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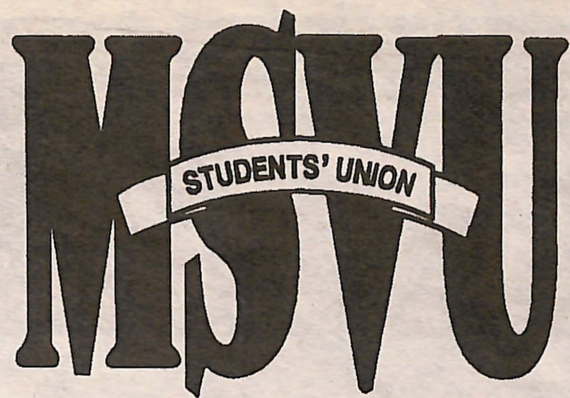
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What's up with that???

News for the very common
man, by the very lazy man

Student assistance is considered a social program, yet banks are allowed to run student loan programs for profit.

-What's up with that?

The only link on the Mount's web site that doesn't work is the one that leads to information for current students.

-What's up with that?

After all the hype about Y2K, all that was really affected were admission prices on New Year's Eve.

-What's up with that?

"What's up with that?" was mistakenly placed at the end of Leslie Cheesman's "Study questions the accountability..." article in the last issue. We apologize to diehard fans.

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Computer theft devastates food services on campus

By Leslie Cheeseman

A theft occurred on the second floor of Rosaria, the only thing stolen was the key elements of Aramark's debit system, causing nothing more than a major inconvenience.

On Tuesday morning, January 18th, Aramark employees arrived to discover that their office in the Rosaria Student Centre had been broken into. The only thing that was taken in the break-in was a substantial piece of computerized equipment that is directly linked to cash registers. It was specially designed to operate the debit system used by Aramark at the Mount and would be useless as part of any other computer system.

"The burglary was very shocking," says Food Services Director, Wanda Laffin. "The system cannot really be used anywhere besides at Aramark. It can't be sold. I can't understand why anyone would risk being caught stealing something that is basically worthless to them. All that was really achieved was that students were inconvenienced."

The missing equipment has not damaged or affected Aramark's debit system. No information was lost and student totals will be updated as soon as a new mainframe arrives. The stolen equipment cannot be used to produce fake meal cards or to alter accounts. Aramark immediately ordered a replacement, however it will take some time to have the new equipment designed and shipped to the Mount. The new system is expected to be in place at the beginning of next week.

While cafeteria service has not really been affected—Food Services is still open and serving students, cashiers

have not been able to use meal cards to ring in purchases. Instead employees must copy each customer's card number and the cost of their meal, which can be very time consuming and has resulted in long lines at the cash.

Aramark is very apologetic to its customers. "We are doing everything we can to remedy this situation," says Laffin.

"This was a theft and it was completely beyond our control. We thank our customers for their understanding."

If anyone has information regarding this matter, they are asked to contact the Halifax Police at 490-5016 or Glenn Hollett, MSVU Chief of Security at 457-6497.



Those who braved the storm were treated to parking spaces. (Tilley Photo)

Snow days (457-6566)

By Leslie Cheeseman

For the first time this semester, students must brave real winter weather conditions to get to class—and if the number of calls to the Class Cancellation Hotline last Monday is any indication, they are also anticipating snow days.

Mount Saint Vincent University has revamped its policy for closing the university due to severe weather conditions. According to this policy, the university will only be closed as a result of the most adverse weather conditions, like those that were experienced in Halifax last week. On Monday, the university closed at 4 p.m.

The Physical Plant, Human Resources and the President's Office all work together to reach a decision about whether or not the university will be

closed. Weather systems are carefully monitored using satellite images and information from local meteorologists. Many things are taken into consideration before any action is taken. For example, whether city buses are running, whether other businesses are open and whether the coming weather can be managed by city and university maintenance crews. Obviously, if conditions are too dangerous for snow removal equipment to operate, the university will close.

Although the policy states that, if the university is not officially closed, all personnel and students are expected to make every effort to reach campus, many classes were cancelled or poorly attended on Monday. Instructors reserve the right to cancel their classes if they consider

weather conditions too severe for travel. Students can call the Class Cancellation Hotline at 457-6566 to hear an updated listing of classes that have been cancelled.

Paul Reyno, the Director of the Physical Plant at MSVU does not expect students to risk travelling to class in dangerous conditions. "The university does not always close in bad weather because there are some students who can make it to class and who can make use of services at the university. There are students already on campus, in residence, and the Mount is located within the city. If city buses are running, many students are able to get to class."

A tragic loss for The Rankins

Celebrated musician killed in car accident

By Jennifer Henderson

Celtic music fans, Canadians and fellow musicians are recovering from the shock of the sudden accident-related death of *Rankins* member John Morris Rankin, 40.

The talented instrumentalist was killed when his sport utility vehicle skidded into the Atlantic Ocean near Margaree Harbour. Three teenage boys including Rankin's son were also in the vehicle at the time but managed to jump to safety. They were treated for hypothermia but not hospitalized.

There has been speculation that a mound of salt left by a Department of Transport truck may have created a speed bump on the highway and Rankin lost control of his vehicle while trying to avoid it.

John Morris Rankin was a principal member of the *Rankins*, an internationally known Celtic group of Cape Breton siblings. The group consisting of Rankin, brother Jimmy and sisters Heather, Raylene and Cookie sold over two million albums and won numerous awards before embarking on solo careers in the summer of 1999.

Expressions of sympathy for the Rankins have been pouring in from across the country. Prime Minister Chretien and Premier Hamm have been among those offering condolences to large closely-knit family.

John Morris Rankin is survived by his wife Sally, son Michael and daughter Molly.



see also "Fare thee well,

U of Ottawa prof.
under investigation
for controversial
exam question

By Kate Heartfield

The Fulcrum (University of Ottawa)

OTTAWA (CUP) - A University of Ottawa microbiology professor is under investigation after he asked students how they would develop a bacterium to kill Quebec separatists, but not federalists.

Robert Charlebois included the bonus question in his third-year microbiology exam in December.

Following a media uproar, Charlebois sent each student a letter of apology saying he never meant to offend.

The University has issued a strongly worded statement characterizing the question as containing "bio-terrorism," and calling it "deplorable" and "clearly inappropriate." It apologized to anyone who might have been offended by the question.

It was also pointed out in the statement that the University's relationship with its professors is governed by a collective agreement and that an investigation was underway according to the processes set out in that agreement. According to the statement, Charlebois - who did not return phone calls - has been asked by science Dean Christian Detellier to provide an explanation of his actions.

Both Hélène Carty, Marketing and Communications director, and Lyse Huot, Marketing and Communications officer, could not be contacted by press time. Carty and Huot were the ones who released the official University statement.

The controversial question read: "It is the year 2000 and you are employed by the government. Using your knowledge of microbiology and transmission of infections, find a bacterium to eliminate Quebecois separatists, but not federalists."

Strike looming at UCCB

By Jennifer Billard, Caper Times

Cape Breton—The 114 members of the Faculty Association of University Teachers (FAUT) at the University College of Cape Breton are prepared to strike. The union voted 97% in favour of a strike on January 15th and they could be out of the classroom by the end of the month.

President of the FAUT at UCCB, Michael Manson, says that contract talks are mainly revolving around salaries. Faculty members at UCCB are currently the lowest paid in Canada. They have been without a contract since 1977 and have not been given a negotiated wage since 1988. While their counterparts at other universities in Nova Scotia have since received two negotiated raises, salaries at UCCB are lagging behind—by about 30%. The union claims that it would simply like to "catch-up" to the current wage level offered at other

universities by June 2001.

UCCB administration claims that it cannot offer a raise because it simply does not have the financial resources. "We have an excellent faculty who deserve fitting payment," says Suzanne Drouin, Executive Vice President. "However, the university is unable to offer the faculty the salaries that they feel that they deserve. Tuition often goes toward paying off the debt left by previous administrations."

Rod Nicholls, Public Information Officer, is quick to point out that this is not simply a matter of self-interest by the FAUT. Recruitment of new faculty is difficult and competitive, but crucial to ensuring that the quality of education offered at UCCB is on par with other universities.

"With the salaries that UCCB

can offer, people are simply turning down jobs," agrees Manson. "(The university) is not going to develop the best qualified faculty and that is certainly going to have an effect on quality of education."

