

THE JOURNAL

TO STRIVE,
TO SEEK,
TO FIND

VOL. 55 NO. 20

SAINT MARY'S

MARCH 15, 1990

CFSM on the Blocks: Members To Make Presentation to Council

By Ryan Van Horne

Members of Radio Saint Mary's (CFSM) will be pleading their case to the Student's Representative Council this Sunday. Their appearance before the SRC stems from the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission's denial of an FM licence for the campus radio station.

At last Sunday's meeting there was some discussion of discontinuing funding to the society which many feel is not providing enough service to the students under its current format. At present CFSM operates on a carrier current which means the signal is superimposed on the university's telephone and electrical lines.

"If it disappears, the only people who would miss it are those who are actively involved in the society," said SMUSA President Sanjeev Chowdhury last Monday afternoon after meeting with CFSM station manager Pat Morand.

Morand disputed Chowdhury's point and stated "We are heard everywhere. We can be picked up anywhere in Loyola, Vanier and Rice. There is no doubt. Any comment otherwise is just unfounded."

Chowdhury stated, "I've been approached by a lot of people about society office space, lounge space, and since there hasn't been an increase in student fees to keep up with inflation," SMUSA can't afford to continue funding societies that don't give a good return for the funding.

Morand answered Chowdhury's wish for better appropriation by saying, "space-wise, this is the only student organization that uses all of its space during the day."

Morand is confident that the "presentation is going to be good enough to convince council."

"We want to save our station," said Chris d'Entremont, "it's a service that the students do use--the students do listen."

Morand said that the station has 3,800 listeners per day, however he would not reveal the source of that data.

Another reason for the evaluation of funding to CFSM, besides the denial of an FM licence, is the cost of renovations that would have been incurred with the FM expansion. The original estimates, according to Chowdhury were between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

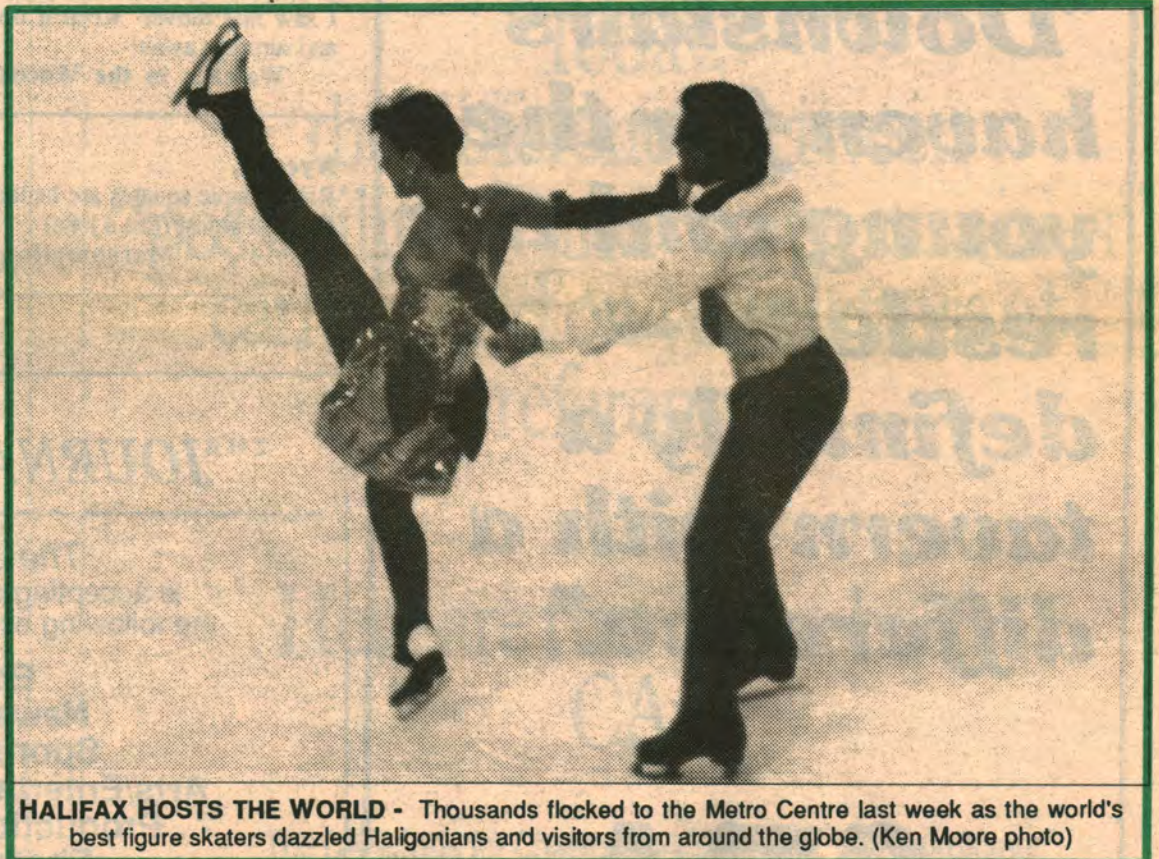
According to SMUSA General Manager Norm Gal-

lant, the revised estimates bring the renovation cost up to between \$120,000 and \$160,000. Even if the FM licence had been granted, "the time has come to re-evaluate," said Chowdhury, "to fund that sort of operation would have bankrupted us".

"There was even some talk of taking over the East Wing of the Fifth Floor (currently occupied by The Journal)," said Chowdhury, as well as the Liquor Services Manager's office and the Special Functions Facility. "There was even some talk of moving the sta-

tion down to Scotia Square," he said.

"If they are trying to destroy morale, they are doing a good job. They don't know who they are dealing with over here," said Morand.



HALIFAX HOSTS THE WORLD - Thousands flocked to the Metro Centre last week as the world's best figure skaters dazzled Haligonians and visitors from around the globe. (Ken Moore photo)

Student Conference Bid In Jeopardy: AIESEC to Move National Conference To Dal

By Ryan Van Horne

AIESEC Saint Mary's may be forced to move the site of the 1991 AIESEC Canada LCEM (Local Committee Executive Meeting) to Dalhousie because they are unable to book the Saint Mary's residences from August 20-25th.

"We are waiting for a proposal from Dalhousie and we are tentatively booked," said AIESEC Saint Mary's President Kelly Dean who added that the conference is also tentatively booked at King's.

"It's not that we don't want AIESEC to host this conference," said Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services, "in fact we would encourage them to host it, if the time slot were different."

The reason for not being able to book the Saint Mary's residences is that the university has a policy that no conferences are booked before May 15th or after August 15th. This is to allow time for cleaning, maintenance, and renovations.

"The only way we would

be able to accommodate them is if another group of six hundred rooms, which are tentatively booked for the Atlantic Coast Games, were not confirmed, or if a lower number were confirmed," said Hotchkiss.

Another thing to consider, according to Hotchkiss, "is the mindset of the Residence Administration at that time of the year...they are very busy getting everybody set up with their accommodations for the school year, and with a late conference already booked they

don't feel they could adequately serve the residence students that live their between September and May and they are our main priority," said Hotchkiss.

