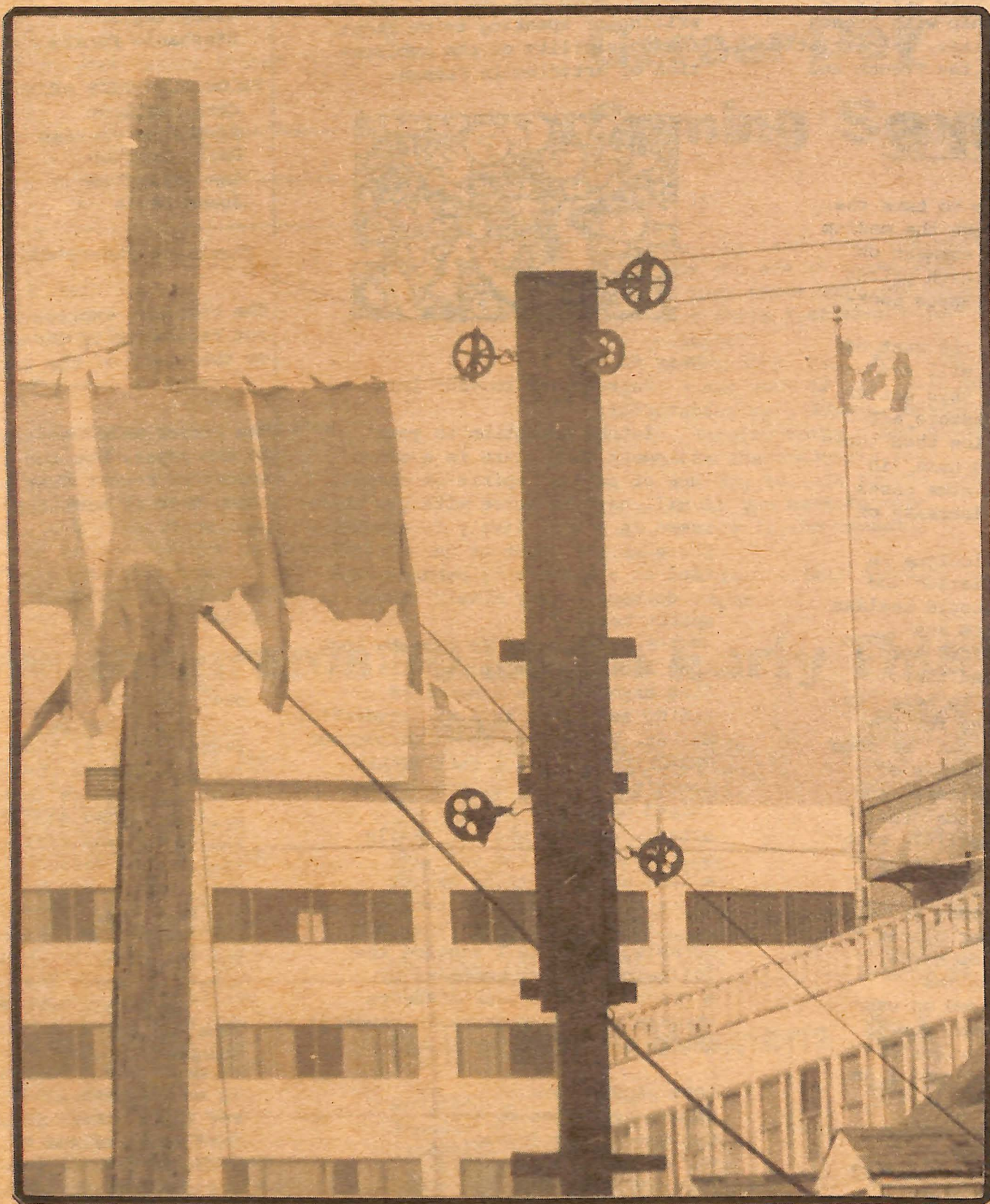

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EDITORIAL

The Picaro is a small newspaper on a campus with a small french-speaking population and so the articles appearing in the newspaper are in english.

The issue of having bilingualism in student newspapers was discussed at a National Canadian University Press (CUP) conference held in Vancouver. Member papers from all parts of Canada were represented. CUP is a National News Service that serves campus newspapers throughout Canada, by providing news from other universities in Canada that deals mainly with student concerns. Two people from the Picaro attended the conference, where universities from around Quebec that were predominantly English, yet had a large French speaking population, made it known that they thought it would be beneficial to the members of CUP to try out a working relationship with French speaking universities. This relationship would enable the French and

English Canadian universities to exchange news so each would be more informed as to what is happening throughout Canada, instead of reports from just parts of Canada.

Having a representative from CUP working in Quebec would seem to be very beneficial to all and worth the time, effort and money spent organizing such a working relationship. The Picaro would support such a move made by CUP as the Atlantic region of Canada has a large French Canadian population. These French Canadians have ties with Quebec and would be interested in news from Quebec. The Picaro would like to help the relationship between English and French Canadians and so we urge the French speaking students on this campus to voice their opinions on this and other issues by writing or speaking to us about the possibility of the publication of articles in French.