Besides monetary concerns, FAUT is raising issues of tenure, promotion, job security, work load, distance education, technology mediated courses and general working conditions.

Although UCCB administration stresses that fairness to students will be a top priority in all strike-related considerations, many students have already opted to transfer to other institutions to complete their degrees. According to Drouin, the current academic plan will follow but students will suffer no academic or financial penalty if they decide to pull out of courses.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving applauds new legislation

By Melissa Melanson

The Nova Scotia government is cracking down on drunk drivers in support of the mission for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

On December 1st, a new provincial legislation went into effect to deter Nova Scotians from driving drunk. Drivers will now be subject to roadside suspensions of their licence for 24-hours if their blood alcohol level is between 0.05 and 0.08. This could be as little as one or two drinks, depending on weight, whether or not the person has eaten and the presence of other drugs.

Suspensions for repeat offenders will increase to three years for a second offense. Offenders convicted of criminal negligence

causing death will lose their license for five years and a repeat results in the loss of driving privileges in Canada.

The members of MADD lobbied for this legislation and are pleased to see it in place. "Even one drink can impair your judgment," says Geraldine Dedrick, President of MADD Halifax. "And one drink often leads to two."

In conjunction with the new legislation, members of MADD Halifax held their annual Red Ribbon Campaign to encourage drivers to drive sober during the holidays.

"We are all potential victims

and drunk drivers are all potential killers," says Dedrick. "Drinking is a very private matter, but drunk driving is a very public matter."

Last year, 33 people died in Nova Scotia and 289 were injured in 563 alcohol-related accidents.

This makes drinking drivers responsible for almost 40 percent of all fatalities on Nova Scotia's roads.

Dave Roddis, a student at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, admits to getting behind the wheel drunk.

"If I went out and had two or

"Since the new law came in, it's hard to say what 0.05 is," says Roddis. "It's just not worth it."

three drinks, I would drive everytime," says the 25 year-old. The recent legislation has made him reconsider his actions. "Since the new law came in, it's hard to say what 0.05 is," says Roddis. "It's just not worth it."

In Nova Scotia, a driver is considered legally impaired if his blood alcohol level is 0.08 per cent or greater. However, a person may be convicted of impaired driving at lower concentrations if other signs of impairment such as fatigue, emotional state and the use of other drugs, according to the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Alberta increases education funding

By Ian Mulder

The Gateway (University of Alberta)

EDMONTON (CUP) - Administrators at post-secondary institutions in Alberta are grinning from ear to ear thanks to an increase in education funding by the provincial government.

Alberta's universities, colleges and technical institutions will see a \$25.9-million increase in funding this year for the creation of 1,213 new entrance spaces for students. The openings will be in the fields of nursing, communications, information and health-related technologies.

These grants are funded by the province's Learning Access Fund.

"Access is the number one issue I have to face," said Alberta's Learning Minister Lyle Oberg. "I believe we need to expand the number of spaces and opportunities for students."

While this funding was announced January 5, many of the

new available spaces were actually announced last year. The new money is to be distributed amongst 21 post-secondary institutions across the province, which range from large public universities like the University of Alberta (U of A) in Edmonton, to smaller technical schools like Bow Valley College in Calgary.

There will be a total of 195 new spaces for nursing, 878 spaces for information and communication technologies, and 120 new spaces in university transfer programs at Grant McEwan and Mount Royal, which are both community colleges. An additional 20 spaces will be created in other programs.

The U of A has been allocated \$1.56-million for the creation of 1,947 total new spots, mainly in technical fields like computer science and engineering, to be split evenly between undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT), meanwhile, has been granted nearly \$3.34-million for a total of 626 new spots.

NAIT President Sam Shaw said the new openings help create a trained workforce than can take advantage of technological advances, particularly in medical technology like ultrasound equipment.

"The Information Communications Technology (ICT) field has grown dramatically in the last two to three years, but the problem is the supply of skilled workers hasn't kept up with demand," said Grant McEwan President Paul Byrn.

According to Information and Science Minister Lorne Taylor, the emphasis on technical training programs is a reflection of the province's commitment to "helping the province and the individual Albertan stay competitive and

prosper in the new century."

Learning Minister Oberg added that, "The bottom line is ICT is a very important element. The projections are that in three years there will be a shortage of 300,000 ICT jobs in North America. We have to train people to fill these jobs."

Bruce Dancik, associate vice-president (academic) at the U of A, said he was pleased to get funding, particularly for the Master of Communications program and Nursing.

However, he said the U of A has larger priority items that could not be addressed by simply creating new spots for students.

"We welcome and appreciate the funding, but we could use an increase to our base operating budget so that we can afford such things as smaller class sizes, which would give students a better learning environment," he said.

Education not necessarily a social program says Minister

By Chris Bodnar

Ottawa Bureau Chief

OTTAWA (CUP) - Jane Stewart, federal minister of Human Resources and Development, says her government recognizes the importance of a strong post-secondary education system in Canada, even though it may not be seen as a social program anymore.

In an exclusive interview with Canadian University Press, Stewart outlined what she views as her government's accomplishments in the realm of higher education.

But she avoided commenting on whether Canadians can count on their education system to get the same attention as other social programs.

"Education is certainly viewed as an important piece of a healthy Canada," said Stewart in regard to her government's view of spending on post-secondary education.

The Minister says Ottawa has shown its commitment to education through initiatives like the use of Registered Education Savings Programs, the Millennium Scholarship Fund, making interest on student loans tax deductible and by extending loan repayment periods.

"I think when you look at the numbers of students supported by Canada students loans, I think what we're finding is that we do have to have strong partnerships at all levels of government and with individual

citizens to ensure that we create a tradition of life-long learning in Canada," she said. But Stewart also maintains there is a greater need for corporate involvement in Canada's education system.

"In the new economy all jobs are knowledge-based jobs," said Stewart. "I think that what we're finding is that we need partnerships."

"We've set out in the Speech from the Throne the priorities we feel we're in a position to undertake," she continued. "I'm glad to see they include a focus on our children, and in the longer term a focus on skills and a strategy that includes all partners."

But despite Stewart's insistence that the Liberals are looking towards "partnerships" with the provinces, the government has come under repeated attack from some provincial governments for meddling in provincial affairs.

In November, the provincial finance ministers called on the federal government to increase transfer payments to the provinces for education by \$3.7-billion a year. Transfer payments to the provinces for post-secondary education and training have been cut by \$7-billion since the Liberals took office in 1993.

Stewart herself had to step in to mediate negotiations between the Millennium Scholarship Foundation

and the government of Quebec, after the province accused Ottawa of trying to control education through the scholarship program. Education is designated as a provincial jurisdiction in Canada's constitution. And while Stewart says her government has no intention of taking control of education away from the provinces, government documents indicate the Liberals recognized the provinces' dissatisfaction with educational funding.

In documents obtained from the Privy Council Office under an Access to Information request, speaking notes for the Prime Minister warned that there would be opposition to the Millennium Scholarship Fund's creation.

"Provinces see themselves as key stakeholders, as education is a provincial jurisdiction, and they may seek a role in designing the Fund and/or the scholarships," say the documents from late-1997 and early-1998. "Further, to date, both Quebec and Alberta have indicated that their share of the funds should be transferred to them."

The documents indicate the Millennium Fund would serve to "compliment" existing provincial programs, not to replace them.

Other documents show a greater concern on behalf of the federal government to monitor the

political commentary from Quebec regarding national unity, rather than working out details on how the Foundation would allocate money or be structured.

Despite early indications that the Millennium Fund would be in addition to existing programs, Ottawa has had to reconsider these earlier statements.

It is now allowing some provincial governments to reduce current student aid programs, resulting in substantial savings in the areas of education spending.

The Ontario government estimates savings of up to \$90-million after replacing part of a loan-forgiveness program with the new federal scholarships.

But despite differences between the federal and provincial governments, Stewart says the Liberals are committed to ensuring good relations between all levels of government.

"There are a large number of federal programs in the area of education and by in large they're well-received," she said. "They're strong partnerships between the government of Canada and other leaders in their particular domains, and focused on providing leadership and contribution in areas the government of Canada feels are important."

