been

changed to Thursday, March 28, 1995. There will be a reception at 6:30 in the Rosaria Lobby with a cash bar and diner will begin at 7:00pm. Tickets go on sale March 23 at the cornerstone and at the Student Union Office.

The Help Line is still looking for volunteers that are over 19 years of age and are able to participate in a 40 hour training program. For more information call Julie Patterson at the Help Line offices at 422-2048.

The Halifax YMCA, 1239 Barrington Street, is offering a six-week course in WEN-DO, taught by a certified instructor. There will be a free demonstration on Thursday, April 6, 7:00-8:00pm. Course begins thursday, April 13, 7:00-9:30 pm, and runs for 6 weeks and costs \$55.00 plus G.S.T.

The Halifax YMCA, 1239 Barrington Street, is offering a Red Cross Heartsaver CPR and Emergency First Aid course on Sunday, April 23 from 9:00 am-5:00pm. Learn CPR as well as techniques for dealing with life-threatening emergencies such as choking, respiratory arrest, cardiac arrest, and bleeding.

The cost is \$45.00 plus GST. For more information call Wanda Hill 423-6162.

The Halifax chapter of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 1995 in Room 4074, Abbie Lane Building, Camp Hill Medical Center at 7:30 pm. Dr. Jennifer Hendrick, Psychological Issues and Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Nina Barnes at 422-8137.

The YMCA Women's Recognition Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 11 at the World Trade and Convention Centre. The CIBC Yong Woman's Award will be presented to someone between the ages of 17 and 24. The Rose Vaughan Trio will be playing and all proceeds from the dinner will help the YMCA provide job training, child and family services, and shelter to Metro women and their families. For more information, and nomination instructions, contact the Halifax YMCA at 423-6162.



In response to concerns expressed by students and staff who experience respiratory and other health problems, the Occupational Health & Safety Committee would like to remind everyone that no scents is good sense

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May 1 - August 31, for \$250 a month plus utilities. It is a newly renovated apartment with a big room and hardwood floors. Close to downtown for the G-7 (ha, ha, ha) and close to major bus routes. For more information call Jenn Curran at 455-8021. Thanks.

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Coffee Experts Second Cup Spring Garden Road, Halifax	03/31/95 see placement office
Full Time	
Teachers, Housemother/Parents, Accountant, Manager Lucy Baker School Warburg, Alberta	05/01/95 see placement office
Fundraising/Telemarketing Universal Property Management Québec, Ontario, Maritime Provinces	leave resumé at placement office
Residence Life Coordinator University of Alberta	04/15/95 see placement office

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Awards

Congratulations to Michele Dugas, winner of the Bruce Cochran Award.

Congratulations to Denise Dube, Jennifer Haufman and Melanie Myer who are off to a competition of student entrepreneurs at Queen's University on March 24, 25, and 26.



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Boys Go To Nationals

by Susan Dumaresque

The Mount Mystics were one of six teams competing at the CCAA Basketball Nationals Thursday, March 9 to 12th in Truro.

Our very own team of eleven left Halifax the Wednesday before with high hopes of achieving the biggest challenge in their university career - to become National Champions. The day ahead of them was to be a challenging one. The team to beat was Humber College, who had not lost one game. But first they had to defeat one obstacle, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. The game began at 4:00 pm. "The atmosphere was really exciting, the gym was packed and fan support was really great, it was the

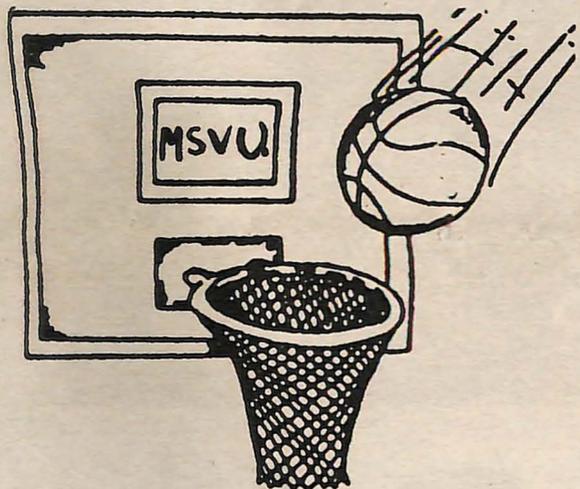
chance of a lifetime to play in the Nationals in front of your family," said Craig Miller, a fourth year veteran. But throughout the game Miller felt that the team did not re-

"We outplayed them ... we should have won but .. 4 points might as well have been 40; a loss is a loss any way you slice it," Rick Plato, coach of the team.

bound well and they did not get the free throws that were necessary to put them ahead in the game. This led to a disappointing loss of 73-69.

