BOAT PEOPLE WELCOMED BY ST. MARY'S

Last night a family of "Boat People" arrived at St. Mary's University. The family was greeted by some of our Chinese students who welcomed the family to their new life in Canada. The family consists of a 25-year-old father, Mr. Van V. and his 30-year-old wife, Mrs. Long Ngia, their two children, Tuoi Binh 5 years old, Ngia Binh Ngo, 3 years old, and their aunt, 39-year-old Muoi Lu.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: SUCCESS

The first General Assembly held in conjunction with the Campus Committee, took place in room L172 last Friday in order to provide a forum in which the students of St. Mary's could voice their opinions on such subjects as tuition, Saga foods, and differential fees. The turnout was not as large as had been expected from the amount of publicity that had gone into promoting this event of concern to all students.

The assembly was chaired by Tracy Christopher, the Chairperson of St. Mary's Campus Committee, and speakers representing the SRC, the Financial Aid Office of St. Mary's, and the Chaplaincy services. After brief talks were given by each of these representatives, students were then permitted to ask specific questions, and to generally air their views on this campus, and the quality of the food and service that Saga gives in return for the large amount of money students pay for this privilege. Students also spoke out on the lack of government funding in the form of bursaries, and the fairness of differential fees for foreign students going to school in Nova Scotia.

Suggestions were offered for many of the problems voiced by the attending students. One solution put forward was, on the subject of the excorbiante prices charges at Saga's Mini Mart, to look into the possibility of a University run non-profit food service. The Campus Committee is said to be looking into the feasibility of all the suggestions made by the students who attended the General Assembly.

Tracy Christopher said that the General Assembly had fulfilled its purpose in "Getting through a lot of students and making them aware of many internal and external affairs concerning them." Miss Christopher also went on to say that "Many students who could not attend the General Assembly had expressed their interest in the Campus Committee on a wide variety of issues by the use of suggestion boxes and by personally speaking to Campus Committee members."

Finally, Miss Christopher expressed her thanks to all students and faculty members for attending the first General Assembly.

Campaign For Government Insight

WOLFSVILLE (CUP)—In an effort to make the provincial government more aware of student concerns for post-secondary education the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) will co-ordinate a postcard campaign, draft a brief, and try to meet with the provincial cabinet.

The strategy was decided by delegates from eight institutions at a conference November 24 and 25.

The postcards, emphasizing the need for increased government funding and a tuition hike, will be presented to the government in January.

"The idea is to lobby before any announcements are made," said Mike McNeil, SUNS chairperson.

"Students can be in a better position than just responding. It's harder to change the government's mind afterwards because it looks like they're backing down," he said.

McNeil said if the cabinet would meet with them the postcards and accompanying brief would be presented to whoever would.

SUNS will also be meeting with the provincial department of development. The department administers various employment programs containing about 3,000 jobs. Eighty-five percent of the positions are filled by students and youths.

McNeil said the department will run down the entire program and outline the constraints they are under.

"SUNS will offer any improvements we see to ensure as many students as possible are employed," he said.

Education Minister Terrance Donahue has spoken out against increasing the debt load in the student aid plan. McNeil told the conference. Donahue joins the education ministers from Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan in opposing increases in the loan ceiling, he said.

SUNS is scheduled to meet with Donahue January 11.

The organization's next conference is slated for January 19 and 20 at Kings College in Halifax.
Notice of Collection:
Last week's Journal inadvertently stated that Graham Black was SRC secretary. Graham Black is Student Services Advisor to the SRC, and is acting secretary at SRC meetings. Our apologies for the error.

Saint Mary's University Art Gallery will present this travelling exhibit containing eighteen woven hangings by Theodore Hallman. November 26-December 16. Mr. Hallman, a noted American artist and weaver now living in Toronto, will be at Saint Mary's opening, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 26.

Tedd Hallman's work is marked by an innovative use of materials combined with his superb mastery of traditional weaving techniques. Since the early 1960s his work has been exhibited in major one-man and group shows organized by many of the leading American museums. He participated in the prestigious 1964 Milan Triennial, the British Crafts Centre's First International Exhibition of Miniature Textiles in 1974, and a 1970 show at the Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York and his work is included in many collections.

In his SUNRISE exhibition, themes are presented by using a vast range of techniques. The effects of subtle and yet intense color are varied considerably from piece to piece. This is due to the innovative nature of technique of dyeing before, during, and after the pieces have been woven. Selective dyeing of warp in traditional that methods, warp painting, and selective bleaching and colouring after weaving is complete are used to produce subtleties of colour that suggest the daily, but constantly changing, events of summer. This is complemented by one of the most flexible of basic weaving systems, twist, which is used through the means of twist bindings.

SUNRISE's titles bear titles offered by the Toronto poet, Kenneth G. Mill, which further enhance the contemplative appreciation of these weavings.

The Saint Mary's Exhibition is part of a North American tour which includes such major stops as the Smithonian Institution. The tour is organized by the Royal Ontario Museum's Extension Service and appears through the courtesy of the R.O.M. The exhibition is being held in Halifax at Saint Mary's because Mr. Hallman requested that a Maritime location be included in the tour.

As well as attending the November 26 opening, Mr. Hallman will be giving a number of lectures and workshops to students of weaving during his stay in Halifax. For more information on these or on the exhibition, call the Saint Mary's Art Gallery at 422-7361, extension 245.

On Friday the 30th of November, at "Ode's Eye Cafe," 1579 Granville Street, local recording artist, Patti Smith, will be performing. On Saturday the 1st of December, "Crook's Mouth," a play by Patti Smith, will be performed by members of the Theatre U of T company. Also, "Dog and the Kid," a punk rock band, will be playing.

On Sunday the 2nd, Gordon Campell, recently returned from "cool West," will be playing stringing of blue-grass, traditional, country, and original material. Also, on Sunday, local artist, Frank Targax, will be performing.

This year A.I.E.S.E.C. will be holding their second annual Gumball Rally. Last year's Gumball Rally was a total success, and this year's rally is looking very promising. Get out your rally car and join us on Sunday, December 2, 1979. The checkered flag will be dropped at 11:00 on the science building parking lot.

Have your registration form completed and paid in by no later than 10:30 on the day of the rally. There will be trophies for all drivers and navigators of the rally and show finishing positions.

The winners of the rally will be determined by the combination of your questionnaire sheet, time, and time. Entrance fees are $5.00 ($2.50 each for driver and navigator). Only 45 cars will be able to participate. First come first serve basis. For further information and registration forms please come to room 525 in the O'Donnell-Hannay Student Centre, or call 422-3295.

"The Public School and Religious Education" is the title of a new course to be offered at Saint Mary's University next semester. It is a half-credit course and is being offered within the Saint Mary's Master of Arts Education program. However, it is also open to persons not pursuing an M.A. degree, but who may wish to take the course for credit, or who may wish to audit the course.