I wrote this instead of doing laundry

By Melissa Melanson

An article in the Globe and Mail crossed my desk this week—that's right, as the Editor-in-Chief I get a whole desk to myself now. With the new job comes new responsibilities. One of these new responsibilities is that I am now expected to have some issue-oriented, socially conscience, student relevant thought every two weeks and put in down on paper.

I don't consider myself a very aggressive person when it comes to current events. In fact it takes a lot to get a rise out of me. When a member of the Picaro staff pointed out an article about student loans to me my first thought was, "Oh, this is where I'm supposed to jump up and down and get really angry. Bad government. Bad."

When I read the article I learned that the Treasury Department in Alberta plans to seize the income-tax refunds of former students who have failed to pay their loans. In a desperate attempt to recover the 21

million dollars they are owed, the Treasury Department will send out letters to the 10,000 people who owe money to let them know that their income tax refunds would be taken until they pay up.

I read it a few times, and tried to form some sort of opinion. Think of all those people who have student loans, I thought, think of how frustrating it will be to start your life in debt. And then I thought: what a great idea. It's like a little payment plan.

Now I know that this is probably not the popular opinion, but I think that it is in the best interest of students to pay their debts as soon as possible. The saddest thing about student loans is that upon graduation you are already behind.

To me, the money you receive in income tax refunds is like a little bonus at the end of the year. Money to play with, go shopping, invest or if you're really noble give to someone

else. So why not use it to pay off your loan? It has to be paid off anyway.

I realize that money is tight and many students count on their income tax refunds to pay the bills. But wouldn't you rather have it rough in the beginning when you're young and be able to take it easy when you're older. Because guess what? The time when you're older is longer than the time when you're younger. And you're going to feel a

whole lot older if you still have your student loan to pay.

As a student, I'm willing to put up with a lot: cheap housing, cheap food, and the Superman curtains left from when my brother was little because I'm too cheap to buy my own. Eventually, I'll want quality living space, quality food and grown-up curtains.

And I'd like to get there as fast as I can.

Coke's take on Canadian Unity

By Ryan MacNeil

It is a cold Canadian winter day and a group of children, boys and girls, are preparing for a game of hockey. They have gathered together on the community pond. Before the game begins they huddle together for their bottles of coke (I don't remember doing this before backyard hockey, but maybe some people do). One girl is left out at first, then offered a Coke by one of the boys. When the camera refocuses on the pond the two teams are in facing lines, sticks on the ice, and the little girl is standing between the two. She fills the cold winter air with a soft and moving rendition of "O' Canada". I'll admit that I have experienced chills when watching the commercial. But, this is not what happens in Quebec.

Marketing could be considered a social science. Its practitioners study specific data and make constructive generalizations. When the generalizations prove wrong, people get fired; this motivates most marketers to get it right. The ultimatum is: separate potential buyers from those who don't care and you get to keep your job. On January 17th the National Post published an article on the latest work of Coca-Cola's marketing team. What began as a heart-string-pulling commercial has now become

symbolic of the national unity crisis. The standard term would be "market segregation", but "market separation" seems more appropriate.

The national anthem is not played in "la belle province." Instead the little girl trips, knocks the puck into the net, and is congratulated. End of story. And end of country? Coke has defended their ad as pure marketing. They are not making a political statement. Not intentionally at least.

In reality, the fact that this is based on pure marketing tells us something disturbing about national unity. Marketing has proven that, while all of the provinces share hockey, the Quebec populus has no attachment to the national anthem: no patriot love and no glowing hearts. So is our only unifying factor the game that so many of us mistake for lacrosse, the official national sport? Hockey has never gained official recognition within this country yet it is the only common social element in Coke's commercials. I suppose we could look at the fact that it is freezing cold in each version and use that as a focus for federalism. Or maybe we should save the country by pumping millions into hockey. No, wait, that's already been tried. This whole thing would have been much simpler if Coke had stuck with the Polar Bears.

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Christine's Cuisine

By Christine Kennedy

Deluxe Italian Spaghetti Sauce

What could be better on a cold snowy day than some warm comfort food like pasta. Pasta is rich in carbohydrates but often high in fat because of the types of sauces used. There are methods to reduce the fat in your pasta dishes. For instance, choose tomato or vegetable based sauces rather than cream sauces like Alfredo. If you do choose a cream sauce, substitute low-fat milk, evaporated skimmed milk, non-fat yogurt, fat free mayonnaise or low-fat/non-fat sour cream in place of their fatty counterparts. Pasta can also be topped with herbs and spices or a light sprinkle of Parmesan cheese as a replacement for heavy sauces. These sauce suggestions will help keep your pasta high in flavour and low in fat. The following recipe is a great warm up for a cold day. It is not low in fat but is definitely high in flavour.

Makes about 6 cups

This recipe can be frozen and reheated as necessary.

1. Heat oil in a large heavy saucepan.
2. Add onion and green pepper and cook gently for 5 minutes.
3. Add beef and stir-fry over low heat for approximately 10 minutes or until well browned.
4. Add all remaining ingredients.
5. Cover and cook slowly for about 3 hours over low heat, stirring often.
6. Taste and add salt as necessary.
7. Remove bay leaves and serve over hot pasta.

1/4 cup	vegetable oil
1/2 cup	onion, chopped
1/2 cup	green pepper, chopped (optional)
1/2 lb	lean ground beef
1/2	cup celery, chopped
2 cloves	garlic, crushed
	OR
1 tsp	garlic powder
	OR
1 tsp	garlic salt (with this last option eliminate 1 1/2 tsp salt)
1 -20 oz	can tomatoes
1-6 oz	can tomato paste
1-10 oz	can mushrooms and juice
1-4 oz	bottle olives, chopped
1 cup	grated cheddar cheese
11/2 tsp	salt
2	chili peppers
	OR
2 tsp	chili powder
1/4 tsp	black pepper
1/4 tsp	thyme
1 tsp	sugar
1/4 tsp	oregano
2 bay leaves	(do not eat these)
2 cups	boiling water



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The Centre for Women in Business

By Mandy Carmichael

The Centre for Women in Business is an organization on campus that few people seem to be aware of and that even fewer take advantage of. Through talking to a number of students on campus and posing the question, "Hey do you guys know anything about the women's centre?" I was astounded to realize that most of the students did not know that it existed and out of those who did few knew anything about its function. As a matter of fact, until I read the information package I had no idea about the many diverse functions of the centre. Hopefully this piece will inform all of you who haven't heard about it, as well as clarify the centre's function and give students an opportunity to take advantage of the different programs and services offered by the Centre for Women in Business.

The Centre for Women in Business recognizes that female entrepreneurs face unique challenges--particularly in the present day. These challenges range from a lack of financial resources to balancing career and family. The centre opens a lot of doors for women and offers them a chance to achieve their goals in a supportive and encouraging environment. The centre is an important part of Mount Saint Vincent's Business program as well as an example of some of the main ideals of empowering women that the school itself was founded on.

The Centre for Women in Business was first established in 1992. Its main goals are to provide realistic support, strong encouragement, and critical information to potential entrepreneurs and women in business. The centre concentrates on achieving these goals through training sessions, business counselling, networking events and by sponsoring research on women's entrepreneurship. They also hold many seminars, information sessions, and workshops. In the past some of these seminars have included: Coming of Age: An Export Readiness Seminar (March 99), So... you want to start your own business (Spring 98) and a 3 step entrepreneurial training program which takes an entrepreneur through the basic steps required in starting and running a successful small business.

On a cross cultural level the Women's Centre for Business is now involved in The Hungarian Project, which was initiated and developed by Dr. Helen Mallette and Prof. Wendy Doyle. The Hungarian Project focuses on developing women's entrepreneurship skills for venture creation, according to the Centre for Women in Business's annual report for 98-99. This project is essentially a partnership between the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Hungarian Labour Ministry and Mount Saint Vincent University. A seminar entitled "Training the Trainer" will educate 72 Hungarian educators over a 3-year period to develop and implement entrepreneurial training programs for women in Hungary.

All of the seminars and workshops, as well as the other activities mentioned previously, have been very successful in achieving the centre's goals. However, they do give an indication of the variety of activities that the centre offers for women. Furthermore, the centre has set forth even more goals and objectives for the future. Some of these, according to Daurene Lewis, Executive Director of the centre, include accessibility for women in rural areas, accessibility for women elsewhere in Atlantic Canada and finally expanding seminar and workshop offerings for women. Some events for the 2000-year include NEXPRO, an intensive training and counselling program for new exporters, as well as Business counselling as part of a business counselling internship program.