"It does take planning on their part," said Dean, "but I think we are worth it. We have a chance to host a national conference and having to hold it at Dalhousie looks pretty bad."

Moving the conference to Dalhousie, should the bid prove successful, also creates logistical problems said Dean.

"We are going to need computers for the conference and the way we are set up here we would be able to use two of the labs without inconveniencing the few students here at the time. At Dalhousie we can't use their computers, we would have to rent them or get a sponsor to provide them for us which provides us with a problem, one we wouldn't have if we held the conference at Saint Mary's."

**MED TECHS
THERAPISTS
REGISTERED NURSES**

International Health Placement Services, Inc. of Lynn, Massachusetts will be recruiting medical technologists, state registered nurses, physical and occupational therapists, for placement in Massachusetts health care facilities.

To learn more about this unique opportunity, come to the Sheraton Nova Scotia, Halifax for a presentation, given by Elizabeth Ziemba President, on March 29, 1990, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Interviews on March 30 and 31. Have your documents ready.

For more information, contact:

International Health Placement Services Inc.
94 Franklin Street
Lynn, Massachusetts 01902
(617) 592-7759

**“Downstairs
haven for the
young and the
restless –
definitely a
tavern with a
difference.”**

**SEA
HORSE
TAVERN**
1665 Argyle Street

'FIEDS

Mike Korecki;
How about ten rounds in Caesar's Palace? Don King will back me up on this.
Harriet the Husky

Charlie Brown,
Get it straight, you blockhead. It's Linus that sits in the pumpkin patch.
Lucy II

Banker Buddy,
The loans are cut off - at least until you finish my homework. Hop to it, mac.
Capitalist swine

Nympho,
Sister Sarah's stocks are booming thanks to your continued patronage.
Nymphomaniac

Daniel
I saw that move! Keep it up and surprises await!
Watcher in the Woods

Ayesha,
Rice Krispie squares are better than brownies! (just a joke)
Marshmallow

All in One,
Perhaps there could be something between us if you can handle the two of us!!!
**Nymphomaniac
& Nympho**

Fairygodmother,
First wish - Dinner!! My treat, your treat - Dutch, it doesn't matter. Reply!
Stan, 21st

Nymphomaniac,
I hear Sister Sarah's stock went up. New promotion is working!
Nympho

Batman,
Holy satiated egos, Batman, I think I'm tired of the wounded attitude!
Robin

Bear Slippers
Thanks.
Morning Person

Steff
Are you sure you want to move in with a seal?
...Of Approval

**THE
JOURNAL**

Let me have men about me that are fat; Sleek-headed men, and such as sleep of nights: Yond Cassius has a lean and hungry look; He thinks too much: such men are dangerous. -The Tragedy of Julius Caesar

EDITOR
Ryan Van Horne
INTERIM NEWS EDITOR
Sarah Eaton
SPORTS EDITOR
Joe Meahan
ARTS EDITOR
Suzanne Methot
GRAPHICS EDITOR
Andrew Bowers
PRODUCTION MANAGER
Ryan Van Horne
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER
Greg Barro
TYPESETTING
Colin MacMillan

JOURNAL STAFF:
Marcel Bellussi
Elizabeth Boudreau
Paul Curry
Allan Dugas
Tim Farmer
Ronny Hasen
Jacqueline Langille
Grant MacEachern
Colin MacMillan
Tim Magliaro
Ken Moore
Scott Myers
Stacey Narrowmore
Cheryl Waterman
Robyn White
T. Paul Woodford

The Journal is the official student newspaper of Saint Mary's University and receives funding from you, the students, through the Saint Mary's University Student's Association (SMUSA). The Journal is a non-partisan newspaper dedicated to serving the university community. The opinions expressed in this newspaper, whether explicit or implied, are those of the individual writers and not necessarily those of The Journal, its members, or its advertisers. The Journal welcomes submissions from any member of the university community, provided they are typed or deciphered within a reasonable amount of time. The Journal reserves the right to refuse or edit submissions that contain: racist, sexist, or libellous remarks; or written attacks of a strictly personal nature.
THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MONDAY AT NOON. FRIDAY AT NOON FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE JOURNAL Suite 517, Student Centre
Saint Mary's University
422-1234

The Journal is accepting applications for the following executive positions:

**Editor
News Editor
Sports Editor
Arts/Entertainment Editor
Production Manager
Photo Editor
Graphics Editor**

The above are elected honoraria positions. Resumés or applications should be submitted to *The Journal*, c/o Colin MacMillan, Electoral Officer

Deadline is Monday, March 19, 1990 at 11:00 p.m.

The Journal is also seeking applicants for the position of Distribution Manager. This is an elected position and has a weekly gratuity of \$65 per issue for application is Monday, March 19, 1990.

Elections will be held on **Tuesday, March 20, 1990** in Room 517, Student Centre

This will also be the Annual General Meeting

Council Vetoes Catwalk

By Ryan Van Horne

The Saint Mary's University Student's Representative Council (SRC) voted Sunday to suspend funding for a walkway from the Edmund Rice Residence to the Tower. The plan to build the walkway was part of the SMUSA Capital Campaign which originated two years ago after a referendum.

"We're not violating the spirit of the referendum," said SMUSA President Sanjeev Chowdhury who added that the three items originally mentioned in the campaign were only suggestions.

The three main projects were additional bleachers for Huskies Stadium, paving the arena parking lot, and the walkway. The three projects were supposed to be aimed at benefitting specific groups of students.

"The bleachers were for both residence and off-campus students, the parking lot was for off-campus students, and the walkway was supposed to be for residence students."

The walkway is the only remaining project and, since it was aimed at benefitting residence students, council hopes to direct the money towards improving the quality of life in residence in some other way.

There is about \$120,000 and \$140,000 at SMUSA's disposal for the third and final phase of the student oriented and student funded capital project.

The three main projects that were discussed according to Ian Morrison, (SMUSA VP Admin. and President-elect) are "installing a new security system in all three residences, funding renovations particularly bathrooms, a new ventilation system and subsidizing the laundry facilities."



"The key policy is innovative," said Chowdhury, "but it is not effective. There are a lot of people, especially females, who are afraid. We feel the walkway is a waste."

"We're open to suggestions and we're going to make proposals to council to see what projects appeal to them," said Chowdhury.



Rick Hansen and Elizabeth Chard, SMU Registrar and Vice-President of the 1991 Atlantic Coast Games.

Rick Hansen Visits SMU

By Colin MacMillan

World renowned sport figure, Rick Hansen, was at Saint Mary's last week for a press conference with Sport Nova Scotia. Hansen was named honorary chair of the 1991 Atlantic Coast Games, an event that represents a new concept in sporting competitions.

The Atlantic Coast Games will see 1500 athletes from the four Atlantic Provinces compete in twenty-five separate sports between August 15 and 19, 1991. Bermuda and the eastern United States may also participate.