Letters

Dear Editor,

I would like to take the opportunity through the medium of your paper to comment on the outrageously high prices of goods in the campus bookstore.

I feel that the rest of the student body will sympathize with me on this matter. Goods in the bookstore are all higher in price than those of the same brand name in other stores. In some cases there is a 100% increase on items.

This is ridiculous in this time of inflation and the university should realize that many students are struggling to afford a college education and they should endeavour to help cut the cost of living for the students. This can be done by revising the prices of goods in the bookstore, and lowering them so that they will be more compatible with the income of the average university student.

At present many students are going to other places to purchase classroom needs, rather than using the facilities provided on campus. This problem would be rectified if prices of goods were lowered and I am sure that business in the campus bookstore would benefit.

Thank you for allowing me space in your paper.

Sincerely yours,
A concerned and
bankrupt student.



Dear Editor,

In response to your last editorial:

I take exception to your statement that there is a gross lack of student spirit on campus. I will have to agree with you that there is not as lively an atmosphere at the Mount as one would find at a university perhaps, but we do have a very finely tuned spirit here

You are going to have to look long and hard before you will find anybody with a sense of apathy as strong as a Mt. student's. Mt. St. Vincent is known throughout Canada as the place that REALLY doesn't care. A Mt. student is looked upon as a miracle of nature, someone who can really go through life and not give a damn about anything except where the next beer is coming from.

In retaliation to your most abrasive comments I advance the following anthem, composed by a group of first year students who are showing remarkable progress in the area of apathy:

Lose Lose Lose
What have we got to lose?
Our hopes, our dreams,
Our friends, our schemes,
BUT NEVER OUR CIGS AND BOOZE!

A student who
knows what's not
going on.



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Thank-you Photopool.

The opinions expressed in the paper are not necessarily those of the editor or the staff of the paper.

The Picaro welcomes any contributions to the paper, but due to lack of space, we regret that not everything that is submitted will be published.

Dear Editor,

I was looking through the student surveys that were distributed before Christmas. I came across more than one that said we lacked societies. Would the people who feel this way please come forward! We need you. There are people on this campus who have many diverse interests and are probably bored to death. Why won't one of these people do something about it?

It is all very well to sit back and say that council is supposed to start these things, but council cannot do them unless there is an interest shown by students. For all of those people that I have seen, talked to, and bitched with; if you are going to sit there and complain-either make sure that you have done everything that you can to remedy the situation, or shut-up.

Disgusted

Winter Carnival 1977

February 2nd to 6th

TENTATIVE OUTLINE:

Wednesday February 2nd	Beer and Chips
Thursday February 3rd	Career Day Movie in SAC
Friday February 4th	Super Sub Grey Owl-in the Cafeteria Disco in the Lounge
Saturday February 5th	Wine Cellar, Rosaria Road Rally
Sunday February 6th	Rock Concert Liverpool - SAC

Please leave this form in the Winter Carnival Box in the Student Store

Yes, I want to work on the Winter Carnival!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

I am interested in:

- ☐ Ticket Sales
☐ Advertising
☐ Working on Doors
☐ Outdoor Activity Committee

This Winter Carnival has great potential, and could be a great success, but we need people who are interested in working to make it happen. It's going to depend on how much effort YOU are willing to put into it.

New Programs To Begin Early This Month

The Continuing Education Department is planning four programs to begin in January and early February. The career planning program is designed to help you increase the degree to which you are taking constructive steps toward your future, to improve your career planning skills and to help you define the specific steps you should be taking to facilitate career development. There are two sections of this program- the first begins on January 11 and the second on January 12.

If you find it hard to peak up in class, relax with strangers or approach a professor, the shyness control program is for you. This program, which begins on January 14, will help you overcome such difficulties and increase your enjoyment and ability to participate at

University.

A program on how to decide, starting the third week in January, will help you to set priorities in relation to your values, to make your own decisions and to make your attitudes work for you.

Because there is no study method that works for everyone, the study skills program will help you find the method that

Poll Shows Womens' Role Changing

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS-CUP)-- Teenage women are discarding traditional ambitions of becoming housewives according to a survey by the National Assessment of Education Progress.