This meant that the team's dreams of becoming the 1995 National Champions were over. But they had one more game to decide their ranking. The team was down but they had to bounce back and hold the attitude that got them to the Nationals in the first place. The deciding game was against the Agricultural College, whom they had defeated all season with no exception. They won the game by 10 points which ranked them in 5th place.

"Overall we showed a lot of teams that we could play, and we put Nova Scotia on the map," said Miller. "We were not pleased with our ranking, but we are the Provincial Champions and through hard work we made it that far."



Volleyball Nationals A Learning Experience

by Ceri Young

It was a disappointing finish. The MSVU Mystics Women's Volleyball team placed 6th this year at the Nationals in Edmonton. Though the team didn't play as well as they had hoped, the overall attitude is the year was a learning experience. "It was a valuable trip," says June Lumsden, the assistant coach. "We learned a lot."

Despite the final rankings at nationals, the team has had a great year. They won the provincial

championships to advance to the nationals, which is not a small accomplishment.

Next year, captain Rachel Browne, Brenda Tonner and Natasha Hurley will be graduating, so there will be a lot of new faces on the team. But Lumsden says that they will still do their best. And if they make nationals again next year, their experience this year will certainly be a great help.



Fan Participation Explodes

by Ceri Young

Fan participation in MSVU events has skyrocketed this year. More people have attended sporting events and the weight room and gymnasium are getting more use.

The Athletics and Recreation Society has organized 30 events this year, and the participation in them has been greatly improved from last year. This year, from 50 to 300 students have participated in each of the events, as opposed to a maximum of about 75 from last year.

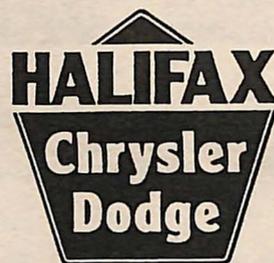
The bleachers are filled for sports Booster Nights. Students are even coming out to watch the Volleyball games, a sport hasn't attracted many spectators in the past.

Not only are the numbers of spectators increasing, but more students are starting to take part

in the sports themselves. On Caritas Day, a Martok Ski Trip attracted 60 students; 20 had to take their cars because the bus could only fit 40. The gymnasium is filled at lunch hour with students and staff playing badminton.

This week's sports Tournament of Champions has also attracted many people, especially in the basketball event. Teams have been entered with playing experience from our men's basketball team, to people who just play for fun.

With the improvements to Rosaria, even more student participation is expected next year. In a year when larger universities are complaining about student apathy, it's nice to see that it's a problem that the Mount definitely doesn't have.



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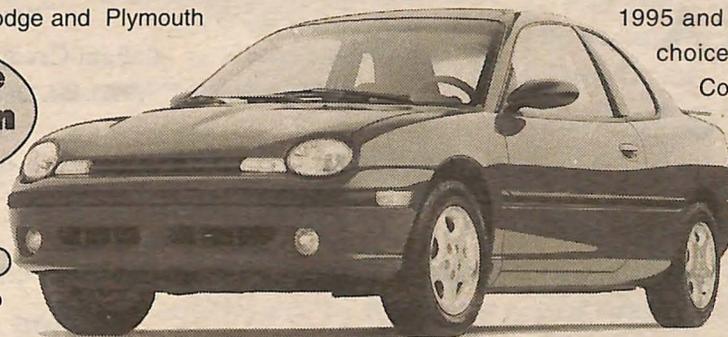
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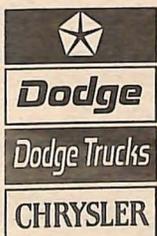
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