The outstanding feature of the games is that they will be fully integrated with able-bodied athletes and athletes with disabilities competing in their respective categories at the same games. Individual sports have also determined for themselves whether or not they wish to participate and have set their own competitive guidelines.

Events at the games are expected to include archery, badminton, boxing, diving, rugby and special olympics, among others.

Hansen, an outstanding wheelchair athlete, is best known for his Man in Motion

world marathon, but was also Canada's outstanding athlete of 1983 as well as a competitor in the Pan Am Games, International Games, and the Olympic Games for the Physically Disabled.

While on campus, the athlete also visited the Atlantic Centre for the Disabled. Hansen opened a centre of the same type at the University of British Columbia based on the facilities at Saint Mary's.

• Grad Portraits

SEAN LEAHY

PHOTOGRAPHER

420-9884

Brewery Market - Halifax

Fantastic Swimwear



Lots of New Arrivals for Spring



Maritime Campus Store

6238 Quinpool Road, Halifax
Retail 423-6523 / Wholesale 429-3391
Open Thursday evening until 8:00

98351pp

We offer a university education and a career to make the most of it.

Ask about the Canadian Forces Regular Officer Training Plan for Men and Women.

- have your education paid for by the Canadian Forces at a Canadian military college or a mutually selected Canadian university upon acceptance.
- receive a good income, tuition, books and supplies, dental and health care and a month's vacation if your training schedule allows.
- choose from a large selection of 1st-year programs.
- have the opportunity to participate in a number of sporting and cultural activities.
- on graduation, be commissioned as an officer and begin work in your chosen field.

Choose a Career, Live the Adventure.

For more information on plans, entry requirements and opportunities, visit the recruiting centre nearest you or call collect - we're in the Yellow Pages™ under Recruiting.



THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

REGULAR AND RESERVE

Canada

Then and Now: Morrison Speaks About CFMSM Debate

by Sarah Eaton

Ian Morrison, SMUSA Vice-President Administration and President Elect who also served

as General Manager of Radio Saint Mary's (RSMA) in 1987/88 has offered a different perspective on the possibility of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) withdrawing funding from the radio station.

Morrison stated, "This is not a new argument with respect to the radio station," but did state that this time, the argument "has a little bit of a different twist to it."

Morrison commented that the image of the radio station began to change drastically the year that he was manager. Morrison aimed for a more professional image with better programming and renovations to the stations. Plans for FM expansion began the same year.

Morrison stated that the FM project was initiated by the present General Manager, Patrick Morand. Morrison said that the idea boosted morale of the members of both the station and its Board of Directors. He also noted that the FM project caused the executive and general membership of the station to plan ahead into the future rather than just working from year to year. Morrison stated, "We always knew the FM project was a monumental task but we felt we had the resources to do the job. Initiating the process to get an FM license is a massive undertak-

ing but other college stations did it and we felt we could do it."

Since that time, the radio station has received the endorsement of both the SRC and the University. However, the FM application was not granted by the CRTC because it was felt that improvements were necessary in the areas of programming and business planning.

Morrison stated that since the FM license has been denied, the perspective of the SRC is one which is looking at the overall benefit of the radio station for the general student body. He noted that most of the more experienced members of the station and the Board of Directors are leaving and that this could have some effect on the future of the station. As well, Morrison stated, "It could be a lengthy time before another to the CRTC," and noted that this was also a consideration of the SRC.

Morrison commented that, "Some students feel reception is poor, that it is an expense and that office space is tight

and perhaps the money is better allocated in the SMUSA budget elsewhere." He stated that there were four choices that the SRC could make: (1) To leave the station as it is and keep funding it at the present level, (2) To shut the station down by withdrawing funding, (3) To let the station exist but on a smaller scale than it presently exists, (4) To let the station expand.

Morrison feels that the entire council "is looking forward to the presentation" of the radio station which will be made at the next SRC meeting. He believes that the SRC will make a sound and fair decision at the meeting once both sides have been heard and the matter has been discussed at length.

Morrison would not comment on what he thinks the outcome of the SRC decision will be because, he said, before both sides have been heard it is difficult to predict the outcome of the situation. However, he did say, "I feel what everyone wants is to see the students served."

A SPECIAL INFORMATION EVENT

ON

Student Exchange and Study Programs

in Other Countries

Information on study for credit authorized by Saint Mary's

in

France, Spain, Germany, Dominican Republic, Greece, Italy, China, Japan, United States

Place: Private Dining Room
Loyola Building

Monday, 19 March 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Faculty and Students will be available to make brief presentations and answer Questions

All Are Welcome

Heard any Tasty Music Lately?

*What's That Sound on the Street
It's The Pontiac Beat...*

1990 Sunbird SE

Graduate Discount
\$500

off the purchase or lease of any New GM Car or Light Truck

or choose — GM Total plus™ Protection Plan Coverage at no extra charge.

In Addition To:
Any other MacPhee or GM discounts which may be available.

Plus — No Down Payment
Plus — Advantageous Financing Rate from GMAC
• Full details at MacPhee

MacPhee
PONTIAC
BUICK GMC LTD.

Today

Cars and Trucks for the Nineties

636 Portland Street Dartmouth 434-4100

JOBS IN JAPAN SEMINAR

HORIZON
LANGUAGE
SCHOOL

Interested in going to Japan to work or travel?

Get all the information!

Saturday, March 24 10a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$25.00 fee

Call 423-0120 to register
Japanese classes also available

THE **JOURNAL**

Suite 517, Student Centre
Saint Mary's University
422-1234

Applications are now open for
Business Manager 1990-91

and

Advertising Manager 1990-91

of The Journal Publishing Society
These positions, appointed by the Journal Publishing Board, are responsible for the financial aspects of the weekly student newspaper. Candidates should possess previous experience, demonstrate willingness to work and show aptitude in the fields.

Application Deadline: April 9, 1990 at 11:00 a.m.

AIESEC Spring Regional A Big Success

By Ryan Van Horne

The two local committees of AIESEC wrapped up a busy week last Tuesday as the Saint Mary's committee hosted the Spring Regional conference in Truro and the Dalhousie committee held its third annual business luncheon with former Federal Minister for the Environment giving the keynote address.

Terry Smith, the Vice-President Public Relations for the Saint Mary's committee said the regional was a huge success. "There were about sixty people from the five Atlantic province committees, the two UNB campuses, Moncton, Dalhousie and SMU. We also had guests from our National Committee who are members from the McGill and Laurentian locals," said Smith.

"We had three guest speakers, the luncheon speaker was Anne Janega, the Deputy Minister of Small Business Development for Nova Scotia, banking executive Fraser MacDonald, who was the banquet speaker, and André Ducharme, an official from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans."

The success of this conference definitely increases our chances of getting the bid

for next August's conference," said Smith. "Everybody, including the national committee delegates were really impressed."

Training sessions for all the executive positions were held, a new member session was held and a special group for reception directors was held. "This was the major focus of the conference," said Smith, "these people are responsible

for meeting and maintaining contact with trainees from overseas and we were hoping to provide better service for them." [Editor's Note: See next week's issue for a review of Thomas McMillan's speech on the relationship between business and sustainable development.]