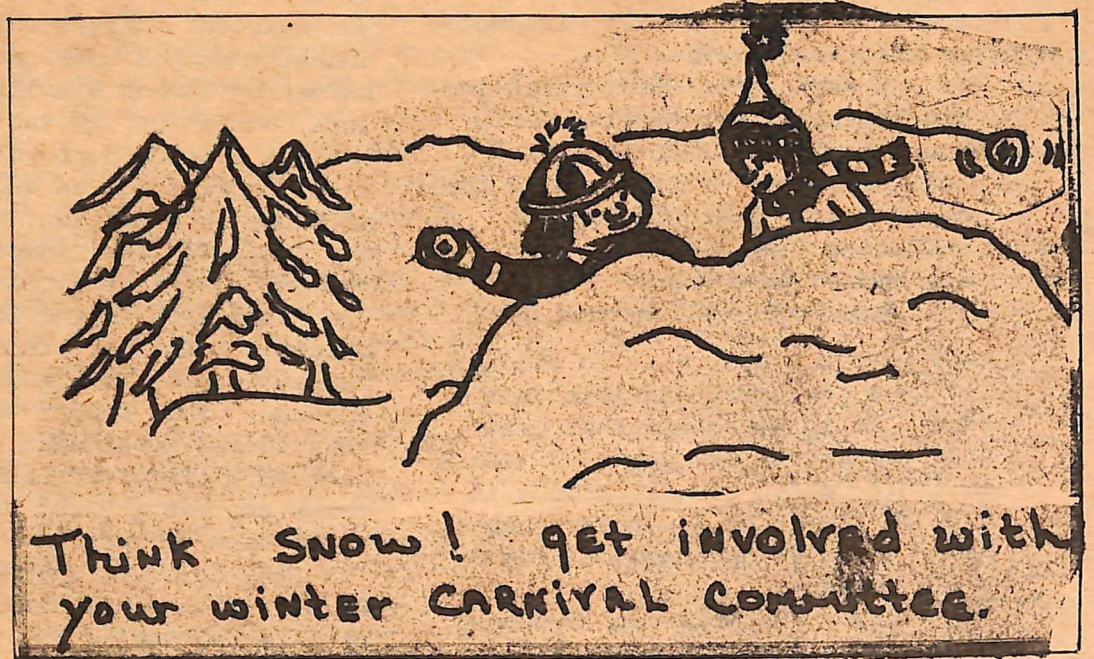
A recent survey of 17-year old girls showed that 37 per cent of those polled expected to

best suits your needs. This program, which starts on February 1, will work for you to the degree that you try the procedures suggested.

For early registration or for further information on time, place or content of these programs, contact the Continuing Education Department, SAC 303, or the Student Services Department, Rosaria Hall.

work outside the home most of their lives whether they married or had children.

Only three per cent said they would settle for traditional housewife roles of settling down, having children and taking care of children, the survey found.



Career Day Coming Soon

What is it?

How many times have you wondered why you are in university, and how many times have you been told that there just aren't jobs for graduates?

On Thursday, Feb. 3rd, come and find out what is available to you as a future graduate. Business people, faculty members and other workers in the community will be in all day to talk to you. Let us know who you want to see- leave a note in the council office.

Look for further details around campus.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ZNS-CUP) -- A district court here handed down a decision that could make dope-smoking legal to treat discomforts like headaches, insomnia, or menstrual cramps.

A Washington court ruled in mid-November that smoking marijuana is legal if it is a "medical necessity" after hearing the case of a 28-year-old teacher suffering from glaucoma, who was busted last year.

Robert Randall argued that last year's grant, both in dollars and as a percentage of last year's grant. It is estimated that Canadian orchestras may get an increase in their Canada Council grants in 1977 of from 3 to 5 percent, compared to 1976 increases of from 8 to 10 percent.

During the Atlantic Symphony's recent YOUNG ARTISTS tour of the Maratimes, over 3,000 Symphony supporters signed their names to pre-printed cards, addressed to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State, and the local Federal Member of Parliament, appealing the recent Treasury Board ruling as "prompting severe cut-backs... and the migration of many competent musicians from Canada."

From 1966 to 1976, the Canada Council has invested a total of 19.7 million dollars in maintaining some 14 orchestras. That is less than a dime per capita per year for a vital cultural industry with a total annual budget of almost 8 million dollars, and which, in just the 1975-76 season, performed in live concerts for an audience of close to 3 million Canadians.

In 1974, the Canada Council commissioned a study titled "An Assessment of the Impact of Selected Large Performing Arts Companies upon the Canadian Economy." This report showed that the Federal Government takes back \$1.27 in direct and indirect taxes for every \$1.00 provided in the form of grants.

The Atlantic Symphony Orchestra is continuing its appeal to the public for private and corporate support in pressing the Federal Treasury to reconsider its current proposals regarding the size of the 1977 appropriation to the Canada Council.

The members of the Neptune Theatre Company also joined the ranks of the many thousands protesting against the Federal

Government's announced cutbacks in the Federal grant support to the performing arts community. A telegram was sent by the members of the Neptune Theatre staff to various people in Parliament, including the prime minister and the leader of the opposition.

Any one interested should contact Laura Bennet, at (902) 429-7300, or Jerry Weller, at (902) 422-5333 for further information.

Gift Ideas?

BROOKLYN (ENS-CUP) -- Looking for gift ideas? A New York artist may have just the thing for you.

The artist, who calls himself Joe Pipe, hand drafts all his wares out of marijuana: hand-made bongos, roach clips, and walking stick pipes.

But his specialty is a chromium chess set filled with grass. Each chesspiece is a pipe.