If you would like more information on any of the events or would like to be involved with the women's centre, ask about them at the co-op placement office, the small business consultancy course through the Business department or make the walk over to the centre and talk to the friendly staff and browse through their extensive resource room. And the next time that someone asks you just what the heck is the Centre for women in Business? Make sure to exploit your newfound knowledge on the subject.

IWK Grace Health Centre

A CAREER IN ORTHOPTICS/OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Orthoptics is the clinical science of ocular motility and binocular vision, and related disorders of the eyes. An Orthoptist is an allied health professional who works with ophthalmologists, (eye physicians and surgeons) analyzing and treating patients unable to use both eyes together because of an eye muscle or sensory abnormality. An Ophthalmic Medical Technologist assists the ophthalmologist with a wide range of diagnostic tests and procedures requiring a great deal of technical expertise.

In July 2000, the IWK Grace Health Centre will commence an accredited twenty-four (24) month training program leading to a Certificate of Orthoptics and Ophthalmic Medical Technology. Applications are now being accepted from individuals holding a baccalaureate degree with courses in any of the following areas: psychology, physiology, biology, anatomy, physics, statistics, research methodology. Work/volunteer experience in the health care field will be considered an asset. Candidates should possess good communication skills, sound judgement, emotional maturity and a demonstrated ability to relate well to small children and to adults.

Financial assistance may be available to qualified students.

Deadline for application is February 28, 2000

For further information regarding a challenging, interesting and rewarding career in the health care field, please write:

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LeBlanc Photo

The Canadian Studies Program "25 Years Old!"

By Dr. Della Stanley and Michelle LeBlanc

On Sunday November 21, 1999, about 30 former and present Canadian Studies students gathered to celebrate 25 years of Canadian Studies at the Mount. This marked the first time those former students had come together. The celebration tea included the cutting of a large Canadian Flag cake by the Academic Vice President Dr. Judith Woodsworth and the first professor of Canadian Studies, Dr. Marial Mosher. The honoured guest and speaker was Dr. Ruth Goldbloom.

Dr. Goldbloom was the driving force behind the Pier 21 project and has many ties with the Mount. She chaired the first major fund drive entitled Project One "Futures for Women." In 1985 she received an Honourary Degree here at the Mount and was involved in the creation of the Andrea and Charles Bronfman Award given to a student in the Canadian Studies Program. This year's winners of that award are Stefanie David and Denise Zareski. The winners receive a trip to Ottawa during Spring Break.

Started in 1972 by Dr. T. Symons at Trent University, the Canadian Studies Program came to MSVU in 1974 thanks to Dr. Marial Mosher. Today it is under the direction of Dr. Della Stanley. There are 17 students that are presently majoring in Canadian Studies at MSVU and a countless number of students are using Canadian Studies as a minor. For a major in Canadian Studies you need to have Canadian Studies 1100 (Canadian Culture and Society), Canadian Studies 3305 (Contemporary Canadian Issues) and Canadian Studies 4400 (a seminar) or 4402 (a directed study). You will also need at least three other courses that have 60 percent Canadian content. To minor in Canadian Studies you need Canadian Studies 1100 and Canadian Studies 3305. You will also need one other course that is at least 60 percent Canadian content which can be found in any course listing.

The Canadian Studies program has many skills to offer, such as communication and critical thinking. Many jobs are associated with this program in areas such as education and law to name a few. There are many activities involved in the Canadian Studies program--everything from guest lectures and peacekeeping letters that get sent over seas to fund-raising projects like the "New to You" sales.

The Canadian Studies Society sponsored the tea and plans a number of other celebration activities. This includes a multi-cultural dinner on January 22 and a guest lecture by Dr. Janet Chute in mid March. With all the effort put into the Canadian Studies Program by past and present students and teachers, it is no surprise that Canadian Studies has gained the respect of many people across Canada and around the world.



Horrorscopes: this is for all the whiny Leos, hoping that life won't pass them by...

By Charity Baker



Aquarius: 1/20 to 2/18

Life is going so well for you I don't need to tell you. Have a great birthday. This year is going to be great.



Pisces: 2/19 to 3/20

Your soul mate is going to dial the wrong number and finally get in touch with you today. It's a wrong number, so you hang up.



Aries: 3/21 to 4/19

You find out you've won a fabulous prize of millions of dollars. Don't you just love practical jokes?



Taurus: 4/20 to 5/21

If you really want to stir up some fun, run around town in your underwear screaming at the top of your lungs, "Bob will steal your children, Bob will steal your children." Otherwise, avoid doing this.



Gemini: 5/22 to 6/21

They say opportunity knocks only once. In your case it seems as if it never even made it up the driveway. Make your own opportunity. Then go around and knock on everyone else's door and run away.



Cancer: 6/22 to 7/23

Try looking up for a change, but keep your mouth shut, because eventually a bird will crap in your face.



Leo: 7/24 to 8/23

Those people born under Leo seem to get the short end of the stick every time when it comes to these predictions. No one ever bothers to tell them of the horrors or wonders about to greet them. To make up for this it seems it may be time to really let them know what is coming up. In January you will be greeted with a lot of trouble and you will wonder what you could have done to deserve this. In February it will only get worse as that rash refuses to clear up. In March you will realize that it was best that you saw now how your significant other reacted to the rash now. It's better they run screaming from that than letting them see that other problem that pops up in May. In April you'll get wet. We've already discussed May and the lovely skin condition you develop, (you should see a doctor about that.) In June you will swelter under the heat and realize



Virgo: 8/24 to 9/23

Didn't anyone every tell you not to stick your tongue on metal in the winter? Especially not metal that moves. Why would you lick a bus anyway?



Libra: 9/24 to 10/23

Your rich Aunt Matilda passes away in her sleep. It's a sad time for you. Mainly because you forgot her last birthday, so she forgot you in her will. But your brother got some nice stuff.



Scorpio: 10/24 to 11/22

Did you hear about the Scorpio who had a fabulous week that was just filled with wonderful surprises? Me neither. And if you did, it's a lie.



Sagittarius: 11/23 to 12/21

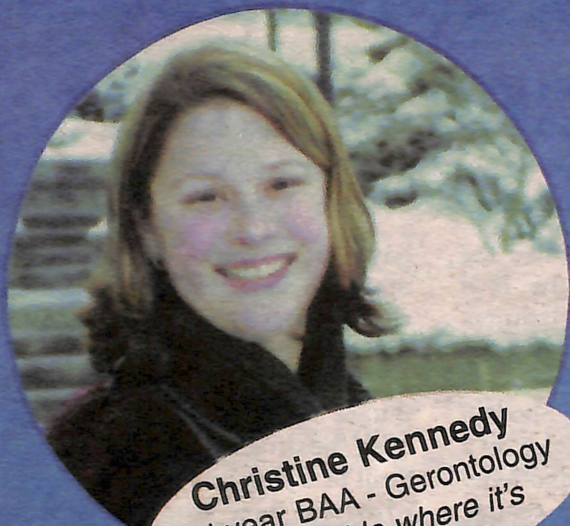
You know, when most people "spit shine" their shoes, they spit on the outside. This could explain that foot fungus though.



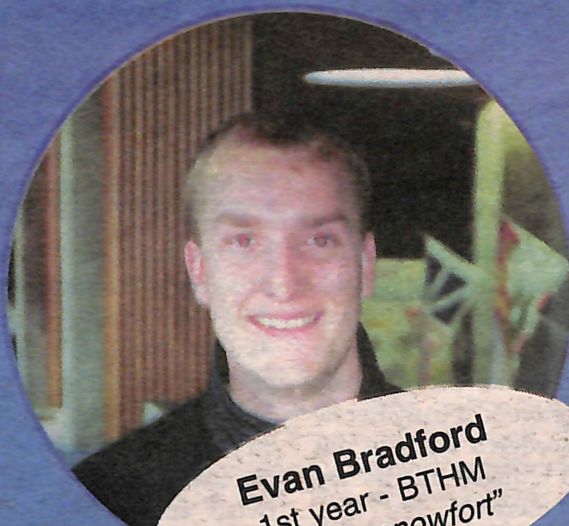
Capricorn: 12/22 to 1/19

Ah, last but not least. Oh no, wait, that's a lie.