"Book of Kells" donated to SMU

By Colin MacMillan

Saint Mary's became the first Canadian school to own an exact replica of the famous Book of Kells recently when a copy of the masterpiece was presented to the D'Arcy McGee Chair of Irish Studies at the University. Donated by the Chairperson of the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax, the book is considered to be one of the greatest treasures of the Dark Ages.

Plans for acquiring the book began when Dr. Cyril Byrne, co-ordinator of the Irish Studies program, learned of the book's availability and approached the Charitable Society. He then worked with the members of the society to raise the funds required to purchase

the work. Final cost for the Book of Kells was \$13,000.

The book is the finest surviving example of the ornamented manuscripts of the Dark Ages and represents a masterpiece of Western civilization. It is an Irish national treasure chronicling the life of Christ as put forth by the four gospels of the Bible.

The book was created when Christianity was spreading through Ireland and the country's scholars were devoting their work to its glorification. With full colour illustrations on all but two of the 680 pages, the book's outstanding feature is its extraordinary wealth of ornamentation.

The original Book of Kells is maintained on display at Trinity College, Dublin, and

while the origins of the book are unclear it is believed to have been written and crafted sometime around 800 A.D. in an Irish monastery. Scholars do not agree on the exact location.

The book was brought to the monastery at Kells when Viking invasions of Ireland threatened its safety. It was taken to Trinity College in the 17th century where it remains on display in the institution's library.

Access to the book is limited by the original manuscript's vulnerability to environmental influences and is therefore restricted to those who can visit the College's facilities. However, in an effort to heighten access, Trinity College commissioned a Swiss company to produce limited edition replicas of the manuscript for sale worldwide.

The copying process spanned ten years, with each individual page involving

weeks or months of work. The 1480 copies were produced in the exact condition of the original including uneven edges, worm holes, stitching, fading, and stains. The completed volume weighs over 20 pounds.

The Book of Kells will be on display in the Patrick Power Library in a specially constructed case. One page of the manuscript will be turned each day.

When cash flow is low Where do you go?

With TRANSDOLLAR, this March Break you can have cash sent to you from home to any location in North America in as little as fifteen minutes. Save the card below.

Our **customer service number** will help you locate the TRANSDOLLAR agent nearest you and nearest to the sender back at home. There are hundreds of TRANSDOLLAR and Western Union locations across the continent* as well as the United Kingdom, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. So, when cash flow is low, you know where to go.

* includes Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Alaska & U.S. Virgin Islands



Customer Service Number
1-800-361-1877

Students, Professors, University Employees
Serving all Nova Scotian Universities
when it comes to
1989 Income Tax Returns

"Making sure you make
the most out of your taxes"
A Member of the BBB



RAPP TAX

Special Student Rate
(\$15.00 fixed)

ON CAMPUS
in the Student Centre
(1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Saint Mary's
March 6 & 20

DAL
March 12 & 26

No ON-TOP charges

FOR:
In-home service
mail-in service
drop-off service

CALL:
462-8493
465-5568

P.O. Box 41041
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 4P7

EDITORIAL

Bye-Bye Catwalk!

Truly one of the most demented ideas I have heard in my stay at Saint Mary's was the plan to build a catwalk from the Rice Residence to the Tower. I've always thought that this was a result of the euphoria that existed at the time of the referendum, which was shortly after the Tower opened.

Student Council finally put to rest any notion of wasting the remaining funds from the SMUSA Capital Campaign on this catwalk. Instead they've directed it at something that would benefit the residence students a lot more. The buildings, which were poorly built to begin with, are now in a state of disrepair and require overwhelming renovations.

The university administration has been unwilling, as of yet, to spend the money for the necessary improvements. They say the money is not there and that they want to wait until they have enough money set aside to do it all at once and do it right.

This may seem logical, but when you are faced with a problem like the Residence renovations, you need action. Surely the money can be raised from somewhere.

Ryan Van Horne
Editor

CFSM: To Be Or Not To Be?

A valiant effort by CFSM, your campus radio station, to acquire an FM license has failed. Preparations for the bid to the CRTC (Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission) last November were lengthy and elaborate.

Last year the station received the support of Saint Mary's President Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, Student Council and Alumni.

The opportunities were endless: live play-by-play broadcasts of Husky home games, a boost for the university's image, as well as providing a valuable tool for communicating to off-campus students—just to name a few.

Now CFSM is plagued by internal squabbles, the threat of discontinued funding, the absence of continuity on their executive, and a disheartened membership.

The Radio Saint Mary's Association receives approximately \$15,000 in funding from the students through SMUSA. At present the only noticeable benefits are music in the two cafeterias, the occasional live spot in the Student Centre lobby, and carrier current through residence which isn't picked up by very many people.

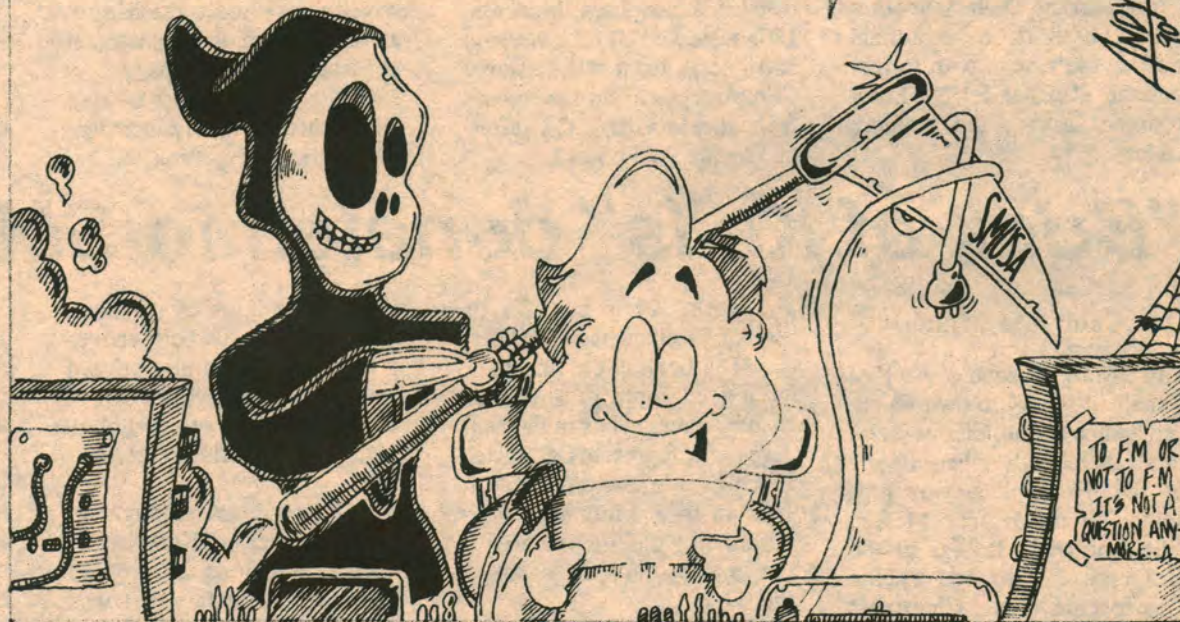
While CFSM deserved and got the support of the university community during the application process, it is no longer worthy of continued support. It is like paying \$15,000 a year for a mediocre sound system in the two cafeterias and the few students in residence who know about it.