"When somebody takes your player they have to smoke it. Very few people ever complete an entire game with this set," says Joe.

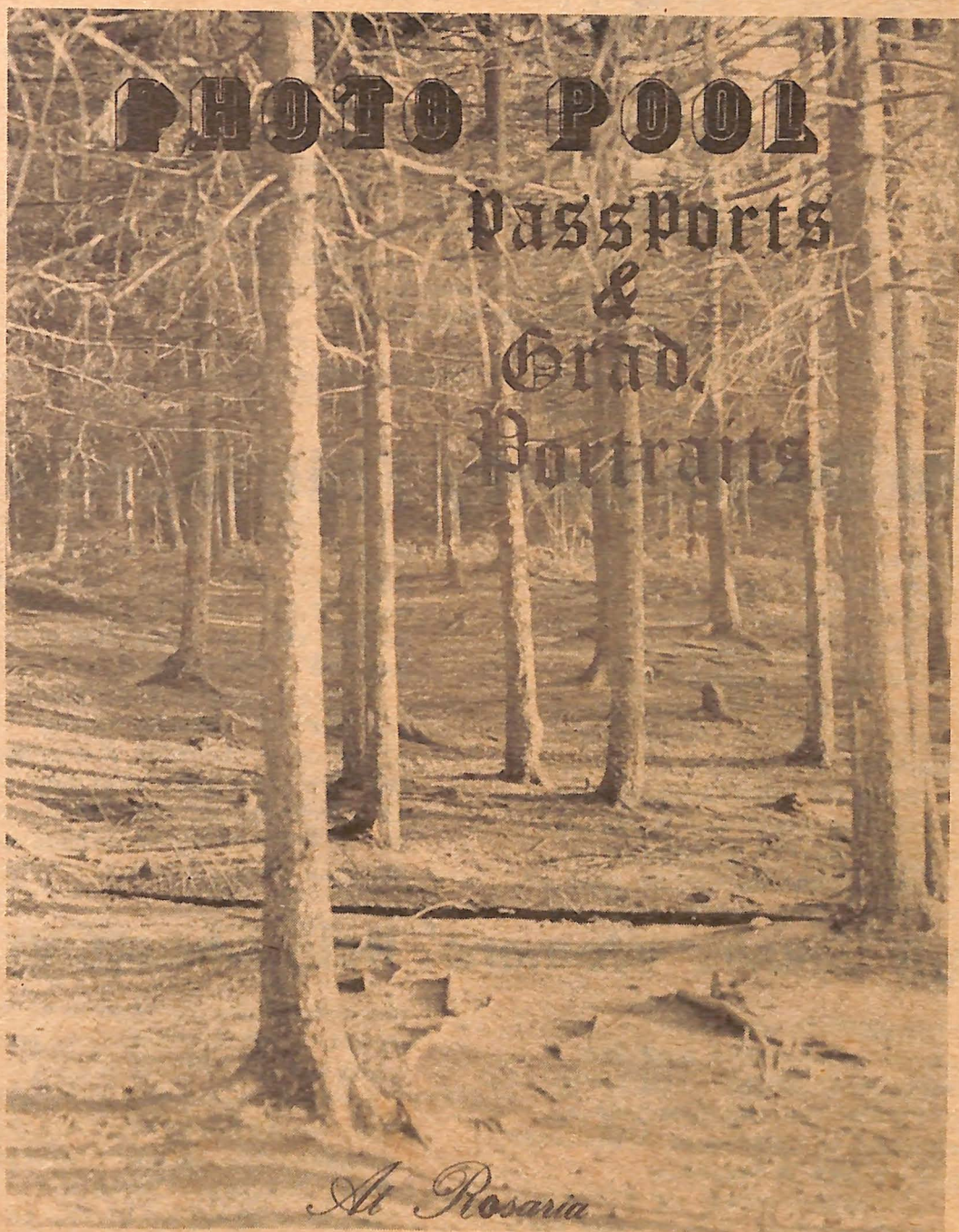
He's just starting up a mail order business and is offering catalogues of his potted products to his potential customers.

If you want a copy write to Frank Desisto, 1225 53rd St., Brooklyn, New York.

Legal Dope

marijuana was the only drug he could find that treated the symptoms of his eye disease.

The ruling was hailed by the executive director of the National organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws who said that it will open the door for similar rulings, including the use of pot to treat migraine headaches and other maladies.



The Neptune Theatre Company will be performing King Lear beginning Monday, January 10 through Saturday, January 29, with preview performances on January 3, 4, and 8. Curtain time for all performances is 8:00 p.m.

SKI-ING IN NOVA SCOTIA

by Ed Gurney

Although Nova Scotia does not have the ideal climate for ski-ing, there are a few hills here in the province. Two of them are only an hour or so away.

The better one of the two is Wentworth. It has approximately ten runs, and a lodge. There are two T-bars, and the longest run stretches for over a mile. There are runs for the beginner and they get up to about an intermediate level. To get there, you take the 102 to Truro, and head on up to Amherst. It is about twenty miles up from Truro and on the right hand side of the highway.