I can't understand how people can be silly enough to take these seriously. Isn't it obvious that no one can have that much bad luck and survive? I don't know any Aquarians who always have perfect days. I did, but I killed her. Get over it and laugh. Read the other signs too, because sometimes, your prediction is actually the best.



Christine Kennedy
3rd year BAA - Gerontology
"Stay inside where it's
nice and warm"



Evan Bradford
1st year - BTHM
"Build a snowfort"



Flo Wilson
Secretary Athletics & Recreations
"Catch up on the soaps"



Shannah Butterfield
2nd year BBA
"Stay inside... in my bed"

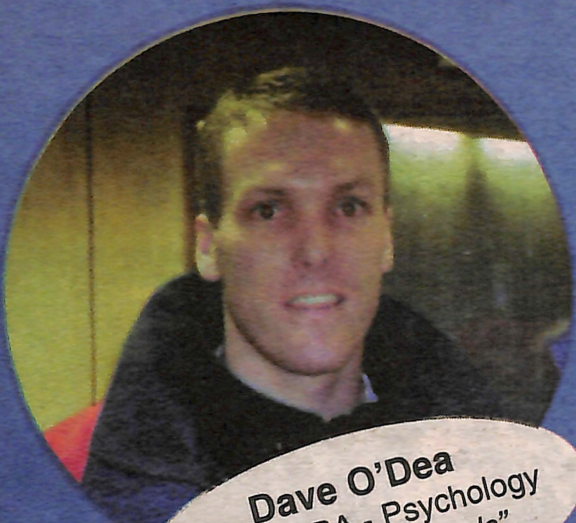
Vox POPULI

*You're in the
Spotlight*

Compiled By James Tilley



Shaun English
4th year BA - English at SMU
"Gives me time to read"



Dave O'Dea
2nd year BA - Psychology
"Walk in the woods"

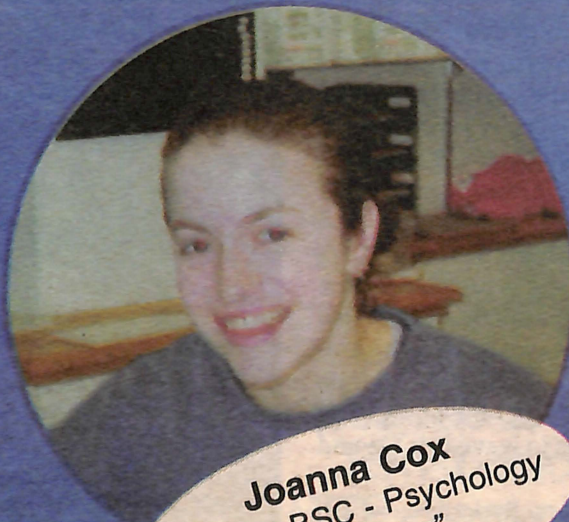
*What is your
favourite thing
to do on a
Snowday?*



Kate Winthrow
4th year BA - History
"I like to sleep on snowdays
because it is the only
chance I get"



Traci Scanlan
Art Gallery
"I play with my dog...
she loves the snow"



Joanna Cox
4th year BSC - Psychology
"Go Skiing"



Daphne MacWilliams
1st year BA
"Not Shovel"

Fare Thee Well, Love

By Nicola Hanson

A few years ago, I worked at the Sam the Record Man on Barrington Street. During that time, I had the opportunity to meet many people. At the time I fancied myself quite the comedian. One afternoon as I walked down stairs toward the staff room, I heard a very distinctive accent coming from the bottom of the stairs. Knowing that no one I worked with was from Cape Breton, I shouted, "Hey! There's a Capey in the basement." As I arrived at the bottom of the stairs I saw two smiling faces and one frowning one, Jimmy and John Morris Rankin and my manager. Evidently my manager didn't share our sense of humor.

Is it an East Coast thing? Is it a home thing? Where ever it comes from, it is about feeling a kinship with people who you do not know simply because they share the same heritage. This is a very small connection to two men from Mabou, Cape Breton; who six months later, with three of their sisters, signed a record deal with EMI Music Canada and went on to fame far beyond the boundaries of their beloved province.

No matter how popular the Rankin Family became, they were just that, family. Just a few months ago the Juno-award winning band disbanded to spend more time on individual projects and to spend more time with family. This saddened the music industry and fans, but we all knew we would see them together again. That

is until Sunday January 16, 2000, when the four wheel drive that John Morris Rankin was driving his son and two friends to a hockey game in went over an embankment at Whale Cove in Cape Breton. In a truly heroic manner, Rankin ordered the boys out of truck before it plunged into the icy waters of the St Lawrence.

Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Canada has lost one of its most talented musicians. Together with Jimmy, Cookie, Raylene and Heather, John Morris has played to sold out crowds all around the world. They have forged a niche in Canadian and World music that Maritime music now claims. The Rankin Family have received multiple ECMA and Juno awards. As the driving force behind the Rankin Family, John Morris accepted their fame with grace and humility, his feet were always firmly planted in his family's roots. Many musicians knew and loved John Morris, both for who he was and the talent that he held. As a tribute, many of these people will be performing at his funeral in Mabou on Thursday January 21. Among them are: Dennis Ryan, Dave McIsaac, Scott MacMillan and Buddy MacMaster.

We will all miss John Morris Rankin and his contribution to the popularity of East Coast Music will forever be documented and remembered. (see news story p.4)

Girl Interrupted

Columbia Tri-Star

I walked into the movie theatre thinking this movie was a lighthearted story about a unique friendship between two women in a mental institution. I got that and then some. I was not prepared for a serious and at times heart wrenching account of a girls tormented road to self discovery. *Girl Interrupted* is a true story about Susanna Kaysen, who

tries to kill herself, as a result her doctor, who met with her only once, confuses growing pains with mental illness and forces her to commit herself to a mental institution.

There, Susanna loses herself in an OZ-like nether world of seductive and disturbed young women: among them Lisa (Angelina Jolie), a charming sociopath who stages a disastrous escape with Susanna, Daisy (Brittany Murphy), a pampered girl with a predilection for rotisserie chicken and an unhealthy relationship with her father, and remarkably kind burn victim.

In the end she is assisted by the hospital's head psychiatrist, Dr. Wick (Vanessa Redgrave), and a no-nonsense ward nurse, Valerie (Whoopi Goldberg). Susanna, like Dorothy, resolves to leave this Oz and reclaim her life.

While Winona Ryder is excellent she is grossly outdone by Angelina Jolie who has won a Golden Globe nomination for her performance.



Halifax anticipates Neptune's latest

By Melissa Melanson

For the intimate crowd that had the privilege of sitting in on the final dress rehearsal at the Neptune, director Jean Morpurgo's *The Memory of Water* did not disappoint.

The play, written by Shelagh Stephenson, brings the audience on a comical journey with many emotional twists and turns. The story centres around three sisters who have come together to bury their recently dead mother. Catherine, the eccentric younger sister, Teresa, the homeopathic remedy dealer and self-proclaimed martyr and Mary, the doctor all band together to deal with what their mother left behind.

The character of Mary is the most complex. On the outside she appears to be the most well-adjusted of the three. She is ambitious, successful and seemingly completely in control of her life. However, in the play Mary must come face to face with the ghosts of her past and come to terms with the enormity of what she has lost.

The mother's bedroom serves as the battle field for the sisters wild antics. The actors make good use of the space, and the character of Mary is surprisingly effective, despite the fact that she stays in bed for the first part of the play. The illuminated snow-capped roof, smoke from the chimney and the snow visibly falling outside creates a cold atmosphere very appropriate for the situation.

In the beginning, the sisters

have little warm feelings for each other. Their strikingly different clothing serve to illustrate the drastic differences in their personalities. But as they sort through their mother's things, they are sisters. It may have been the drugs, it may have been the thrill of trying on Mum's clothes, but when the three women posed for a picture they are children again.

The 1950's music underscoring some of the scenes and at intermission also brings the characters back to a time when they were children and their mother was alive.

Despite the morbid theme, the story of the three sisters is hilarious, and the entrance of Mary's married lover Mike and Teresa's husband Frank only add to the comedy. The playwright's English origins are evident in character accents. Something about an English accent just seems to make everything that much more funny.