"Educators hesitate to affirm a role for the public school in religious education," says Dr. Donald Weeren, who will be the instructor for the course. "Perhaps due to concern over possible indoctrination or offense to the religious feelings of individuals or groups in a heterogeneous school population."

"This course," he continues, "will seek to identify legitimate and worthwhile forms of involvement in religious education by teachers, principals and the public school as a whole, along with safeguards against the dangers feared by educators."

The course will examine, among other topics, the historical relationship of the school and religion in Nova Scotia: the religious content of selected, sub-components of the Nova Scotian curriculum; and the goals of the home, church and public school in religious education. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 7:00, commencing January 8. Fee for the course is $7.00. Those taking the course for credit will be $95.00; and for students enrolled as auditors the fee is $45. Registration will be limited to 30 students.

For further information contact the Registrar's office at 422-7361, or the instructor, Dr. Weeren, at 422-7301.

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EDITORIAL

MALE VISITORS AT MSVU
by Len Boudreau

It is difficult to understand why there is such controversy over male visiting privileges at Mount Saint Vincent University. And equally difficult to understand is how the Mount's Administrators have been allowed to segregate their students in Victorian-day fashion that fits neither into modern-day society generally, nor with social trends within Universities specifically. I doubt very much that the Mount draws from a particularly different breed of girls than other universities, with respect to social ideals.

Now it seems to me that there are two reasons that would influence the decisions of the Mount's Administrators concerning male visitors. In fact, there are (1) academic performance and (2) socio-sexual relationships. I don't believe that the Administrators could effectively argue for the former, given the fact that the quality of students' performance at most other Universities from an academic viewpoint, is no less inferior than the Mount's, and also given the very important fact that the students' intelligence and responsibility would not allow that to happen. As far as the latter is concerned, if they chose to argue that point, it would not only undermine the students' maturity of responsibility decision-making but would necessarily undermine the Parents of those Students, from whom the Students' sense of morals come.

Notwithstanding the ineffectiveness of both arguments, it seems to me that the Administrators are more concerned with the socio-sexual relationships and while they might not agree openly with that statement, they would have great difficulty convincing this writer that the sexual aspect is not the motive behind this restriction.

Consider the following by M. Hunt nearly six years ago: "It is vastly changing in sexual attitudes and behaviours over the past several decades has not involved random and promiscuous sexual activities, it has meant that more and more couples engage in premartial sex in the context of a loving, committed relationship." And D.L. Mosher in 1981, "Though many conservative minds may falsely use the word 'love' simply as a tactic to obtain sex, it is also true that sexual closeness can have a positive effect on feelings of love. That is, love may lead to sex, and sex in turn may intensify the loving relationship".

The only course of action, is for the Students at Mount Saint Vincent to use their intelligence in a concerted effort, to convince the Administrators that they not be duped into accepting this restriction as if it were the manifestation of perfect justice, when in fact it is not! And because Students are holding a special "Open Forum" on the matter (Thurs., Nov. 29th) seems to me to be a positive indication of the intelligence the Administrators will be facing.

"Good luck!" Administrators! "Good skill!" Students!

Letters

Sound Suggestions
Dear Students,

I am pleased that you have seen the two latest additions to St. Mary's. I am referring, of course, to the two Campus Committee "Suggestion Books." I have found that the students have indicated that they are concerned with areas such as: library hours, low rise, buses, parking facilities, sages, campus fees, and professors to name a few.

Included below are some of the suggestions the committee has received:

- advance ticket sales to buses so as to eliminate long line-ups
- that Fridays be open in Low Rise from 10:00 a.m. onwards, and starting at 10:00 a.m. on weekdays
- improve the lighting system in the library, especially on the 2nd and 3rd floor desk areas.
- have the library open earlier and close at 12:00 instead of 11:00.
- Saga food has become sucker food. The quality of the food does not correspond to the prices we pay. We have to pay $4.05 for our supper, but, if we buy the 8 minimum number of coupons, we have to pay $4.55 for our supper! One book 14 suppers. Eight books for 112 suppers (8 x 14 = 112). We pay $850 (sometimes 3 per supper $310 - $112 $4.55).
- I hope we can take collective action against Saga and show them that we are not suckers.
- Professors should be advised to keep up with the marking of assignments and tests; e.g., no longer than two classes after the due date so that a student can keep track of how he/she is doing before it gets too late.
- Where is the ride-on board for students to find rides and riders?
- Keep the suggestions coming.
- Positive action has and will be taken. The Campus Committee receives its direction from the STUDENTS, the newest member of the C.C. Paul Arsenault

Dear Editor:

It was with considerable dismay that I read the article in last week's Journal entitled, "The Iran-U.S. Connection." To me the article seemed a little irrelevant except to state that any Government that spies on another country, should be held accountable. The author of the article said, and I quote, "I began following the development with some degree of regularity, in an attempt to look at the happenings in a manner consistent with the principle of objectivity."

I cannot see how the article could have been consistent with the principle of objectivity, when all the facts have not been considered. The author says that the Shah of Iran is merely a convenient scapegoat, for a problem that has greater implications than humanitarianism. I do not see how this can be true. The example looking at a few pertinent facts. The Shah is at the core of the problem and the whole incident revolves around him.

The charges of spying against the U.S. embassy staff cannot seriously be considered as the truth for the following reasons:
1) The Embassy was taken over and hostages held by a group of militant students not by a Government prosecutor and/or police force.
2) The Ayatollah Khomeini sanctioned this attack and the charges only after the attack took place.
3) If the Shah is restricted, the hostages will be released. If any group is charged with spying, they will be tried by that country no matter what, and not be released if political demands or conditions are met.

I therefore think that the Ayatollah sanctions the attack when he saw, that these actions might work to his advantage. Firstly, damaging the U.S. reputation and boiling the situation to a point where (long supported the Shah's regime) and secondly, the return of the prized Shah. The Ayatollah Khomeini so far, has seen no results regarding the large ransom, which he offered to anyone who could deliver the Shah, dead or alive. I believe that with the hostages and the supposed support of the U.S.S.R. that this might be a different means of getting hold of the Shah.

I also believe that for the first time in many years, the United States has the support of the world on their position. I think that he even has the support of the U.S.S.R. who have suggested that the hostages be released. Even some of the Arab countries passively support the U.S. position.

It should be remembered that the Students along with the Ayatollah, have broken International Law, i.e. the safety and protection of diplomats by the host country. This has created an international disrepute for international law and justice, and cannot and must not be allowed to go unpunished as it can set a dangerous precedent for countries, who will look to further political objectives by taking hostages in this manner.