The fees were seven dollars for the day last year, and as far

as we can see, they will remain the same for this year. Phone up for snow conditions before you go. The number is: 423-8526.

Ski Martok 11 has re-opened after going bankrupt two years ago. There are two runs open there. They are both at the novice level, and it is a great hill to learn on. They have a couple snow-making machines and are open more often than Wentworth. There are two T-bars and a day lodge. Rates there are the same as they are at Wentworth --\$7.00.

Both hills have ski shops that rent equipment, the charges are between ten and fifteen dollars for the day, on top of tow fees. Be sure to take I.D. with you when you go if you are planning to rent.

If you don't have it you will have to pay a deposit.

Because Martok is only 45 miles away, it is easier to get to. It is on the Windsor Forks Rd. Take the 101 towards Windsor, and get off at exit 5. Turn left at the stop sign, and follow that road, after you have gone over a set of railroad tracks, go right. Take the first left after the sign for the Hant's County Senior Citizens' Home.

If you have never tried ski-ing, make it a point to do so this winter. There is no other form of exercise quite as exhilarating. Chances of getting a leg broken are minimal; providing bindings are adjusted properly and the skier does not grow over-confident.

AFS Membership Will Cost More in 1977

SACKVILLE (CUP) -- The Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) will be asking students in the Maritimes and Newfoundland for a dollar in a series of membership referendums next fall.

Delegates at the last AFS conference held here decided to move away from the system whereby the organization's fees are paid by the member student councils, and establish a per capita fee to be voted on by students in the Atlantic region.

In doing so the federation adopted the funding system used by most other student associations in the country, and set an estimated budget of \$25-30,000, up from this year's budget of \$2,600.

The federation also decided to hire a full-time staff-person in January, and seek emer-

gency funding in loans and grants to finance the organization until the fall referendum.

Additionally, delegates agreed the federation should be bilingual, with all literature in both national languages and translation services at future conferences.

However, Universit  de Moncton delegates told the meeting they would maintain communications with AFS but would not commit themselves to membership fees of \$1.

Moncton student union representative Gilles Beaulieu, a former executive of the National Union of Students accused AFS of lacking grass roots support and building a student movement from the top down.

Also, he said, francophone students are as con-

cerned with cultural problems as economic ones.

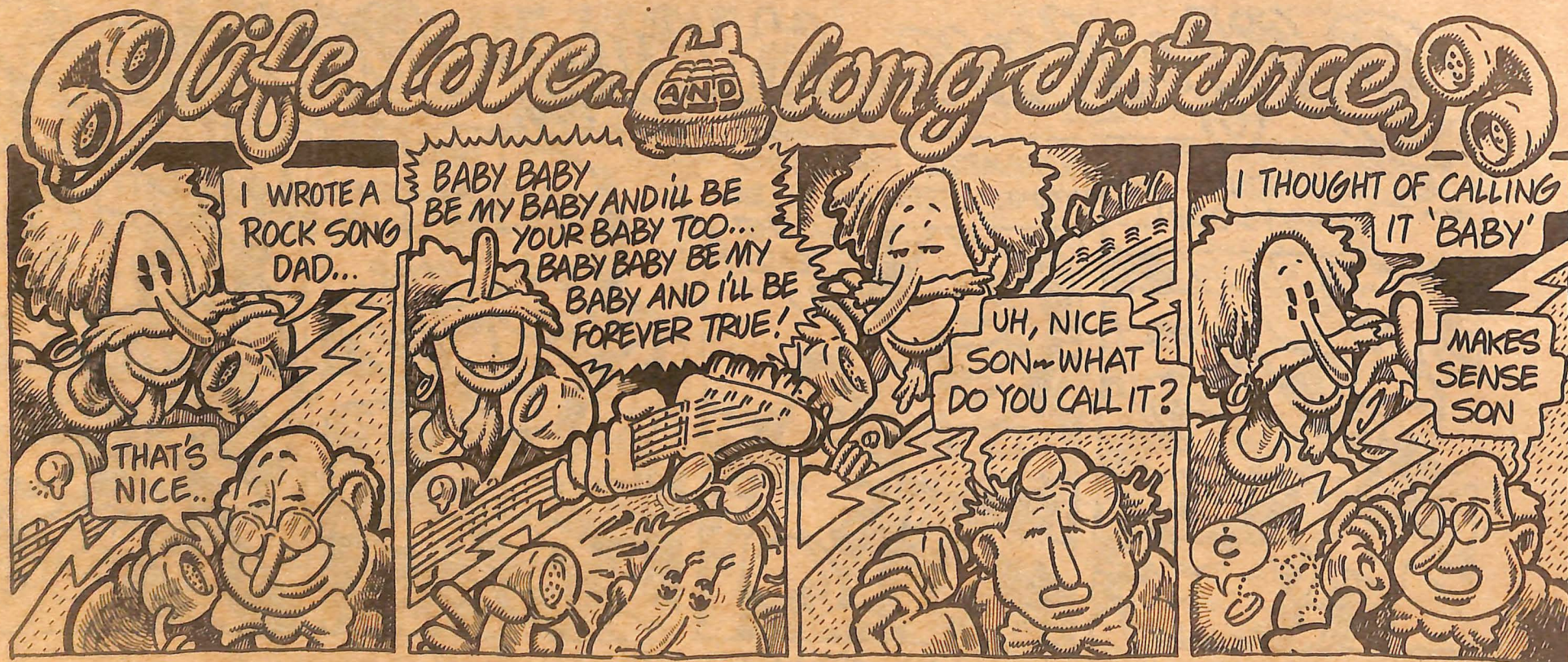
"We will not make the historical error of believing