Judging by the quality of the dress rehearsal, the play is a pleasure to watch. Just as the character of Frank describes himself in a personal ad, the dialogue is "witty and entertaining." Through the sharp-tongued sisters we gain insight into the life of a woman who's own choices shape the paths of her daughters and their search for understanding and forgiveness.

The Memory of Water will be performed at Fountain Hall from January 21-February 13.



WHO ARE WE?

The Beastie Boys

Congratulations to Erin Bennett, Jenn Murray, and Timboo Drow (who is that guy?)

Prizes can be picked up at the Picaro, Rosaria 114.

The Hurricane

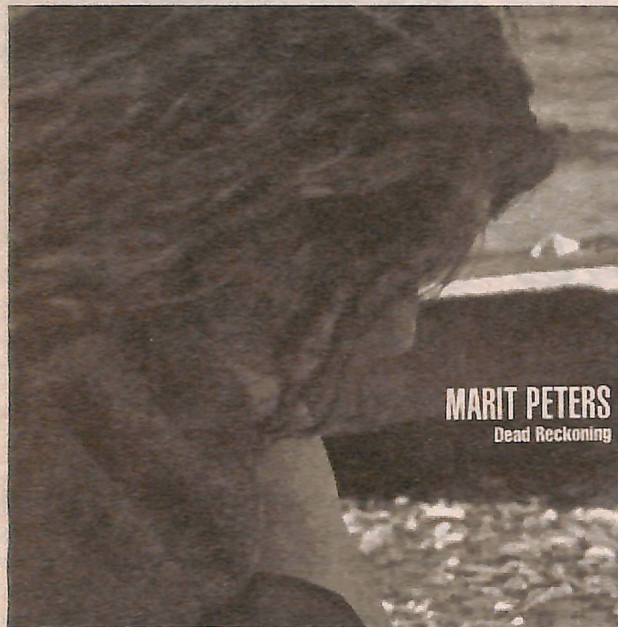
Universal Pictures

By Nicola Hanson

"Here comes the story of the Hurricane, the man the authorities came to blame for something that he never done." -Bob Dylan

The stage:

It was a summer of racial tension - the year after Watts and the year before white police officers beat up a black cab driver, sparking the Newark Rebellion of 1967. Whites thought "Bobby" was the



The "Merit" in listening to Peters

Marit Peters
Dead Reckoning
Oheyou Records

By Jennifer Henderson

Until a friend sent me a copy of her CD, Dead Reckoning, I had no idea who Marit Peters was. For everyone else who doesn't have the benefit of an American buddy with a link to the indie music scene, Marit Peters is a Seattle, Washington based singer/songwriter. Her sound is hard to qualify - a little bit of Shawn Colvin, Natalie Merchant and Diana Krall rolled into one. The closest approximation is if a Valium-mellowed Sarah McLachlan decided to do cabaret.

Dead Reckoning is a sexy, jazz steeped, soulful gem of album. The most striking feature of the CD is its clean sound. No thumping bass or wailing electric guitar clutter the musical landscape. Just cello, piano, acoustic guitar and the occasional trumpet. Peters sounds like she's crooning in your ear rather than into a studio mic.

Unfortunately, this CD isn't likely to yield any Top 40 hits. Most songs are too long and lyrically off-beat to appeal to a radio audience. The one exception may be "Beautiful Girls" a whimsical speculation about the self-esteem of the drop-dead gorgeous.

So have I intrigued you? Made you want to get your own copy of Dead Reckoning? Well too bad. It isn't available in Canada or anywhere outside of Seattle. But maybe if you're nice to me I'll let you borrow mine.

Ah. This must be what having "connections" feels like.

next President; blacks thought "Martin" was their champion. No one could have predicted in two years they would both be dead - killed by assassins' bullets.

Denzel Washington is at his best since Malcolm X. Washington is Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, the middleweight boxer who served half of his adult life in prison after being railroaded for murder. The movie is based on the book, *The Sixteenth Round* by Rubin Carter, and therefore it is entirely through his eyes. The police constable and prosecutor in New Jersey are motivated by hate and prejudice that breathed life into the justice system and specifically into Carter's case from the 1960's through to the day Carter was released in the 1980's. The movie does not examine the motivation of "The Canadians", as they are referred to through the entire movie, as being anything more than kind hearted good samaritans. By all accounts the Canadians were motivated by much more than that.

When the movie introduces the Canadian's homestead in Toronto, the director makes sure the audience follows by hitting all the major land marks, starting with the CN Tower, the Waterfront and Canadian Nation Exhibition Park (known to Torontonians as The Ex). Not to mention Carter's saving angel, Lesra Martin who went to Dalhousie Law School and now practices in Vancouver, connecting the two coasts to this truly incredible story.

Washington's performance is truly great, even Oscar worthy, and the story grabs your heart and does not let it go until Carter is freed. The comments and one liners about "the Canadians" truly need to be seen and heard!



Denzel Washington in The Hurricane

L'ARCHE THE UNIVERSITY OF THE HEART

L'Arche Cape Breton is a community for men and women who are mentally challenged and those who share life with them. We are a community committed to equality, solidarity, and simplicity, and since we began in 1983, hundreds of people have come to share this way of life with us.

We have welcomed many volunteers from Cape Breton, and from the UK, France, Austria, Germany, Granada, India, the United States and all over Canada. The experience in L'Arche has not only changed the way we see people with disabilities. It has changed the way we see the world.

We are always accepting applications from energetic, open-minded, and committed people. We provide room and board plus a monthly stipend, and will consider covering your student loan payments. There are even programs available for people interested in volunteering overseas, as there are over 100 L'Arche communities throughout the world.

Not sure what you are doing? Why not consider volunteering with L'Arche? Contact us for an information package.

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HMVVIBES



TOP TEN CLUB HITS

- 1 Will2K
Will Smith
- 2 Sun is Shining
Bob Marley vs.
Funkstar De Luxe
- 3 Get Get Down
Paul Johnson
- 4 Waiting for Tonight
Jennifer Lopez
- 5 Better Off Alone
Alice Deejay
- 6 Larger than Life
Backstreet Boys
- 7 Jump N'Shout
Basement Jaxx
- 8 The Launch
DJ Jean
- 9 Don't Stop
ATB
- 10 Holiday
Naughty by Nature

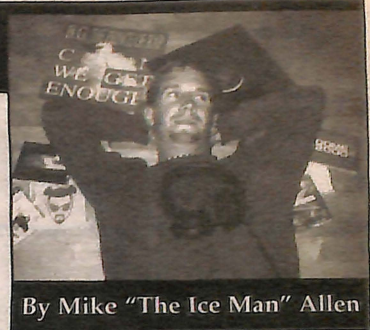
Greetings once more! After a calm period in the world of music releases there has finally been word of what is on the way for the end of January. You see, the advantage you fine folks have by being associated with Pool East (Atlantic Canada's professional DJ pool) is that you're all like Wilt Chamberlain - you're on top of everything! Since that is the case let's see what the labels have in store for us in the coming days.

There is news that there will be a new Bob Marley remix "Rainbow Country" on the way to the clubs very soon which will most likely be popular given the success

that "Sun Is Shining" had. Euro-dance sensation Aqua has a new single coming out which is due in the next few weeks, although the name hasn't been released yet, but in any case should be interesting. What list would be complete without the Vengaboys? Yup, everyone's favourite chew it, blow it up, and pop it, bubble gum group has a new single entitled "Kiss" which should freshen the stale gum that is stuck on every DJ's turntables from here to Hoboken! Finally, Brooklyn Bounce has a new release called "Funk You" which is slated for delivery in the next few weeks as well. So keep

your ears open for these new tracks which should make a serious run up the charts in the weeks ahead.

Speaking of charts, don't forget to take note of this weeks Pool East top ten chart which interestingly gives Will Smith some quality air time. Will 2k was released around Nov. 15 '99 and it's still spinnin' strong at 33rpm apparently. In any event, look for "Faded" by Soul Decision to break the top ten, as well as "Fly Away" by Eyes Cream which has already gone number one on the Billboard chart. And for you underground fans, DJ Mark Farina will be making an appearance at



By Mike "The Ice Man" Allen

HMV Spring Garden in February so keep your eyes open for further announcements regarding the date. With that, I hope you all keep in touch with the vibes, jack to the sound, and as always, keep on Jammin'!! (Questions and comments are always welcome at Michael.Allen@msvu.ca.)