Two final facts: (1) The Ayatollah Khomeini has spread the rumour that the U.S. is behind the attacks on the Grand Mosque at Mecca, which is so far unsupported by any facts. This has caused Morales in Pakistan to openly invade the Embassy in Islamabad. A plot by the Ayatollah to bring about a decrease in the worldwide sympathy of the U.S. (2) Iran has tried to show its fairness by releasing some women

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and blacks. Women, because they are supposed to be held in high esteem according to Islamic law, and blacks because the Islamic Canon also holds oppressed people in high esteem, which they presume U.S. blacks to be. Not in five years of living in the Middle East, have I ever seen any practical application of this esteem for women, my experience being that husbands and fathers treat women as bedpartners, childbearers, housekeepers or an object for barter for some kind of dowry at marriage. This makes me a little suspicious of these acts of ‘kindness.’ How did they prove that these people were not ‘spies’?

Finally, I have no doubt that most of us understand and believe that if a Government has been spying, through its Embassy staff, that Government should be held accountable. Most of this article in last week’s Journal seems to be trying to convince us of that fact. I hope the U.S. stands by its policies and I believe that any country that breaks International Law should be held just as accountable.

Jeremy Howard

MACHINE MADNESS

by Dana Estafshons

I have finally been driven past the breaking point. The final straw has fallen and I can’t take it any longer. The final straw has fallen and I can’t take it any longer. All I can see is red. Are you getting the idea that I am a little P.O. ed? Well I am, I am seriously considering commuting to the local hospital because of the violence and crime machine-slaughter.

Let me start at the beginning of this sad and futile story. You see, I am now a student at St. Mary’s. In those four years I have visited the vending machines at the various locations around campus many times and I have reached this conclusion: “Those machines hate my guts.” Extreme you say, impossible you mutter, a machine is an inanimate object it has no emotions it cannot feel hatred. Well, you’re wrong. Those machines despise me and many others. It cheerfully eats our money and gives nothing in return or else plays sick little jokes on us. Have you ever put money in a pop machine, pressed your selection and had your pop come out without a glass. That is bad enough but I get a feeling that the machine is playing little jokes when the pop finishes splashing all over you and then the cup slides majestically down waiting to receive thunderous applause, hearty laughter and other signs of a well-received performance of a major comedian. Hear that gurgling and humming? That’s the machine laughing at you.

Have you ever tasted chicken soup and coffee mixed together? Do you ever get the feeling that there are some people who survive solely on getting food out of vending machines that you and I have paid for? This must be the vending company’s idea of charity. I know that in four years I have donated about $9.00 to this particular form of charity and I cannot even write it off on my tax return. You can get your money back of course. All you have to do is go over to the residence desk, fill out a piece of paper giving the particulars: name, age, address, prior claims, criminal record, 3 references and a note from your mother stating that you are kind to elders.

By the time you read this story there is a strong possibility that I will be languishing in jail awaiting my trial for machine-slaughter, but I won’t care. I’m going to pay those machines back. And when they take me down that last mile towards the electric chair I will have a smile on my face because I know that it will probably screw up for me, because machines just don’t seem to work properly anymore. I come near them, maybe it will electrocute everybody else and leave me hale, hearty and somewhat slightly mad. Well bye for now for I have to go down and get some cigarettes. This time I think I’ll go to a store.
THE ASTROLOGY MYTH

One of the greatest hoaxes in modern civilization, that promotes the ignorance upon which it was founded, and which has become a billion dollar industry, is Astrology! Shrouded in its metaphysical cloak, it has gone rampant throughout the world and has become so extant, that any attempt to dispel this insidious myth, will be met with much opposition; both from those within the industry, who would not want anyone tampering with their money-making racket and from those people who have become convinced that Astrology is indeed a god-send for the human race.

Basic logic should tell people that if the stars have anything to do with the way in which we behave, then it should be from the instant of conception rather than birth, for the power that this Astrology is suppose to exert upon our lives should not have any difficulty penetrating such a delicate membrane as that which surrounds a womb! That does not seem to me to be a profound common-sense approach, but few people seem to think about it from that point of view.

We all know that first impressions are lasting and many a friend and enemy have been made from a first contact, so I would like to offer an alternative suggestion that may perhaps have enough merit to deserve attention.

Children between the age of 0 (birth), to three months, do not have much exposure to their environment, simply because during the first three months they are eating and sleeping most all the time. Now take two children; for example, one born in December and one born in June. When the child who was born in December reaches the age of three months at which time it begins to perceive the world, Spring is beginning to take place and the changes it experiences during Spring through Summer are its first impressions of the world. The child who was born in June has its first impressions, after three months, during a time that is completely opposite from the December child. It seems to me that these first impressions, during the different seasons, are more influential in the child’s life that anything else taking place in the Universe; to be sure, the Earth’s position can be said to be of significant consequence, along with other celestial positions in the shaping of our personalities and influencing our emotional states, but to suggest that there is anything more to it than the first impressions stated above, as Astrology does, is absurd to say the least; and wrong, to say the most!

"AIR" pollution

Ever notice how radio stations saturate their programming with weather forecasts, telling everybody how miserable it’s going to be tomorrow or the next day or the day after that? People cannot even enjoy the sunshine anymore because the broadcasters won’t let them. The only thing I ever hear when it’s sunny, is the rain we can expect in the next few days. It might seem strange to broadcasters but every time I go outside, I can always tell if it’s raining or if it’s sunny, in fact all I have to do is look out the window. They must think that none of us can see or feel anything and the only thing we can do to find out about the weather is turn on the radio! Granted there are some people who plan several days in advance and what they plan depends on the weather, but surely they are not the majority of people. I wish they would give it up and let people enjoy the sunshine when it’s here without subjecting them to the weather conditions that may exist tomorrow or next week!

I have to attend classes regardless of the weather so let me wake up and feel miserable on my own if I want! Don’t start today, trying to make me feel miserable, because it might rain tomorrow!

If people want to feel depressed a couple of days in advance they let them call the weather office or the radio station for their prediction. It’s no small wonder that people are usually depressed and unhappy most of the time, given the fact that all we hear besides music is bad news reports and bad weather reports. A stupid lot, we humans are!

It might prove a good topic for Dave Wright’s radio talk show though, “How to live positively, in a negative world.” Or maybe, “How broadcasters justify transmitting negative junk all the time”. Maybe there isn’t anything good in the world to talk about—never thought of that before!

Consider this excerpt from a social psychology book by Robert Baron and Donn Byrne: “Veitch and Griffith (1976) proposed that good news should make us feel good and bad news make us feel bad; if so, attention toward others should vary as a function of what we hear about the world and local events. CBS reported Charles Kuralt (1972) has also suggested that the bad news that gets dumped on us each day is part of the reason for the current discontent of Americans. He says, ‘I find it helpless to any peace of mind sometimes turn off the radio and turn on the TV and throw away all those magazines and go contemplate the sun going down.’”

Veitch and Griffith performed an experiment to test their proposal: Twenty pairs of subjects were exposed to two five minute newscasts; one group heard the good news, the other, bad news. After hearing the good news subjects felt positively and liked a stranger they were asked to evaluate. After hearing the bad news, subjects felt negatively and disliked the stranger; the same stranger, the good news subjects evaluated. Another solution proposed by the two experimenters is that the negative emotional effects of bad news could be presumably overcome if there were a concerted attempt to report an equal quantity of good news on each program.