we are allies, of the same blood. We will co-operate, but we will not believe that we are the same," he said.

U de M delegates walked out of the meeting following the decision to hire a staff person which committed the AFS to the \$1 fee.

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Future Secretaries Report

The Future Secretaries Association is an organization sponsored by the National Secretaries Association and was founded in 1964 following its approval in 1961. Its purposes are:

1. To stimulate interest in the secretarial profession.
2. To provide the basics necessary to the preparation of the future professional secretaries.
3. To develop a better understanding of the secretarial responsibilities.

The FSA chapter here at Mount Saint Vincent University was started last spring after being approached by the Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter of NSA. Elections were held, and the executives for the 1976-1977 year are:

President - Susan O'Keefe
Vice President - Robyn Taylor
Treasurer - Marla MacInnis
Recording Secretary - Nancy MacGowan
Corresponding Secretary - Marie McNutt

At present, our chapter has a membership of 134 members and seven standing committees, and we are now recognized as a chartered organization of MSVU. We plan to hold six educational programs during the school year, raise funds to help some student write the Certified Professional Secretary exams at the end of the year and sponsor some students to attend NSA functions.

This is the first organization for Secretarial students and we are looking forward to an exciting and prosperous year.

On Monday, November 8, 1976, the Mount Saint Vincent University Chapter of the Future Secretaries Association was officially installed at a ceremony in Rosaria Hall. It was sponsored by the Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter of the National Secretaries Association.

Present were members of the executive of the Halifax-Dartmouth Chapter of the NSA, NSA Canadian Division members, Mount Saint Vincent University faculty, and the members of the MSVU chapter of the Future Secretaries Association and their guests.

Mrs. Shirley B. Coombes, Secretary of the Year, Canadian Division, 1974-1975, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Coombes enlightened the members on other factors regarding the secretarial profession and made FSA members realize that being a member of an organization such as FSA will benefit us in our future career.

Susan O'Keefe gave a review of what the MSVU Chapter of the FSA has been doing and what it has planned for the near future. The ceremonies were followed by a

reception sponsored by the NSA.

The FSA's first initial business meeting was held October 25, 1976, in Auditorium D of Seton Academic Center, at 7 p.m. At this meeting, Ms. O'Keefe outlined in her report the proposal presented to the Student Council to be recognized as an active organization, here at the Mount. Since that time the proposal has been approved and FSA is now a recognized organization.

The presentation dealt with the creative aspects of modern business correspondence, stressing the importance of face-to-face language in communication and stated that impressive, formal language seems to be less apparent in the effective letters today.

Picaro in Vancouver

Two representatives from the Picaro attended a Canadian University Press (CUP) conference that was held in Vancouver B.C., from Dec. 26th, 1976 to Jan. 2nd, 1977. The conference included a variety of technical workshops, as well as various discussions on many issues pertaining to student newspapers.

The topic of sexism was discussed, with the many newspapers exchanging opinions and ideas on how to control the problem, which is a major one in student newspapers today. Women on staff, and how they are treated, were only several aspects of the problem.

The members of CUP voted to boycott CBC radio ads because of their discrimination against gays in their refusal to air public service announcements for them.