The fiscal crunch has arrived and a tough decision has to be made. It is unfortunate for the members of Radio Saint Mary's, in that they will no longer benefit from the work experience. Any additional benefits provided in this area do not justify the cost.

R.V.H.

ITEM: RADIO ST. MARYS FACES THE AXE FROM STUDENT ASSOCIATION

I'D JUST LIKE TO TELL ALL OUR FAITHFUL LISTENERS THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! WE AT CFSM PLAN ON BEING HERE FOR YOU FOREVER...



Radio St Marys

Letters

Dear Editor,

We are writing to you today in regards to the cover story of your January 25, 1990 issue, "Atlantic Centre in Jeopardy", written by Mr. Colin MacMillan.

The members of the Association of Visual Language Interpreters of Nova Scotia (AVLINS) wish to thank the paper for recognizing the need for the Atlantic Centre's services and interpreting services.

Most often the press ignores the news of valuable services and rather focuses on controversial topics. However, it is hard to argue the importance of the Atlantic Centre.

AVLINS would like to clarify the following statement: "The cost to a student for an interpreter could rise as high as \$1000 per week." This statement infers interpreters wages

to be \$1000 per week, which is \$24,000 over the school term. The statement is misleading, in fact it meant for five interpreters working with five students at \$1000 per week which means an interpreter's wages would be \$250 per week.

Again, thank you for supporting the Atlantic Centre of Support for Disabled Students and the Interpreting Services.

Sincerely,
Clare MacDonald
Vice-President
AVLINS

To the Editor,

Last Saturday our beloved hoop Huskies took on the vaunted X-Men from St. F. X., a team we almost defeated nary a week earlier, and received little or no fan support. Sure there was a great crowd at the forum but the enthusiasm that was so noticeable during the last game against Dal was gone. I tried

everything I could to get the fans excited but to no avail.

I'm not used to such warm climates and I must say I lost about five pounds being indoors that night. I don't regret it for a minute but it's very disheartening to see a paying customer sit there and look morose when they could be screaming their lungs out. I would have howled as much as I could but I had to maintain strict silence. (Orders from the Big Cheese)

What are the boys on the court supposed to think when people come to watch the game and sit there like toads? All throughout the game I was getting harassed by rowdy X-fans. They were behind their team and supportive all the way, and not just because they were winning. It seems to me we need a major dose of school spirit.

Sincerely,
Hennessy the Husky Mascot

UNB Campus Radio Gets Reviewed

By Senu Tevi
The Brunswickan
University of New Brunswick

A proposal to alter the formula used to arrive at the budget of the University of New Brunswick's campus radio station went before the UNB Student Representative Council (SRC) in early March. If the proposal was passed by Council, the campus radio station's annual budget would have been cut by an estimated \$11,000.

According to Wayne Carson, President of the UNB Student Union and one of the key formulators of the new proposal, this movement towards change has come after a year of unsuccessful attempts to see a media fee and equitable "per capita funding" implemented.

Carson concedes that the move will put pressure on the CHSR Board of Governors to seriously consider their role in acquiring funding from all the constituent groups that benefit from membership at the station.

...the move will put pressure on the CHSR Board of Governors...

The new figure is arrived at by dividing the total number of UNB undergraduates with the numbers of the St. Thomas University (STU) undergraduates and the Graduate Students of UNB. The fraction arrived at is then multiplied by the overall CHSR Budget for the year and the figure arrived at represents UNB's contribution.

We've served over 6,000,000 Donairs.



According to Carson, the new approach has not been prompted by fiscal concerns, but simply by a need to carry out a principle.

Last year, CHSR's operating budget amounted to approximately \$105,000. The

...the new approach has..been prompted...by a need to carry out a principle

Student Union's contribution to that figure was \$80,000. The combined funding from STU and the GSA was just about \$10,000.

Carson intends to use this action to show how disproportionate these figures are. Carson hopes the action will put pressure on STU and the GSA to increase their contribution.

In response to the proposal, Kelly Lamrock, Vice President of STU and Chairperson of the CHSR Board of Directors made it clear that STU "accepts no responsibility" for the proposed cut.

...STU "accepts no responsibility" for the proposed cut...

According to a statement issued by Lamrock, STU should not be expected to fund the station on a per capita basis as the initial agreement for joint funding between the two student bodies was made prior to CHSR going FM and thus prior to the inflation of its operating costs.

Lamrock argues that the STU argument as a weak one and he says that the referendum issue is a scapegoat used by STU to avoid its responsibilities. For him, STU benefits from the new status of CHSR and they should update their position on funding to reflect the current cost.

In the meantime, the CHSR Board of Directors is left with this task of trying to half its proposal. Dialogues have been held with STU councillors to explain why the cut will be detrimental to the station's operations. According to sources at CHSR, this move is perceived as a political "power-game" and the station is caught in the middle.

Carson, on the other hand, thinks that this is an issue that CHSR's Board of Directors must get directly involved in. He thinks that the Board has not carried out all its responsibilities as directors of the sta-

...this move is perceived as a political "power-game"...

tion and is convinced that the membership of the Board includes quite a few "deadbeats."

He doesn't see the student Union's move as one that constitutes political meddling in

media. For him the Union's "hands-off" policy toward media is still being upheld.

When asked, Carson said he did not rule out the option of asking STU and the GSA to withdraw participation if things do not improve. However, he insists that, ideally, STU and the GSA should have as much right to the station as anyone else.



Enjoy Part-Time Adventure

While pursuing your full-time civilian career, take on the challenge of learning a part-time trade in either the Militia, Naval, Air or Communication Reserve.

Earn extra and benefit from varied employment and travel opportunities with the Canadian Forces Reserve.

Join the Reserve

Call us now:

1-800-567-0000

Become a part-time member of Captain Johnson's team.



CANADIAN

ARMED

FORCES

REGULAR AND RESERVE



Canada

National Defense / Défense nationale

SHOPPERS DRUG MART.



Fenwick Medical Centre
5595 Fenwick Street
421-1683

7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Mon. - Sat.
9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday

- Convenience Foods
- Photocopier
- Bank Machine & Money Transfer
- Medical & Surgical Supplies
- Free Prescription Delivery
- Pregnancy Testing

Weekly Specials (Fri.-Sun.)

Crest 100ml Toothpaste \$1.69
Dove Dishwashing Liquid 500ml .79

X-Men overpower Huskies

by T. Paul Woodford

The St. Francis Xavier X-Men proved to be too much for Saint Mary's to handle as the X-Men ended the Huskies season with a 77-67 win in front of a crowd of 4,000 Saturday at the Forum.