CONVERSATIONS

BUS DRIVER

“What are you taking?”, asked the Halifax Transit bus driver, noticing my books.

“Psychology”, I replied.

“How long will that take you to finish?”, he asked.

“Depends on how far I want to go.” I continued, “Next year I should graduate with a BA, that’s three years, and if I want, I’ll go on for a Masters; two years and two more years for a PhD—Doctor.”

He looked at me with that knowing look and rubbed his fingers together indicating that little gesture to mean lots of “money”, “scratch”, or “bread”.

“Yes, I suppose there is money in it”, I said, “but that’s not the reason I’m in it.”

“What then”, he asked, perplexed.

“I want to change the world”, was my answer.

He hesitated, looked at me, hesitated again and looked again, and then asked, “Is that a Government Project?”

MOTHER-IN-LAW

The three of us sat on the bus: my Mother in law, her daughter and I. As we passed a corner that use to house a disco, my Mother in law commented that the Disco was now closed and rightfully so for there shouldn’t be a Disco on that corner—too loud.

“Probably what should be there”, typical of most corners, “is a Lebanon store”, I offered.

“Yeah, that’s right,” she replied, “and then they could sell Lebanese stuff like ‘Bincchers’.”

“What’s ‘Bincchers’?”, I asked.

She answered, “It’s like Lebanese bread with all that stuff in the middle.”

“What kind of stuff do you mean?” I asked.

“I don’t know!”, she frowned and continued, “I don’t know anything about Jewish food!”
**Pick Up Basket Ball**

by Allan Wentworth  
Victoria General Hospital

This Friday night (November 30) in the S.M.U. gymnasium there should be an event taking place worth checking out. Four residence students got together earlier this month and made plans for a basketball game and post-game party. It all started off very innocently with two of the four students, namely Don Smart and Peter Marx, required to recruit eight other students to form their team. The other two students, Brian Murray and myself, were required to do the same.

Complications arose when it became obvious that both teams were recruiting the same high calibre ball players. As a result numerous scuffles and fights broke out in the following days, leading to my admission to the V.G. Emergency, for lacerations, bruises, and incurable brain damage. Undaunted, the unpopular Murray took charge of our team and continued to recruit at a furious pace, only to have door upon door slammed in his face. This led to another one of his many relapses driving him back to his bedroom to dream of duckhunting in Ontario.

With the temporary loss of both captains the team appeared defenseless and on the brink of collapse. With the help of the team the callous Murray was forced from seclusion back to his role as co-captain. Due to the increase in verbal abuse between the two teams, and the fear for Brian’s current mental condition, I started negotiations for a truce, calling for a settlement to our recruiting war. Money exchanged and team rosters were finalized. Hopefully by Friday my injuries will have healed and Brian’s condition will have stabilized. I hope to see you all on Friday at 7:15.

**P.S.** All those interested in attending the post-game party can pick up tickets by contacting one of the following persons.

1. Allan Wentworth 425-3185
2. Brian Murray 425-3185
3. Peter Marx 425-7962
4. Don Smart 423-0875

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**Ski trip and smokers coming**

This is a reminder to those of you expressing interest in our upcoming ski trip. We need more people and there is still time to get into the act. For more information come to Room S14-SUB building or phone 422-6985. It promises to be a great time when we hit the slopes of Mt. Ste. Anne during the February study break. There will be an organizing meeting held concerning the trip within 10 days, so keep an eye on the S.M.O.C.S. bulletin board for the date announcement.

On Friday, Nov. 9, S.M.O.C.S. held its third Smoker. S.M.O.C.S. people have described these festivals as ‘great’ or ‘good times.’ The contests (chug-a-lugs, draws, etc.) and the friendly Friday night dinner, noon atmosphere is gaining great popularity. Our compliments go out to the DJs who lay down the very good variety of rock-n-roll and other styles of music. It’s a relaxing way to wind off a grueling week of work—AAAAaaahhhhh—a nice cool one and some munchies! Soft drinks, and the brew are available at discount prices to members with cards. So jump up to Room 300 with the S.M.O.C.S. on Nov. 30 at 2:30 for the next big event. You might even get lucky and win a S.M.O.C.S. T-shirt or a ‘big prize’ for the X-mas holidays. Then you might get ‘really lucky’ and walk out with a date sewn up with that special S.M.O.C.S. guy or girl you’ve been eye-balling right left and center since September.

Our S.M.O.C.S. bulletin board is found in the lobby of the S.U.B. carrying S.M.O.C.S. news and information. One last item is that membership cards (25 cents cheap) are available in Room 514 of the S.U.B. and T-shirts in a choice of colors are now for sale. Next time you’re in the S.U.B. drop up and say hello—the executive wants to meet you. Bye for now.

Wayne Johnson—President  
Ron Dehmel—Vice-President  
Mary Kelly—Treasurer  
Ian Swazy—Treasurer

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**Something new is happening at St. Mary’s**

The Students’ Representative Council (SRC) is currently considering changes to the Constitution of the Saint Mary’s University Students’ Association. These changes would affect all students in the Saint Mary’s Community. To be successful it is absolutely essential that as many students as possible let their feelings be known. This would ensure that a new Constitution would be a representative document for all.

The current constitution, although it suited the community at the time of its conception, must be amended now to reflect the changes which have occurred in Saint Mary’s over the last few years. With this end in mind, you are cordially invited to a Constitutional Forum to be held on Thursday, November 29th, 1979, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 300 of the O’Donnell-Hennessey Student Centre. We request that you bring suggestions in writing, and you may express your ideas verbally.

Copies of the existing Constitution of the Saint Mary’s University Students’ Association can be found at the back of the 1979/80 Student Handbook.

Hoping to see a good turnout on November 29th.

Yours very truly,  
Thomas Nishett  
Vice-President, Internal

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**SMOKERS O.K.**

by Len Beaudreau

The functions ban, proposed by Dr. Wayne Grennan and submitted by him to Dan MacInnis, Senate Agenda Chairperson, has been referred to the Senate’s Discipline Committee. The Student Discipline Committee consists of three Faculty members: Art Murphy, (French), Brian Robinson, (Photography) and Kay Tudor, Chairperson, (English), and two Student members; Patricia Yates and Kathy Rogers.

According to Dan MacInnis, the Discipline Committee can modify, tone down or reject the proposal as irrelevant. Whatever the Committee decides for its recommendation, will be called for by Mr. MacInnis, sometime during January, 1980. Until then, Smokers can be held at anytime, at the discretion of the Society involved and the Student Representative Council, through which body, permission must be obtained.
YES THERE IS AN ATLANTIS

by James Quick
On Friday, Nov. 28, students and faculty of St. Mary's along with the general public filled Theatre B of the Burke Education Centre to listen to a lecture given by Dr. Shan Winn, Associate Professor of Archaeology at the University of Southern Mississippi, on the subject of Atlantis.