- THE ICE MAN

The New Palace

KLUB KUTZ

MIKE'S MILLENNIUM MIX DOWN



2 Future 4 U
Armand Van Helden (SPG)
Mike's Rating: 9.0

Armand Van Helden has certainly left his mark on the dance music world in the last number of years. With past hits such as "Funk Phenomenon" as well as numerous remixes (at the cost of \$30,000 US to the artist seeking the mix) Armand has delivered some grove to the club scene. In this latest edition to the Van Helden library, you will find some of his contemporary hits such as "U Don't Know Me" and "Flowerz" which we featured at the end of last year. If you like Armand Van Helden then this album will give you a good collection of his most recent hits.



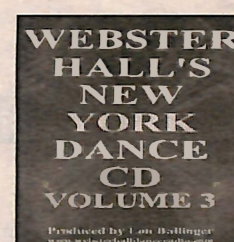
Juicy Beats Volume Two (Hi Bias)
Mike's Rating: 8.0

Here is a decent collection of new hits and passing hits as we get into a mainstream grove once again. Bob Marley and Funkstar make an appearance as do the Vengaboys, the Black and White Brothers, Chili Hifi, Eiffel 65, and Eyes Cream with their breaking hit "Fly Away." For those of you who purchased other recent albums and discovered some horrible mixing, you will be in for a treat as this album has full length versions and spaces between the tracks. Hey, even professional companies can hire a half assed DJ and F*ck things up, but Hi Bias isn't a label that has a reputation of doing so. Pick up a copy today!



Tits
Freaky Flow (Stickman Records)
Mike's Rating: 8.2

It's an interesting name for an album isn't it? I know when I think of Drum 'n Base underground the word Tits is the farthest thing from my mind. Well, maybe if you took two of the CD's and put them side by side on your chest, had a half dozen beer you might pitch a tent - who knows. In any case, DJ Freaky Flow invites the listener to jam to some hard core Underground in this action packed album. But the best treat is Chocclair... he has found his real home in some awesome "Ground" mixes as you've never heard him before. Indeed, Freaky Flow can deliver the hits and his shows in Halifax this past week certainly proved his worth.



Webster Hall's NY Dance CD Volume 3
(Webster Hall Records)
Mike's Rating: 7.5

Some time ago at Webster Hall (NY's most famous nightclub) a DJ by the name of Smokey Fontaine appeared as a guest and tore the place apart with an amazing program of House music. His performance was recorded and now you can re-live the atmosphere that was present at Webster Hall with this third edition album to the WH family. SM Tracks, Johnny Vicious and Boy George, are 3 of the 11 artists that Smokey Fontaine used to rock the house and if you like his work, than this album will most certainly rock yours!

Time 100 Cd Collection

Warner Music

By Charity Baker

So, 1999 is now behind us and there is little left to show for its passing right? Wrong. Consumers have been inundated with a plethora of items to mark the new year, decade, century and millennium. It seems that every form of material goods have been using time to sell. Music is no exception. That's why it was no surprise when Time Magazine put out the first volume of their Time 100 Collection. This compilation was followed later by a second volume, because it is difficult to fit 100 years of music on two cds. In total the collection consists of four CD's that cover the last 100 years in popular music.

The first volume is, for obvious reasons, the volume that has the earlier dating music. And, despite the cover and the idea that Time is trying to portray, the CD's

don't exactly cover the entire century. In fact the earliest song on the cd is from 1961. So, rather than really covering an entire century of music Time is really paying tribute to the music that most music buyers today can remember. As a music compilation, Time 100 Volume One is pretty good. There is music from most genres from 1960 to 1980. And, in an interesting note, Time made a little error and the songs on the CD are not in the same order as the songs on the liner notes. It only occurs with two songs, a simple mix up, but it is neat to notice and realize that even Time can make editing mistakes.

The second volume in the collection covers the last two decades. I have to say I preferred this volume over the first but that mainly has to do with the fact that I remember hearing this music on the



Trippin' 3
MC Flipside (Stickman Records)
Mike's Rating: 8.0

MC Flipside graced the Underground scene in Halifax recently (along with Freaky Flow) to promote his new album Trippin' 3. This may be the album to entice some of the mainstream dance crowd to sample a bit of Underground as this CD contains the club hits "Get Get Down" by Paul Johnson and "Feel Alright" by Troy Brown (which was a rip off of George Benson's "Give Me The Night"). Anyway, if you want variety you'll certainly get it here along with some good advice on the inside cover about the pathetic state of the rave scene right now: "The (substance) abuse has got to stop, remember the music came first. You can party sober and the same song still sounds the same." - MC Flipside.

radio. What I like most about the collection is that it isn't only music that gets put on ever compilation because it sold well at the time. There is a covering of all music. I did wonder where Michael Jackson went when I listened to the second volume, but I guess you can't have it all.

In fact, it seems some people can't have anything. Time says that these songs are the "Music of Our Lives" and yet they happened to forget a few musical genres. No where on any of the

CD's is there any rap, metal or hard rock. It seems that the only "music of our lives" is easy listening and soft rock. It seems that maybe this collection is the music of the editors lives.

So, if you like a good variety of music, this collection is a good idea, unless your taste varies from the popular music. I wish I could say that it is more than another millennium sale, but it's not. So if you're trying to avoid the hype of time based collectibles, avoid this collection.

METRO COMMUNITY

MOUNT COMMUNITY

Volunteer Opportunities

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Halifax Branch, is seeking volunteers for Building Bridges-a friendship program helping people re-connect to their community. Please call 455-5445 for details.

Events

The Alderney Landing Visual Arts Gallery invites you to view the exhibition "BASKETRY: HONORING THE PAST, EXPLORING THE FUTURE." Contact Joleen Gordon at 469-2798.

Are you healthy and between 18 and 50 years old?

You may be eligible to take part in a study to look at a new vaccine developed to protect agians meningitis. If you would like more information about how you can become involved, call Darlene at 428-8931. Leave your name and number and your call would be returned. If you participate, you will be compensated.

Live arts productions present new dance series 2000. With Linda Gaudreau. DuMaurier Theater at Neptune. 8:00 Thursday through Saturday. Jan. 27, 28, 29.

2nd Annual SHE-BOP Women's Dance. Saturday, January 29th, 2000. The Church (North Street)

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$9 at door. They can be purchased at Entitlement Bookstore and Venus Envy or by calling 453-5150. Doors open at 7:30 PM.

A few thoughts from George Carlin...

- Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
- One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.
- Atheism is a nonprophet organization.
- The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- If a mute swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice?"
- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- Do cows shrink in the rain?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?

Society Announcements

There will be a business dinner on January 27, 2000. Tickets are now on sale. The fee is \$15 for society members and \$20 for non-members. All are welcome! For more information, call 457-6541.

International Students Society first meeting. Friday, Feb. 21st, 2000 at 12:00 noon. In the International Students' room, Rosaria.

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Come visit the writing Resource Centre where you'll find professional writing advice. This service is free for all students. Were located in Student Affairs, Evaristus 219E.

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Mondays 12:00-5:00 PM
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Wednesdays 12:00-4:30 PM
Thursdays 12:30-5:00 PM

We look forward to meeting you!

Women's spirituality discussion group. January 25 topic: Sisters, Mothers, Aunts and Grandmothers: Honoring our ancestors.

SKI MARTOCK

Sunday, January 30. Contact Ath/Rec for information before January 29th.

Student Union Council Meetings are held at Fridays at 3:00. The next meeting is on January 28th. Mount Students are encouraged and welcome to attend all Student Council meetings.

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Library Award

Mount Saint Vincent University Library Award is a single annual award of \$200.00. It is awarded to an undergraduate student who demonstrates outstanding research skills in using information and/or resources located in, or accessible from the MSVU Library, when completed a research paper in any course at the Mount during the 12 month period preceding the 31 January 2000 deadline.