The Acadia Axemen upset the UPEI Panthers 68-62 in the other AUBC semi-final on Saturday. Just to prove their win over UPEI was no accident the Axemen stunned the heavily favoured X-Men 72-62 in Sunday's championship game.

Both Acadia and St. F.X. will participate in the CIAU Championships this weekend at the Metro Centre. The X-Men received a wild card berth and are ranked fourth, the Axemen are ranked eighth.

On Saturday the Huskies showed up but left their shooting touch at home. Strong outside shooting has been SMU's best weapon all season but the basketball Gods were not with the Huskies on Saturday.

The Huskies could only manage 21 first half points, their lowest one-half production of the season, and trailed Xavier 30-21 at the break.

If SMU fans thought the Huskies offensive woes couldn't get any worse, they were wrong. Saint Mary's didn't score a second half basket until over five minutes had been played. St. F.X. went on a 12-0 run and built up a 42-21 lead while the Huskies were trying to find their shooting touch.

"It's funny," said SMU guard Chris Rowarth. "We were really psyched heading into the second half. We knew we had to come out strong to cut their lead and we felt nine points wasn't a huge lead. To start the half they were playing a 2-3 zone defence and that kind of put us off. A lot of us were standing around and not attacking the zone and for that reason we weren't scoring points, it was frustrating."

Xavier led by 22 points with 10:13 left but the Huskies wouldn't go down without a fight.

The Huskies dug deep and began to gain ground on the X-Men in the last ten minutes. SMU got to within 10 points on three occasions but it was a case of too little too late. Xavier's near flawless foul shooting in the final five minutes disallowed the Huskies from cutting the lead to under ten points.

The Huskies shot a dismal 35% (27 of 76) on the day while the X-Men hit on 29 of 60 (48%) from the field and 19 of 27 from the line (70%).

St. F.X. coach Steve Konchalski felt the Xavier defence had much to do with SMU's five minute scoring drought.

"I'd like to think we stopped them from scoring points," said Konchalski. "I think we played some great defence. Our offence didn't start to click as soon as I would have liked but we got into it at the start of the second half."

Despite the fact that they led by over ten points for most of the second half, Konchalski wasn't calling the game an easy win.

"There is no such thing as an easy game any time you play Saint Mary's," said Konchalski. "Some teams may give a half-hearted effort after being down by 15 or 20 points but that certainly isn't the case with this Saint Mary's team. They've proven time and again that they're made of tremendous character. They have nothing to be ashamed of," added Konchalski, in his 15th year with the X-Men.

Chris Rowarth and Tom McCutcheon paced the Huskies with 15 points each, Jason Darling scored 13 while Brian Thompson finished the day with 12 points after finishing the first half with two. McCutcheon led the Huskies with 10 rebounds.

For Xavier, game star Marion Mathis meshed 23, Wade Smith poured in 20, Jeff White added 12 and Richard Bella scored 8 points and hauled in 17 rebounds.

Saint Mary's coach Ross Quackenbush had nothing but praise for his Huskies.

"I'm really satisfied with the team and the way they played, they really gave it everything they had and you can't ask for more than that," said Quackenbush who was named AUBC coach of the year.

Quackenbush was philosophical after the loss.

"I think it's important to remember that at the end of the year there is only going to be one team that doesn't lose its final game. All the teams that lose their last game go through the same pain and agony, it hurts in the short term but hopefully over time you'll look back on the positive things and the goals you achieved."

"One of the biggest things



Runnin' Ritchie - St. F.X.'s Otis Delaney watches SMU's Richard Sullivan during AUBC semi-final action on Saturday. The Huskies Cinderella season ended with a 77-67 loss. (McEachern photo)

that I've learned in sports is that losing isn't going to kill you. It's okay to lose because

once you learn that it's not so bad you are willing to take on a greater number of challenges

without fear of failure," said Quackenbush as he reflected on his rookie campaign.

Durnford, McCutcheon end careers

by T. Paul Woodford

For Tom McCutcheon and Dean Durnford the Husky express has reached the end of the line.

After five solid seasons with the hoop Huskies both Durnford and McCutcheon ended their careers Saturday against St. F.X. The two were key members of the Huskies in the last three seasons and will leave a vacuum to fill says SMU coach Ross Quackenbush.

"Losing Tom McCutcheon and Dean Durnford is going to be devastating on the court and off," said Quackenbush. "They're both class guys and both have a lot of leadership qualities and they both work their butts off and set a great example. Other basketball players will come along, guys who can shoot, rebound and pass but it will be difficult to replace the personal qualities of Tommy and Dean."

Durnford finished his senior year with 105 points (7.5 ppg) and 57 rebounds (4.1 rpg) in 14 games. McCutcheon caught fire in the last five games of the schedule and finished the year with 176 points (9.8 ppg) and 123 rebounds (6.8 rpg) in 18 games.

"I really enjoyed my career here and I have absolutely no regrets whatsoever," said Durnford. "I'm proud to have

played on a team with such a great bunch of guys. I have a lot of good memories with this team," added the 6'4" forward.

McCutcheon was sentimental after his last game as a Husky.

"I was fortunate to play with such a great bunch of guys and I'm really gonna miss it a lot. I can't remember ever having as much fun as I've had

this year, it's gonna be sad leaving," said McCutcheon.

"SMU is gonna have a really good team next year and I'm gonna be supporting them just as much as we were supported here today," added the 22 year old Commerce student.

Durnford and McCutcheon were enjoyable to watch, they were more enjoyable to know. The university and the team will both suffer from their absence.



So long ol' boys - Dean Durnford (left) and Tom McCutcheon each ended great hoop careers in Saturday's semi-final loss to St. F. X. (MacEachern photo)

Acadia stuns Xavier in AUBC final

Both teams to participate in CIAU Championships

by T. Paul Woodford

The Acadia Axemen felled the AUBC's biggest tree last Sunday at the Halifax Forum to claim their first AUBC title since 1985.

Acadia's 72-62 win over the heavily favoured St. Francis Xavier X-Men gives them an automatic berth in the CIAU Final Eight this weekend at the Metro Centre. The X-Men slipped into the back door of the CIAU championships Sunday night when they received a wildcard berth along with the Victoria Vikings.

On Sunday, 6'7" forward Ted Byrne was a Tower of strength for the Axemen. The St. John's native scored 23 points and prevented Xavier's

We were the other team that nobody was talking about. I think we proved something to a lot of people today," added the Mahone Bay native.

The two teams traded leads for much of the first half until Duncan White's layup at the buzzer sent the Axemen into the locker room with a slim 36-35 lead.

The Axemen scored the first five points of the second half and frustrated the X-Men with their aggressive man-to-man defence. Xavier got back within two points on four different occasions but couldn't sink the equalizer. Kevin Veinot's jumper with 6:21 remaining gave the Axemen a commanding 63-52 lead and all but finished the X-Men.