Dr. Winn detailed his 20 year search for the supposedly mythical island; using ancient myth and archaeological evidence to come to the conclusion that just such an island exists.

Dr. Winn began his study by retracing mentions of Atlantis in works by Homer and Plato. He then ascertained the most probable location of Atlantis, mid-way between Greece and Egypt. Here, in the middle of the Mediterranean sea, Dr. Winn found the remains of an island called "Thera". Most of Thera is now under water and covered by 100-200 feet of volcanic ash. It had been destroyed by the most powerful explosion on earth in the last 10,000 years, in about 1,500 BC, just like the mythical Atlantis. Dr. Shan Winn also discussed the proposed trip to Grotto Scaloria, in Southeast Italy, for a group of interested St. Mary's Archaeology students where he is currently director of excavations.

The Atlantis lecture was well received by the overflow crowd in Theatre B; some had to be turned away. It was estimated that this was the largest crowd ever to attend a lecture, with the possible exception of Dr. Richard Leakey's lecture last year.

National Holiday Proposal!

by Pierre Berton
Chairman of the Board
Heritage Canada

Heritage Canada has been in operation six years, has a million dollar annual budget, a staff of twenty at its Ottawa headquarters, and a membership in excess of ten thousand, yet I'd guess that most people don't know who we are.

A lot of people think we are a government organization. Even Sinclair Stevens, a senior cabinet minister, wanted to know what department we came under when I mentioned the organization to him the other day.

He seemed surprised when I explained we were a private charitable foundation totally separate from government.

I can't blame him, since our name suggests government. It's almost a cliché these days: Parks Canada, Environment Canada, Transport Canada—there's no end to it.

Actually, we are in the tradition of such voluntary associations as the National Trusts of England, Scotland and the United States. But if we called ourselves a National Trust, people would confuse us with the financial institution of the same name.

In spite of all this confusion and obscurity, I'm proud to say we've made an impression on the Canadian landscape since we came into operation six years ago.

We've helped push through heritage legislation in most provinces so that it is easier to prevent buildings of value being bulldozed down.

We've invested fairly hefty sums—as much as half a million dollars—in various conservation areas in major Canadian communities across the country: St. John's, Charlottetown, St. Andrews, Winnipeg, Stratford, Dawson City.

We've acted as a catalyst to spark heritage preservation in Montreal, Toronto, Ann Arbor, Royal, Ottawa and Vancouver.

We've launched a massive education campaign—a "university without walls" to train re-train artists, developers, and architects in the techniques of preservation.

We've been able to persuade local and provincial governments to save older buildings of merit.

We've published books, pamphlets and our own Heritage Canada magazine.

We are engaged in experimental pilot projects to find new uses for old buildings, to preserve street-scapes, to engage the private sector in new forms of profit-making preservation, and—perhaps the most exciting project of all—the establishment of the world's first live-in park in Vancouver's west end.

Now we're trying to get the income tax act changed. It is hard to believe that it's cheaper, under our tax system, to tear down a building and put up a new one that it is to save it. Heritage Canada doesn't believe we can afford that kind of tax structure.

We're also doing our best to make Heritage Day a holiday; if we succeed, I doubt if anyone will again be confused as to what we are and what we do.

Early this fall, the Heritage Canada Foundation launched an all-out campaign to try to make Heritage Day—the third Monday in February—a national holiday.

Few Canadians, I suspect, will quarrel with the idea of a midwinter holiday to help battle the February "blues". But why Heritage Day? And why a national charitable foundation, entrusted with the preservation of our built-up heritage, asking for a holiday?

Why, for that matter, should the average Canadian give a hoot about heritage?

Maybe I should answer the last question first:

It's simple:
Preservation is the wave of the future. And preservation is a labour-intensive industry.

We are nearing the end of the great post-war construction boom, which provided so many jobs. We are also seeing the bankruptcy of a philosophy, which held that once a building was written down on the company books, after a brief life of 30 years, it could be dispensed with and replaced by another.

We can no longer afford the luxury of that philosophy. Nor can we afford the enormous waste of energy and manpower that it involves.

It's simply doesn't make sense to destroy a building—any building: church, warehouse, bank, railway station or private home—that is still structurally sound.

All over this country such buildings are being preserved. A church in Toronto becomes a haberdashery shop. A bank in Ottawa becomes a restaurant. A warehouse in Vancouver becomes part of a shopping complex. A railway station in Kleinburg becomes a Boy Scout headquarters.

The past lives on, giving our cities an historical texture, a feeling of continuity and, incidentally, providing new jobs for thousands of workers.

Why a holiday?

Because the heritage movement will not come of age nor be taken seriously until we give it an official stamp of approval.

A holiday makes people sit up and take notice. It provides a chance for celebration—in this case the celebration of our history. For buildings are living history lessons. They tell us something about our roots. They remind us of who we are.

On July 1 we celebrate our political past. On Heritage Day we celebrate our built-up past—the cultural landscape that enriches our lives. And it is especially valuable because, unlike Canada Day, it falls during the school year when the youth of the nation can become involved.

That is why Heritage Canada wants a holiday. Our job is to set as a catalyst to ensure that something from the past is saved. Surely we can take one day out of the year to drive that lesson home.
Volunteers Needed

Close to 3% of the population of Halifax face life with a particular handicap. This handicap is not always obvious or recognized. Only one problem normally stands out: a difficulty with learning. Apart from this, those affected are basically the same as anybody else.

These people are mentally retarded.

The degree of their handicap varies widely. While some mentally retarded people are able to lead basically normal lives, others have few skills and need extra support, which they are not always able to find.

Many mentally retarded people are isolated from society. Some are shut away in institutions. Others are cut off by ignorance, prejudice, or a lack of supportive relationships in the community.

It is to both latter problems that the Citizen Advocacy Program addresses itself.

Much emphasis is put today on assisting the mentally retarded person return to his or her community. This movement, while ideal, has brought to light needs which were not obvious when the mentally retarded were hidden away.

These needs are real and urgent. They cut across social, educational, and even religious barriers. The mentally retarded cannot provide these personal, supportive relationships. Often they are living alone, with few or no personal relationships.

The system that services generally cannot provide these personal, supportive relationships. The mentally retarded person's life is often so difficult to identify and process that few have any need. Society does not always help or fairly.

The mentally retarded person needs somebody who will take a personal interest, and help to identify and represent him or her needs, rights, and interests.

Since its founding by the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded-Halifax Branch in June, 1978, the Halifax-based Citizen Advocacy Program (one of twenty in Canada) has set up personal relationships between mentally retarded adults and concerned citizens.

The program recruits, screens and trains volunteer "advocates" and then sets them up in one-to-one relationships with mentally retarded "protégés".

Through its staffed office and network of trained resource people, Citizen Advocacy provides ongoing support and advice to the advocates.

The advocates, themselves, are necessarily flexible volunteers. Most are not "experts"—common since, a serious commitment and caring are the main criteria sought by the program. The time demands on the volunteer vary, ranging from two to twenty hours per week, according to the needs of the protégé.