Elections for the various posts in the national office were

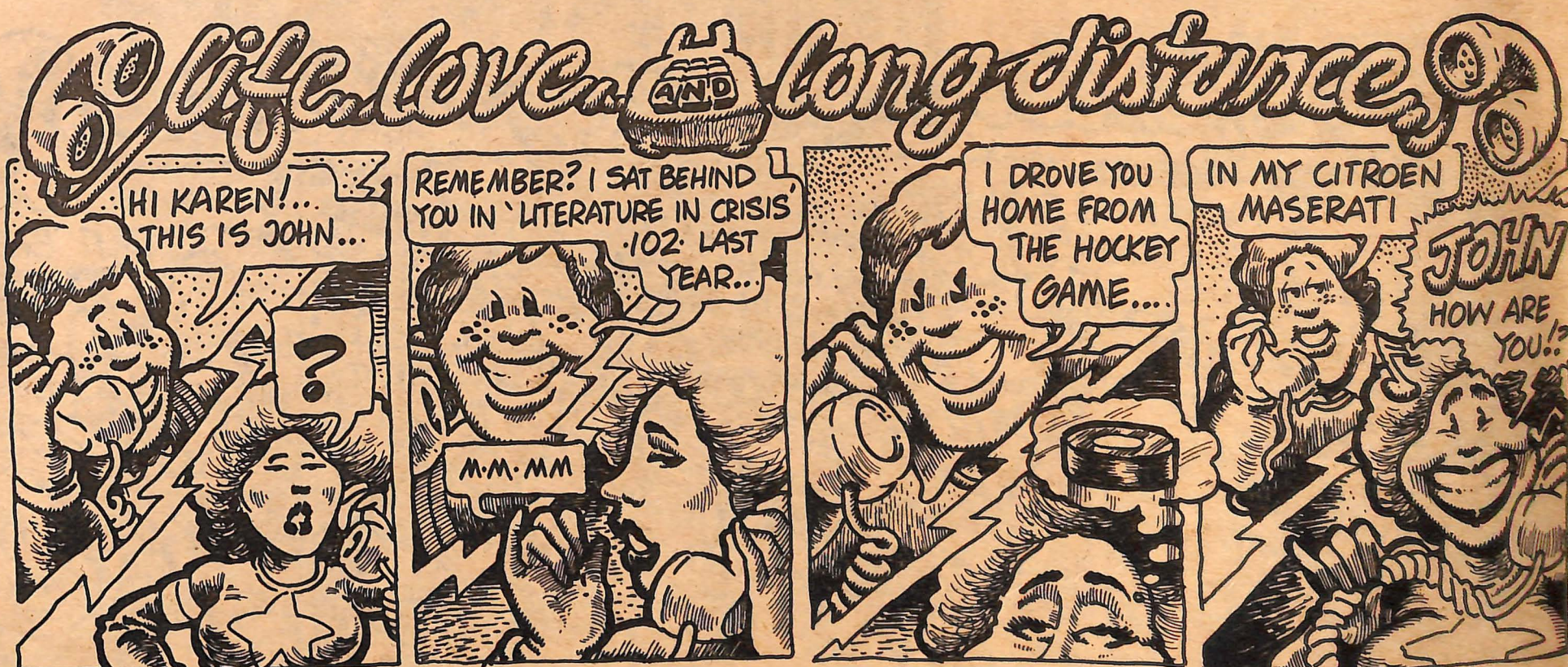
held, and the Atlantic Region fieldworker, Susan Johnson, won the position of CUP President.

The delegates returned having learned much from their experiences, and hopeful that they could apply this information to their newspaper.

B.Ed. Applications Closing Soon

Students who intend to apply for the Bachelor of Education for the 1977-78 year are reminded to fill out an application form in the admissions office as soon as possible. Spaces are limited and are not necessarily reserved for Mount graduates.

Students wishing to transfer to the Bachelor of Child Study program must apply formally through the admissions office by the end of January.



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Take a Duck To Lunch

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The lack of food causes ducks to speak out in protest.

Students have the cafeteria, but what do the ducks have? Nothing- and no-one except their few friends who toss them several crumbs of dried bread. In a recent interview with D. Duck, the leader of the duck pack, a staff member was shocked by the hostile attitudes of the ducks towards the students on this campus.

Interviewed at home, Disco was disturbed by the fact that the ducks haven't been receiving many visitors lately.

"It's the same every year," he stated. "They feed us really well at first and make us gain 20 pounds. Then when we are fat and ugly they desert us."

Disco and his friends can not understand the motivation behind such action. They would like to see more of the people on this campus, and urge everyone to make it a point to drop by.

"And don't forget to bring lunch," they added.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING

12 p.m. Thursday
Seton Auditorium
Attendance of all
seniors appreciated.

PICARO STAFF MEETING

6 p.m. Thursday
Picaro Office
New staff welcome

Applications Opened

The Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS/FEA), an organization of students from the four Atlantic provinces working together to promote the quality and accessibility of post-secondary education is now accepting applications for the full-time position of Staff- Person. The deadline for applications is January 15, 1977.

The Staff Person's duties would include office work, co-ordinating communication between campuses and the AFS/FEA office, and some on-campus political organizing.

Qualifications require that the person be bilingual, well-organized, willing to travel, able to work well with people in different settings, have clerical skills and most of all, be committed to student concerns.