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Please submit a clean copy (no comments or grade) of your research paper with supporting documentation to:

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The Library, Mount Saint Vincent University

Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3M 2J6

~Deadline: 31 January 2000~

For further information, please contact the Award Co-ordinator at 457-6403.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Childhood

By Michelle LeBlanc

A six year old
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telling fiction
of outrageous glories.
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taking a trip to the moon,
flying an airplane
riding a typhoon.
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Mystics rock in the New Year

Angie McLeod

The Mystics varsity teams are back in full swing in the new millennium. Both men's and women's basketball teams played in tournaments over the break. The women worked on some new plays and shed some turkey while playing against teams from Quebec and Maine at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Tournament.

The men's team played in Dalhousie's AUAA tournament as the only college team out of eight schools. Battling against bigger players, especially in the post position, did not phase our guys. They stepped up to the challenge and came agonizingly close to "upsetting" the heavily favoured Dalhousie team. The Mount also played well against their next two opponents, UNB and UPEI, but didn't manage to pull through with a win. The team really turned some heads with their play, and showed that they started to gel after struggling to a 4-3 conference record before Christmas.

The basketball teams started out the second term of play with two big wins last weekend. Both teams crushed DalTech by forty points in the first double header. Julie Clattenburg had a team high for the women, with 11 points, while Nadia MacDonald and Vicki Veinotte each had 10 points. Jayson Taker had the high for the men's team, with 18 points, Allan Williams scored 14 points, and Peter Turnbull had 13 points, rounding out the teams top three scorers. The women's team then defeated Mount Allison, 57-45, while the men won 72-61, to complete the weekend sweep. High scorers of the women's game were Tara Kinch with 15 points, Vicki Veinotte with 13 and Shannon Fraser with 11 points. High scorers of the men's game included Peter Turnbull and Jayson Taker with 22 points, and Ian McRae with 11 points. After this weekend sweep was completed, both teams

improved their records to 6-3.

The volleyball team also started the new term with a convincing 3-1 match over cross-town rival, King's College.

This win avenged a poor showing against the Blue Devils the last time the two teams met in December. The team meets N.S. Agricultural College and UNBSJ this week.

Ath/Rec Information

Campus intramurals are a fun and easy way to keep healthy and fit. All intramurals are FREE for full-time students, faculty, staff, and part time students who have a valid facility membership.

Take your pick, this is what we have to offer

Co-ed Volleyball	Thursday Nights 7:30-9:30pm	
Badminton	Monday-Friday 12pm-1:30pm	Tuesday Nights 8-10:30pm
Basketball	Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-4pm	
Indoor Soccer	Mondays 3-4:30pm	

Martock Ski Trip

Downhill, snow boarding, cross-country, and skating. Free lessons come with every package. Six package options to choose from. Packages must be purchased from the Ath/Rec office by Saturday, January 29, at 4:30pm. Transportation is available, please book early. All members of the Mount community are invited. Family and friends also welcome. Buses leave Mount Saint Vincent at 9am, and the group will meet at the Martock Chalet at 10am. Call 457-6420 for package info and pricing.

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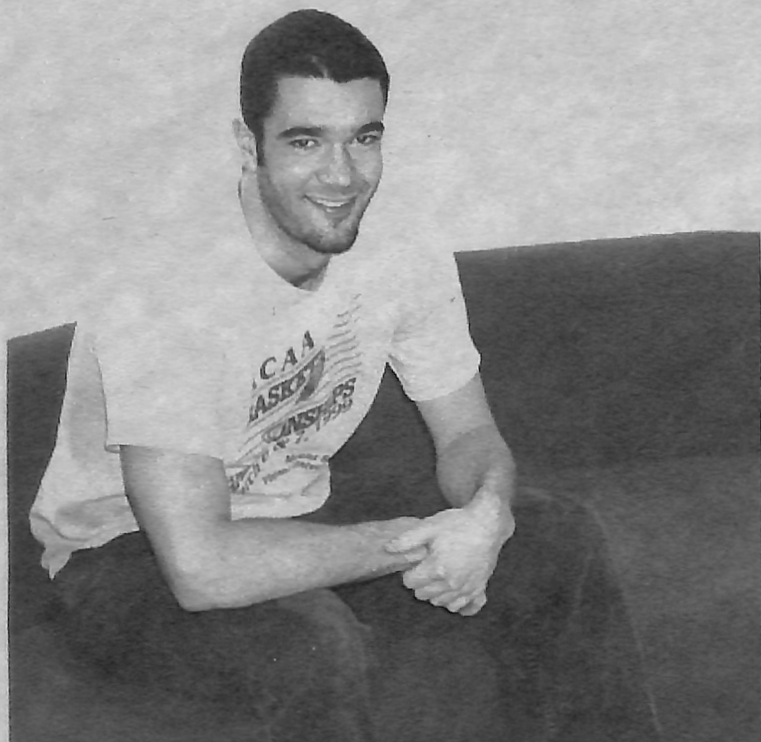
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Peter Turnbull: Forward (Tilley Photo)

A look at...Peter Turnbull and Jason Bruce

by Rhonda Simser

Name: Peter Turnbull
 Age: 21
 Astrological Sign: Aquarius
 Graduated from: Prince Andrew High
 Program/Year: BA, 4th year
 Sport: Basketball
 Position: Forward
 Marital Status: No Idea
 Markings: Goat
 Favorite Song: Re-arranged, Limp Bizkit
 Favorite Movie: Apocalypse Now
 Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld
 Likes: Ed the Sock, Vinnie's, Wobbly Pops,
 Dislikes: Chris Gaudet, Robert Turnbull, Andy Bartkus
 Notable Achievements: "Nothin' Big"
 Player Quote: "Uuuuh, Ya got any gum?"

Name: Jason "Shadow" Bruce
 Age: Unknown
 Height: 5'10"
 Astrological Sign: Scorpio
 Graduated from: Charles P. Allen
 Program/Year: BA, 6th year
 Sport: Basketball
 Position: Point Guard
 Marital Status: Not Married (So there!)
 Markings: 4 tattoos (3 on arms, 1 on back), goatee
 Favorite Song: One More Chance, (re-mix), Notorious B.I.G.
 Favorite Movie: Any movie from X-citement video
 Favorite TV Show: Any show with black people
 Likes: OJ Simpson, Bleu Nuit, CNNSI
 Dislikes: People that tell me what to F%#\$ING do!
 Notable Achievements: Poetry Award '94, OUAA Rookie of the Year Award: Dec. '94, Feb '95, MSVU Big Bum of the year award: 99-00
 Player Quote: If he's so rich, why doesn't Reggie Miller get braces.



Jason Bruce: Point Guard (Tilley Photo)



Tilley Photo

Everyone had a great time at this year's Athletics/Recreation Society January Beach Party. Some of those in attendance include, clockwise from bottom left: Amanda Swales, Nancy White, Elizabeth Sencabaugh, A. Sunny Patch, and Laura Walsh. Thanks to those who turned out!

Upcoming Games

Basketball

Sat Jan 22	MSVU@STU	5pm (w)	7pm (m)
Sun Jan 23	MSVU@UNBSJ	12pm (w)	2pm (m)
Wed Jan 26	MSVU@Kings	6pm (w)	8pm (m)
Sun Jan 30	UNBSJ@MSVU	12pm (w)	2pm (m)
Wed Feb 2	Kings@MSVU	6pm (w)	8pm (m)
Sat Feb 5	MSVU@DalTech	6pm (w)	8pm (m)
Wed Feb 16	MSVU@NSAC	6pm (w)	8pm (m)
Sat Feb 19	MSVU@MtA	1pm (w)	3pm (m)
Fri Feb 25	NSAC@MSVU	6pm (w)	8pm (m)
Mar 5 and 6	ACAA Championships @ Mount Allison		

Volleyball

Sat Jan 22	MSVU@UNBSJ	3pm
Sun Jan 23	MSVU@UNBSJ	11am
Sat Jan 29	UNBSJ@MSVU	8pm
Wed Feb 2	MSVU@Kings	6pm
Sat Feb 5	U STE A@MSVU	2pm
Sun Feb 6	U STE A@MSVU	12pm
Wed Feb 9	Kings@MSVU	6pm
Wed Feb 16	NSAC@MSVU	6pm
Feb 19 and 20	ACAA Championships @ UNBSJ	

Badminton

Sat Jan 22	MSVU@MTA	10am
Sun Feb 13	@MSVU	9:30am
Feb 19 and 20	ACAA Championships @ MSVU	



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