And not all advocates are individuals; some are families.

There are three main roles the advocates attempt to fulfill in their relationships: friendship, practical help, and advocacy—acts of speaking out on the person's behalf. Most relationships include all three, but most combinations are possible. Being a Citizen Advocate is sometimes fun, often frustrating and always challenging.

Presently, the Halifax program has twenty advocates working with people with a wide range of handicaps, but many more volunteers are urgently needed.

If you are interested in making a commitment of at least one year in duration, call Bill Grant, Coordinator of Citizen Advocacy at 422-7583.

You could be making the first step towards putting a friendship into action!

More: Bill Grant, Coordinator of Citizen Advocacy, 1546 Barrington Street, Halifax, N.S. (902) 422-7583

Cutbacks smash educational foundations

SUNS

WOLFVILLE (CUP)—Campus membership in the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) will be decided by student councils, not by referendums of the student population, conference delegates decided November 24 and 25.

Delegates debated whether the traditional mass above structure of students at a campus deciding to participate in an organization by referendum was any better or worse than student councils making the decision.

"I don't think any referendum will make us more representative of the students than we are right now," said Mike McNeil, SUNS chairperson.

"The organization is campus based with the campus committee being the focal point. The plenary is the co-ordinating body," he said.

McNeil said fees would be levied at the beginning of the year and would be guaranteed; preventing a campus from withholding its fees and endangering the whole organization because it did not like a specific campaign.

McNeil said delegates were concerned the percentage of students voting in referendums were sometimes not indicative of the whole student population.

The decision has been handed over to the constitution committee who will incorporate it into the constitution and return it to be ratified at the next SUNS conference, slated for mid-January.
The Art of Doing a Wash

The Art of Doing a Wash is the worst chore to come up against. It is not only hateful and time consuming, but it requires a great deal of skill and know-how. When to do a wash is the first consideration. Certain signs make 'washing time' evident:

1. When your socks start to crawl on their own, it's time to do a wash.
2. When underwear are disgustingly discolored, it's time to do a wash.
3. When your pants stand on their own, it's time to do a wash.
4. When you drop a shirt and it breaks, time to do a wash.
5. Now that you've got the hint, go to the laundromat. That's right, the laundromat. Do not wash your clothes in the suite bathtub. Other people may not enjoy taking a bath from the average rock song. If you have to label this song, then it is somewhat like a raunchy Dire Straits.

"Here Comes My Girl" is another strong song and it could be referred to as a typical Tom Petty song. It deals with a man's feelings toward a woman and the lyrics are more spoken than sung. While the guitars and drums provide the energy, the keyboards provide that melody that makes so many of Petty's songs a joy to listen to.

Over on side two, the first song "Don't Do Me Like That" is a perfect example of a song written by a man confident in his ability to write a song. This song is crisp, energetic and has some subtle tongue-in-cheek humor that reveals another side of Tom Petty.

Don't get me wrong, this L.P. is far from perfect. Several of the songs have the very annoying habit of starting then stopping, making a few noises then starting again. But this fault can be forgiven due to the quality of most of the L.P. If you think rock means just the Knack, Minglewood, Aerosmith, etc., then buy Tom Petty's newest and get a pleasant surprise. On a scale from 1 to 10, I would have to give this one an 8.85.
Huskies Lose and Tie vs Acadia

by Scott Whitman

Acadia 4 SMU 2

In what was termed a rematch or the Huskies versus the Acadia Axemen, very little revenge was achieved by the Huskies. For the second time in as many games the Axemen defeated the Huskies, this time by a 4-2 score. Despite being outshot by a 43-25 margin, the Axemen played a solid game and made the most of their scoring opportunities.

The Axemen weren’t long in getting untracked as Warrnie Richardson deflected a shot from the point by Dan Doyle to put the Axemen in front 1-0 at the 3:27 mark. St. Mary’s continued to apply the pressure and finally Kevin Reinhart’s bloop shot from the point hit the twines to knot the score at one. Mookchie Friesen and Mike Peterson drew the assists on the play. The Huskies continued to have a territorial domination over the Axemen but were thwarted by the Acadia defense or by Acadia goaltender Steve Typhair. The score at the end of one period was deadlocked at one.

The Huskie attack was ever present, but when it came time to put the puck in the net they looked disorganized and unsure of themselves. Acadia went ahead 3-1 on goals by Warrnie Richardson and Brian Wood. After Wood’s tally, Kevin Reinhart scored his second goal of the game just twenty-six seconds later on a screen shot to put the Huskies to within one. At this point it looked as if the Huskies could acquire the momentum they desperately needed. But as always the Huskies couldn’t take advantage of the numerous scoring opportunities presented to them in order to tie the game up. The score at the end of two periods read 3-2 in favor of the Axemen.

The third period in many hockey observer’s opinion would belong to the Huskies as they are very tough to beat in their home rink, plus they have very good personnel. This was not to be the case as the Axemen continued their forechecking and break up any Huskie attack. At 7:56 Bob Mosco scored for the Axemen to up their lead to 4-2 and create a two goal deficit for the Huskies once again. The Huskies had numerous scoring opportunities throughout the period, but failed to come up with a score to put themselves back in the hockey game. Acadia were quite content to let the Huskies carry the play to them, and usually the Acadia defenders were successful in breaking up the Huskie attack.

The final score read 4-2 in favor of the Axemen as they had successfully travelled to SMU rink and stole two points from the Huskies. Acadia were full marks for the win as they have improved vastly since last year. Last year they were an inexperienced crew who usually made costly mistakes. This year the Axemen are a year older and a year wiser. Coach Bob Wells has them forechecking and causing the other team to make the mistakes. This year they have a team which is suited to a small rink, like the Huskies usually do, and it is paying big dividends down in Acadia.

SMU 4 Acadia 4

Last Saturday the Huskies travelled back to Acadia to finish their three game fling with the Axemen. Acadia is a dreaded spot to play, even more so this year since the Axemen have become a noteworthy force in college hockey. This time the Huskies played a more enthusiastic game and were rewarded with a tie.

The tempo of the game was set in the first period as it was apparent that this would be a much more chippy game than the previous two played. The first period was a scoreless period, but the fans were treated to good offensive hockey, although the chippiness of the game could have been termed to be above the tolerance level. The Huskies outshot the Axemen by a 12-0 margin.