Send resumes and enquiries to Ed Cassidy, AFS/FEA Hiring Committee, Student's Union, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, or telephone (902) 867-2411

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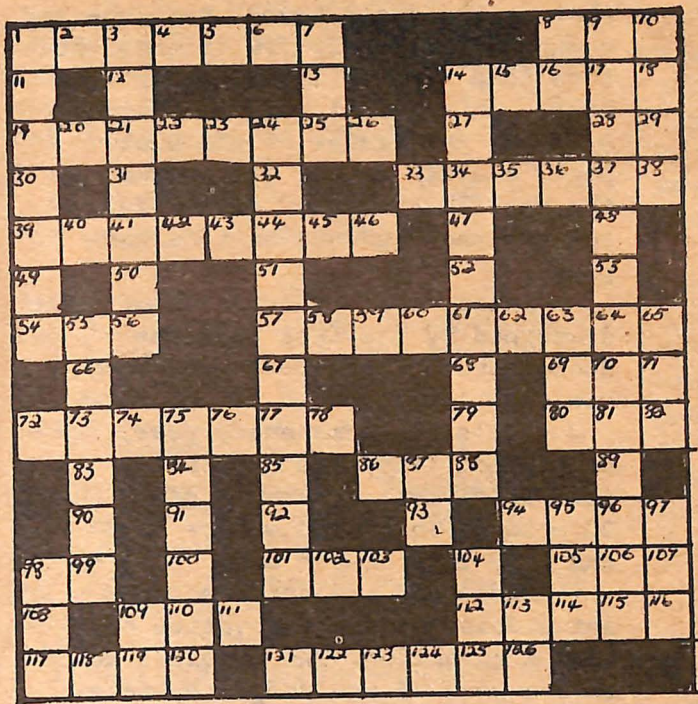
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Final Registration Date for 1977 classes is February 28th.

By Joann Davis



ACROSS

1. Relating to the world
8. Part of a fish
14. Picturesque view.
19. Intestinal parasite
28. Preposition
33. Untidy person
39. Pertaining to navigation
54. The night before
57. To do with government
69. Consumed food.
72. Diversity, change
80. To free from
86. Prohibit, forbid
94. Solitary, only
98. To exist
101. Shake head
105. Police enforce this
109. Creative work
112. Large dipping spoon
117. To estimate
121. Stomach sickness

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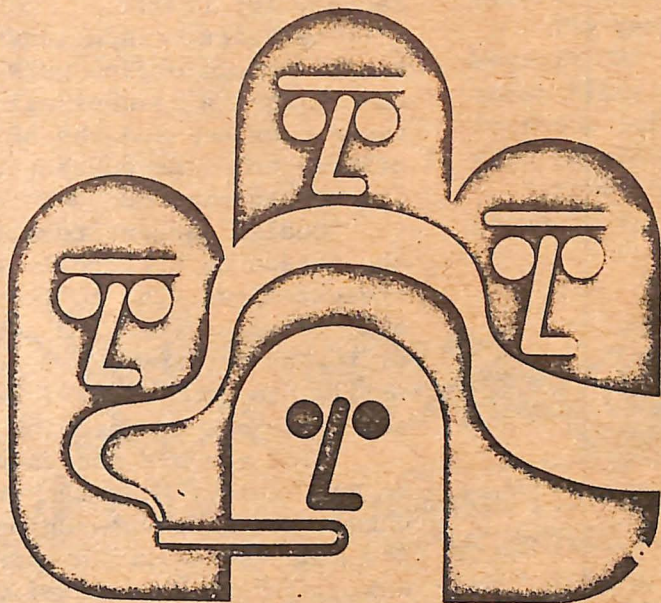
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3. 4th largest planet
7. Audio organ
8. Chemical symbol for iron
9. World wide
10. Glowing gas used in signs
14. Choice
24. Career
55. Capable of living
63. Vehicle
65. Guided
75. To take no notice of
87. In the year of our Lord (Abbrev.)
95. Ancient
97. Female sheep
98. Public drinking house
104. You drink this in pubs
109. Preposition
114. Alcoholics Anonymous

Tobacco Still No.1 Enemy

By the Nova Scotia Council on Smoking and Health.

Recent research regarding smoking and health both strengthens and extends the view that tobacco use is the public health enemy number one in industrialized nations.

Join the majority. Be a non-smoker



National Education Week on Smoking
Jan. 9-15, 1977

Despite all the knowledge about the harmfulness of smoking, many young people start and many adults continue to smoke. Society does not heed the warnings. Is there any other disease which has a forty million dollar advertising budget in Canada alone?

32 million North Americans have quit smoking. The average tar and nicotine levels of cigarettes are over 40 and 50 percent less than a decade ago.

The campaign for the rights of non-smokers to breathe pure air has upset the tobacco companies. If smoking is an unacceptable social behaviour relegated to the bathroom, pool room or bar room, cigarettes will follow the spittoon into oblivion.

For all smokers the risk of developing lung cancer is 7.6 to 14.2 times as great as compared to non-smokers. Heart disease accounts for greater than 50% of Canadian deaths. (Approximately 80,000 coronary deaths occur each year.) Male cigarette smokers incur twice the risk of contracting cardio-vascular disease as compared to non-smokers.

Chronic bronchitis and emphysema are about 18 times as common in smokers as in non-smokers. Death rates from these diseases are four to 25 times as great as those of non-smokers.

Smoking during pregnancy leads to an increase in infant mortality, both in numbers of still births and neonatal deaths. Overwhelming evidence indicates that smoking is harmful to the non-smokers who are involuntarily exposed to the products of the tobacco smoke.

Remember to think about these facts before lighting up the next cigarette.