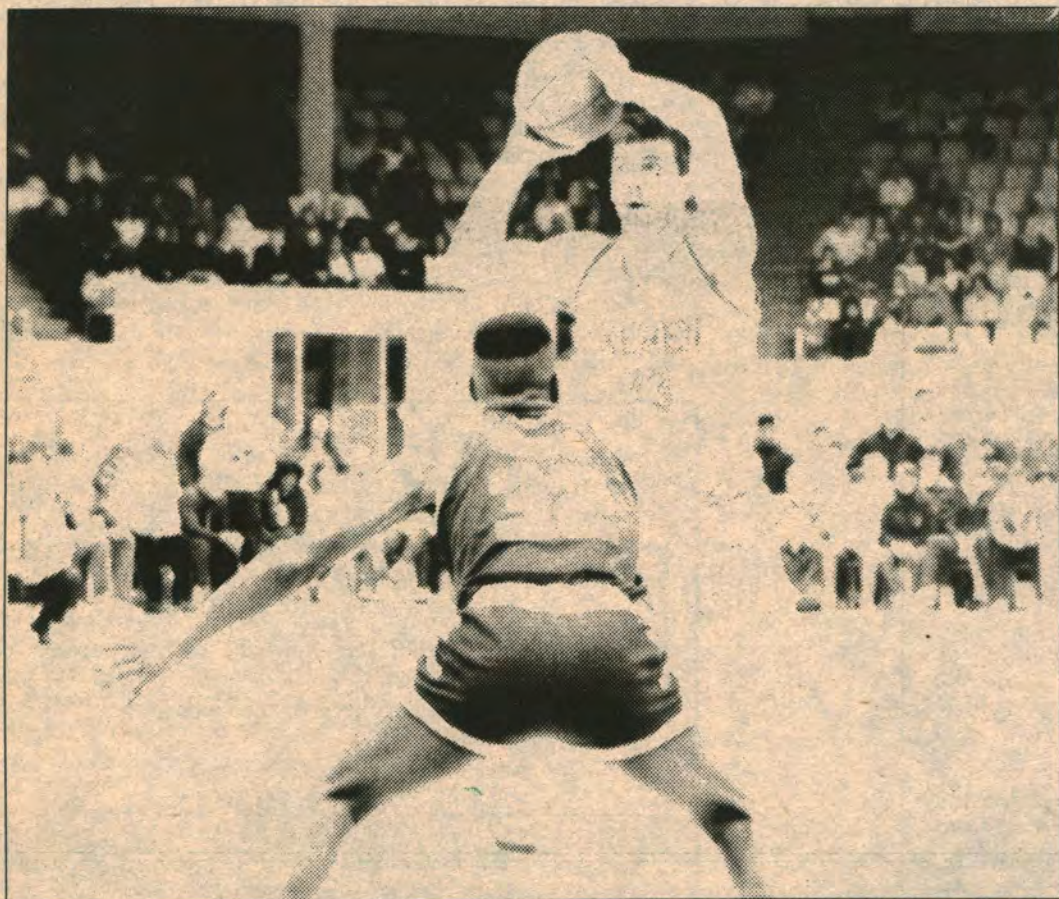
It was really frustrating, especially for me as a point guard."

Jones was impressed with the Axemen's league leading defence.

"Nutbrown's teams are always tough on defence. Their team man-to-man, with five guys helping out, is as good as you're going to see," said the former QEH standout.

Byrne's 23 points led the Axemen, Kevin Veinot meshed 18 while Kevin Lee scored nine points and hauled in nine rebounds. Wade Smith paced the X-Men with 24 points while AUBC rookie of the year Richard Bella was held to seven.

Byrne felt the Axemen's tough practice schedule gave them the edge.



Acadia's Kevin Veinot looks for someone to pass to as St. F.X.'s Marion Mathis defends in Sunday's AUBC final. Acadia shocked X 72-62. (Meahan photo)

big men from dominating the glass. Byrne scored 27 points in Acadia's 68-62 semi-final win over UPEI Saturday night.

"We knew to stay in the game we were gonna have to be mentally tough," said Byrne. "It's a long game and we knew X was gonna be tough. They had an easier time in the semi-finals so we thought they might have stronger legs than us. But we held them from taking a run at us in the second half and things worked out."

"We were like a forgotten team coming in here," said Byrne. "All the talk was about X and UPEI and about SMU's big win over Dal last weekend.

The game was a spirited and emotional affair, Acadia rookie Kevin Lee couldn't help but get caught up in the emotion.

"We always play hard and with a lot of emotion. Coach is always telling me to keep it down because I might get carried away but this was a big game and sometimes emotion just gets into you and you've gotta go with it," said Lee.

"I give Acadia all the credit for taking us out of our game," said Xavier guard Augy Jones.

"We wanted to get into a flow and get our running game going but they wouldn't let us.

"We're going into our 105th practice next week, we've worked hard and we deserve this title, there's no doubt about it. We're peaking at the right time and hopefully it will show (this) weekend," said Byrne.

Acadia will meet the No. 1 ranked Alberta Golden Bears at 7:00pm on Friday while the X-Men take on fourth ranked Concordia at 9:00pm. Guelph will battle the Toronto Varsity Blues at 1:00pm while the other afternoon matchup pits Brandon against Victoria at 3:00pm. The Brandon-UVIC game will be a rematch of last year's final.

CIAU FINAL EIGHT

Following are the eight teams taking part in this weekend's CIAU basketball Championships at the Metro Centre. Overall record and how they advanced follow the teams which are listed according to ranking.

1. Alberta Golden Bears (26-7)
beat UVIC 2-1 in best of 3 CWUAA final
2. Guelph Gryphons (24-10)
beat Western Mustangs 63-58
3. Victoria Vikings (16-4)
Wildcard entry
4. Concordia Stingers (22-7)
beat Bishop's Gaiters 76-60
5. St. F.X. X-Men (26-6)
Wildcard entry
6. Brandon Bobcats (16-11)
beat Manitoba 2-1 in best of 3 GPAC final
7. U of T Varsity Blues (22-9)
beat Laurentian 87-81
8. Acadia Axemen (17-13)
beat St. F.X. 72-62 in AUAA final



ACADIA VS ALBERTA



GUELPH VS TORONTO



BRANDON VS VICTORIA



ST. FX VS CONCORDIA

Moosehead Athlete of the Week



Tom McCutcheon



SPORTS

In Short

Mounties Finish Seventh

The Mount Allison Mounties gave the AUAA a bit of volleyball respectability last weekend. The Mounties defeated the host Windsor Lancers to finish seventh in the eight team CIAU championships. Mount A. upset highly favoured Moncton in the AUAA final to advance.

The University of Manitoba Bisons captured their first CIAU title since 1971 with a five set marathon win over the University of Victoria Vikettes. Victoria, a perennial volleyball powerhouse, was bridesmaids once again. Victoria is still without a CIAU championship.

The final tournament standings read: Manitoba Bisons, Victoria Vikettes, York Yoewomen, Regina Cougars, UBC Thunderbirds, Laval Rouge et Or, Mt. Allison and Windsor.

Men's Volleyball Finals Set

A new men's CIAU volleyball champion will be determined this weekend in Winnipeg as the University of Manitoba will host this season's championships. The host Bisons are ranked number one in the country and will be in tough.