The second period proved to be the most entertaining period as the offense for both squads began reaping dividends, Juan Strickland who always plays well against the Huskies opened the scoring by shovelling a Dan Doyle rebound past goalie Mark Locken to put the Axemen in front 1-0 at 3:25. Five minutes later the Huskies tied the game at one as goalie Steve Typhair couldn’t get the handle on a Mookchie Friesen shot and as a result Darren Pickrem pushed the puck into the net. Throughout most of the games of late the Huskies have had to fight back from a deficit in goals. This game was no exception as Brian Wood deflected a Mark Hanneman shot to put the Axemen in front by a 2-1 score. The Huskies might have folded, but with the help of the powerplay knotted the score at two as Steve Dixon’s blast from the point went in between the pipes with Steve Storey drawing the lone assist. Three and a half minutes later Scott MacLean took a Tom Coolen pass and beat goalie Steve Typhair to put the Huskies ahead for the first time in the game by a 3-2 score. However Acadia didn’t waste any time in tying the score as Barry Wisener scored thirty seven seconds later on a pass from Brian Wood and Juan Strickland. The Huskies once again outshot the Axemen by a 16-10 margin in the second period.

The third period continued to be dominated by the offensive displays of both teams. Mookchie Friesen put the Huskies on top 4-3 on a pass from Scott Power at 4:15. The Huskies seemed to be intent on protecting their one goal lead, but Juan Strickland’s pass was converted by Brian Wood to tie the game at four. The scoring opportunities for both teams were numerous but both Mark Locken and Steve Typhair were up to the occasion as they foiled attempts by both squads to put their teams in the lead. In the third period the Axemen outshot the Huskies by a 17-12 count as they had an overall edge in play.

Overtime saw the Huskies pulling all stops and trying to win the game. Steve Typhair made some good saves to prevent the Axemen from falling behind. Mark Locken was not overly tested as the Huskies carried the play to the Axemen. The final score read four-four with the Huskies holding a 48-42 edge in shots.

For the Huskies it was another game where they didn’t capitalize on the numerous scoring opportunities handed to them. The players felt they should have won the game, but once again as the continued on page 12
Mac Davis: NHL Bound
by Scott Whitman

A week ago Tuesday the Adirondack Red Wings, a farm team of the Detroit Red Wings came to town to play the Saint John's Novas, Scotia Voyageurs, which usually doesn't create any abnormal excitement. However, in this case it marked for Mac Davis, a former SMU star signed by Detroit to go to the city of Halifax as a professional player. Last season Davis played for Kansas City of the C.H.L. where he scored 42 goals (second in league) and added 24 assists to get to his seventh place in scoring. Throughout the year he was an instrumental figure for Kansas City. The playoffs for Mac's team was quick to gain in front running Dallas had little trouble in knocking off Kansas City in four games, Mac did score two goals in the playoffs and was a bright light for Kansas City.

Last year he got called up by the parent Red Wings team and played in six games. As Mac put it, "I didn't expect to stick with Detroit because I wasn't a completely polished player but every time I was on the ice 1 was scared of making a mistake."

Mac Davis formally played for the Huskies and was always a top scorer for the SMU based team. He grew to like the area and playing hockey for the Huskies certainly did not hinder his hockey career. He considered the highly spirited Bob Boucher to be one of the best when teaching technicalities of the game, as the graduate of college hockey to pro hockey is a major step.

Once he turned professional Mac Davis noted the differences in the two levels. Mac explained, "In college hockey it was easy to play as one line seemed to dominate the play and there was lot more individuality. The Central Hockey League teaches you to learn positional play, back checking, etc., and be good defensively." All these types of play were relatively new to Davis as he had to learn to backcheck and realize he was not going to be able to skate through the whole team when he got the puck.

When asked about the Adirondack Red Wings Mac Davis had this to say, "I have been told that the Red Wings are still learning, but what impressed me most was the fact that he mentioned there were no distractions on the team. "There are no specialized players to play the powerplay, penalty kill or check. We all have the same jobs which is good because if somebody gets injured, someone else can do the job," answered Mac Davis.

Mac Davis is a very quiet man who doesn't seem to be the type of person to get into the spotlight more than necessary. Even though the Red Wings had played three games in three days which attributed to their 4-2 loss to the Vees, he was more than ready to answer questions in an honest unhurried fashion.

Mac Davis's goal is to reach the N.H.L and he feels that Christmas time will be the time when he will be brought up to the Red Wings. His promotion could come sooner than he expects as Detroit is off to another sluggish start this year which except for two seasons ago is usually the rule. It is possible that Detroit may shake up their team and take a look at some players on their farm teams. Mac Davis could be a prime candidate as he has an uncanny sense of where and when the puck is going to come loose. Against the Vees he assisted on the second goal, but he was most impressive in his skating and puck carrying abilities.

Mac Davis hasn't forgotten SMU as he asked how the Huskies were doing. He seemed a little disappointed that they had already lost three times as the SMU teams Mac Davis played on didn't lose more than three games in a year. He seemed to be reassured that the team would be better as they got more experience. He also wanted to say hello to the remaining players on the hockey team as he seemed to be thinking back to the championship team he played on.

His hockey playing ability speaks for itself as he has proven that he is an NHL caliber and only time will determine how long his wait will be. Mac mentioned that once he got to play on Detroit again, he was planning on staying for quite a while. His hockey play is very polished as he can backcheck, kill penalties, and he can be very offensive which needs no further mention.

At this time of writing he had scored nine goals for the Adirondack team and was one of their leading scorers. As rookie of the year in the C.H.L. Mac comes to the A.H.L as a threat to all goaltenders and defensemen. He may not score forty-two goals this year but he'll likely score thirty-five unless Detroit calls him which isn't that much of a longshot if you look at the Detroit Red Wings lineup. Three or four players in the forward position are in danger of losing a job as they haven't been very productive for the Red Wings thus far. I'm sure that if the play of the Red Wings doesn't improve there will be a few trades and a player with the ability of Mac Davis could find himself playing in the Olympia yet before the 79-80 campaign ends.

We at Saint Mary's wish Mac Davis all the luck and all the best. Mac Davis and company return to the Metro Centre on December ninth to face the Vees in a league game.

Steve Dixon: Improved
by Scott Whitman

Last year many people who followed the Huskies remembered a player wearing number nineteen who would occasionally play right wing on the fourth line or would even get a spot shift on defense. Last year was what could be termed a transition year for Steve as he had played Junior A hockey the year before for the South Colonels.

In Kentville Steve was quite a success as he could score goals, but his biggest weapons were his fists which were delivered without sparingly. His penalty minutes were high although he was a capable defensemen for the Colonels.

Last season he tried out for the Huskies and probably because of his size he made the team. His job last season wasn't an enviable one as it often looked his purpose for being on the team was to go out and see if he could get something started. As a result he would go out and try too hard and often people would ask if Steve Dixon was playing. The answer usually was that he's in the penalty box.

The defense for the Huskies was a very tough defense to break into as Kevin Reinhart, Scott MacLean, Don Melver and Buddy Cloutier were all fixtures at defense. As a result, Steve was used very sparingly as defensemen and more occasionally at forward which was a relatively new position for him.

Opportunities always arise somehow and in this case injuries would spell the future for the Huskies. The defense corps was stricken with injuries as Kevin Reinhart, Bud Cloutier, and Don Melver had injuries that took them away from the lineup. With that Steve Dixon became a very important man for coach Bob Boucher who saw his defense literally falling like flies.

At first Steve wasn't very impressed as he was getting caught out of position and he was not taking his man out of the play. However, his confidence grew so did the good play of Steve Dixon. He wasn't a Bobby Orr on the ice, but he was doing his job more than adequately. Eventually his good shot was put to use on the powerplay which during last year's playoffs proved to be a dominant factor.

The season ended with the Huskies bowing to the Dal Tigers in three games. Steve Dixon had had a good year in the latter stages, but he could return to the Huskies and be a dominant force on a team which was losing a great deal of its players.

This season Steve Dixon is playing on a forward line with Steve Storey at centre and Chris Clarke playing left wing. It didn't take Steve long to fit in and his entire trio on a line whose purpose is to check the opposition.

However it was evident that Steve could dig the puck out of the corners, could become very irritating to defensemen in front of the net, and he could unlace a deadly slapshot.

These assets have proved beneficial to Steve and the Huskies as he has responded with four goals and four assists for seven points in nine games.

Steve has shown a tremendous amount of confidence in himself as he is not scared to carry the puck and he doesn't appear to be worried about making a mistake. So far in the season Steve has made very few mistakes and he no longer feels he has to do anything in unleashing his hard low shot. Steve is a rather unheralded player as he is not flashy and he won't dazzle with his blinding speed, but he does work hard and is ever present on a goal scoring opportunities. He does have the ability to be a "team" player as he patrols the right wing and very few players try to step in his way as he is noted for his stickfights.

Steve should be a good year as he has been given the opportunity to play regularly on right wing as opposed to defense. His value to the team is better realized as forward and on the point during the powerplay because of his blasting shot and hard working abilities. Last year was a first year of college hockey for Steve and it looks as if he has fitted in to the Huskies' plan and the pace of college hockey. Look for Steve and the Huskies to have a very successful year as determination always seems to win out.
X. Extend Huskie Winless Skein

by Scott Whitman

Monday night appeared to be the night for the Huskies. They couldn’t have asked for a better setting as they were at Metro Centre playing St. F.x whom they had beaten 4-2 earlier in an exhibition play. However once again the Huskies came up winners on the short side of a 4-3 score.

The first period opened with the X-men closely forechecking the Huskies causing them to make numerous mistakes in their own end, but the X-men were unable to capitalize on any of these opportunities. As the period progressed the Huskies shook away their cobwebs and on a power-play late in the period looked as if they were destined to score. George Barrett who is a mainstay in the X-men game dazzled the fans with his quick alert saves that prevented the Huskies from scoring. The Huskies outshot the visiting X-men by a 10-6 margin, but didn’t hold much of an advantage in play.

In the second period the Huskies looked as if they meant business as they were finally producing some very good offensive pressure on the X-men goal, but were thwarted by X-men netminder George Barrett. After awhile it looked as if there might not be any scoring as both teams were missing good chances with the goalies providing a solid defense which was often compensated for their replay teams lack of it. At 13:23 the Huskies scored the first goal of the game as Gary Richardson deflected Scott Power’s shot from the point to put the Huskies in front 1-0. Coach Bob Boucher then put the same line back out moments later which paid dividends as Darren Pickrem snapped a Tom McDonnell pass into the net from the right faceoff circle. Three minutes later the Huskies went ahead 3-0 as Tom McDonnell picked up a loose puck in front and snapped a wrist shot high into the net past George Barrett. At this point it looked as if the Huskies were well on their way to a victory as St. FX had seemingly died. Fourteen seconds later the X-men narrowed the gap to 3-1 as Andy Culligan picked up a loose puck in front of the net and it managed to find its way past SMU goalie Mark Locken. Continued sloppy play by the Huskies defense contributed to the second X-men goal as Mark MacGillivray scored to narrow the gap to 3-2. The X-men made a hockey game out of the contest which the Huskies had blown open only moments before. The score at the end of two read 3-2 in favor of the Huskies with the SMU team holding an 18-8 edge in shots in the second period.

The sloppy play of the Huskies in their own end continued in the third period as the X-men hit two goaltends early in the period. While the Huskies were on the powerplay Joe Young intercepted an errant Huskie pass in his own end and dashed around Kevin Reinhart, pulled out Mark Locken and fired the puck into the net tying the score at three. For the rest of the period the X-men seemed content in bottling up the Huskie attack. The Huskies continued to miss good scoring opportunities as Darren Pickrem hit the post on a play in which he had the goalie beat. Late in the third period with just over a minute to play, the X-men’s big line of Keating-Cuomo-Landrigan scored as a result of sloppy play by the Huskies. Greg Keating made no mistake in beating Mark Locken to put the X-men in front 4-3. The Huskies pulled their goalie from the net in advent of a sixth attacker. However, offside baffled the Huskies attempt to tie the game and the final read 4-3 in favor of the X-men. The X-men outshot the Huskies 14-6 in the final period, but were outshot 34-28 overall.

For the Huskies it was their fifth game in a row without a win. Their performance of late has left many people scratching their heads and trying to figure out what’s wrong with the Huskies.

In watching a hockey team for a few games one can certainly make a few preliminary assumptions and also be able to dwell on the in problems. One thing the Huskies are not doing effectively which was a key to last year’s team is the fact that they are not taking the man out of the play. The Huskies have some good sized forwards, but some of them are not taking their men out of the play. The defense has also been guilty of this crime as they tend to stick check on incoming attacker instead of hitting him as he crosses the blue line. The forwards are guilty of often trying to do it themselves and not realizing the guy open in front of the net can do the job too. This is a normal trend for a hockey team that isn’t winning as the players try too hard to do it themselves. Throughout most of their losses the Huskies could have passed to someone else who had a much better opportunity to score. The ‘defen semen’ of the Huskies must think they are forwards as they take as exceeding high number of risks in the offensive zone and are being burnt for defensive mistakes they are making in their own zone. With guys like Tom McDonell, Moochie Friesen, Darren Pickrem, and Steve Storey on your team, the defensemen should concentrate on feeding these guys who are all capable puck carriers.

Another criticism is that on the powerplays both Steve Dixon and Mike Peterson have proven themselves effective as they don’t hesitate in blasting their booming shots from the point. It always seems that when either of the two are on the powerplay, they usually get an assist or even score a goal. There has been too much hesitation in letting shots go from the point. The puck can do some crazy things when shot into a cluster in front of the net.

Maybe the problem lies in what coach Bob Boucher said earlier in the year, “Once the kids get their confidence, they’ll play very well in this league.” It’s only nine games into a season of twenty-nine games which leaves plenty of time for the Huskies to catch up with the leaders in their division, but they should make their move soon.

The Huskies play Wednesday night in Antigonish which could be termed as a must win situation as they are soon going to have to put their act on track.

It’s certainly hard to write something good about a team that gives you nothing good to write about as of late.

The Huskies defeated Dal by a 94-78 score with Ron Blommers leading the way with 26 points.

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