Following the Herd in the championship rankings is the Laval Rouge et Or, Saskatchewan Huskies, Waterloo Warriors, Alberta Golden Bears, Sherbrooke Vert et Or, AUAA champion Dalhousie Tigers, and the Winnipeg Wesmen. The Tigers will face Laval in the opening round.

The defending CIAU champion Calgary Dinosaurs were eliminated by the Bisons in the Canada West playoffs.

Past Men's Volleyball Champions

1988-89	Calgary
1987-88	Saskatchewan
1986-87	Winnipeg
1985-86	Winnipeg
1984-85	Manitoba
1983-84	Manitoba
1982-83	British Columbia
1981-82	Calgary
1980-81	Alberta
1979-80	Manitoba
1978-79	Saskatchewan
1977-78	Manitoba
1976-77	Winnipeg
1975-76	British Columbia
1974-75	Sherbrooke
1973-74	Winnipeg

So Close But Yet So Far

Crook loses track finals berth by a hair

By Joe Meahan

Michelle Crook's dream of a national track championship came to an end last weekend in Winnipeg as the University of Manitoba hosted the CIAU track and field championships.

Crook, Saint Mary's lone representative at the elite event, advanced to the CIAU's with a record breaking performance in the Atlantic championships two weeks prior in Moncton. Crook competed in the 60m race and her record setting time of 7.8 seconds at U de M ranked her among the top sprinters in the country.

Going into the championships, Crook was hoping to qualify for the finals of the 60m but came up just short. Her time of 8.11 seconds in the first heat was an agonizing 1/100th of a second slower than an eventual eighth place York finisher (8.10) and thus her ninth place showing eliminated the sophomore Science student from 60m finals contention. The top eight runners advanced to the final.

"I was really disappointed

with my performance," said Crook. "I know I could have done so much better. I think that was the worst race I've ever run in my life."

Crook felt that it was not a matter of overconfidence that cost her a chance to qualify for the final. "When the athletes were introduced at the starting line, I began to realize that I was facing some sprinters of world class calibre. Some held Canadian records and a lot competed on a world level and I think I got a bit nervous," she said. "I was ahead of the pack midway through the race but then for some reason I looked behind me to see how far ahead I was and then I lost my concentration. It was such a stupid rookie mistake because as soon as I turned to glance, I fell behind and eventually lost it."

Despite the loss, Crook was proud to have represented Saint Mary's at the nationals. "It was such a thrill for me to be there at such a classy event and to be representing Saint Mary's," Crook added. "It was a really great learning experi-

ence for me and I was really happy to be there despite my performance."

Crook is already looking forward to next year and is determined to eventually give Saint Mary's a track and field medal. "I am going to train harder than ever this year. I have two years left here at Saint Mary's and I want a championship so bad," the AUAA title holder said. "I'm going to do it next year if it kills me."

Irma Grant of the University of Windsor captured the 60m gold medal while York's France Giroux nabbed second place. Both athletes ran in Crook's opening heat.

The York University women's track and field team won the overall title while the men's banner will be shared by two schools. The host, University of Manitoba and the University of Toronto ended in a dead heat with an equal number of points in the championships.

Other AUAA athletes involved in the event included a gold medal performance from



Manitoba
1990

Dalhousie's Lucy Smith. Smith captured the 3000 meter race, clocking in at a time of 9:14:82. Another Tiger Sue Comeau placed sixth in the 100 meter race. Dalhousie finished the meet in tenth place, their highest placing ever. It was also the AUAA's highest placing at the nationals this year. "I think Atlantic Canada should start taking track and field more seriously," added Crook. "Part of the reason AUAA schools don't do as well is because of a lack of good facilities. The rest of Canada seems to be a world ahead of us in that perspective and it shows."

Dynamic Duchesnays



The brother-sister combination of Paul and Isabelle Duchesnay wowed the Halifax Metro Centre last week with an unforgettable performance. (Moore photo)

Nova Scotia
Community
College



Employment Opportunities

Employment Opportunities are excellent for graduates of the College of Geographic Sciences, Lawrencetown, Annapolis County.

Staff from the College will interview prospective students for its training programmes in:

- Computer Graphics Programming
- Scientific Computer Programming
- Geographic Information Systems
- Remote Sensing
- Cartography
- Surveying
- Planning

Interviews will be held in Halifax: Thursday, March 22
Wednesday, March 28
Wednesday, April 11

and at the College on March 26, 27, and April 2, 3, 17, and 18.

The College's training programmes will be of interest to those who hold High School Diplomas or a University Degree(s) in Science and Engineering or Geography and seek entry into the Geographic Sciences.

To arrange for an interview, please call:

Appointment Secretary
Nova Scotia Community College
College of Geographic Sciences
584-2226 Collect
between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm



Department of
Advanced Education
and Job Training

Honourable Joel R. Matheson, O.C.
Minister

INTRAMURAL SCENE

HOCKEY

Intramural Hockey Standings: March 9/90

ADAMS	W	L	T	PTS	SMYTHE	W	L	T	PTS
Red Army	9	2	1	31	CPA Alumni	9	0	1	29
Crushers	7	4	2	29	Le P'tit Quebec	8	2	1	28
Howdoyadoits	6	2	4	28	B-49ers	3	9	1	20
Ship of Fools	3	9	0	18	Golars	4	3	1	17
Cutters	3	6	1	17	Alpines	2	10	0	16

PATRICK	W	L	T	PTS	NORRIS	W	L	T	PTS
Abunchafellas	10	0	1	32	Flintstones	11	0	0	33
Cementheads	5	7	0	22	Slaski Fitte	8	3	0	27
Trojans	4	6	0	18	Hub	6	3	3	27
Flying Zambonis	2	8	0	14	Gumbies	1	5	0	8

The Intramural Hockey Regular Season has drawn to a close once again. Playoffs begin this week.

SMU 10 - Dal 5
Saturday Night: An Allstar team from Howe Hall was brutally defeated by an off-campus select team from the Saint Mary's Intramural league. A rematch is scheduled for next week at Dal. The date and time will be announced.

SOCCKER

Co-Ed Indoor Soccer

#1 Pimp's & Ho's 6 vs.

Rice United 0

Paul Innes scored 3 goals and Scott MacKenzie added 2 for Pimp's/Ho's

#2 Shin Splints 6 vs.

Hooters 3

Kevin Mullen scored 2 goals for the Splints

#3 Polite Violent 3 vs.

Italia 90 0

#4 Pimp's & Ho's 5 vs.

Shin Splints 2

Chris Rafuse scored 3 goals for the Pimp's/Ho's

#5 Politely Violent 4 vs.

Benzene Ringers 3

Mike Barrett's second goal of the game enabled the Violent's to beat the Ringers in sudden death overtime.

STANDINGS

	W	L	PTS
Pimp's & Ho's	2	0	4
Politely Violent	2	0	4
Shin Splints	1	1	2
Benzene Ringers	0	1	0
Hooters	0	1	0
Rice United	0	1	0
Italia 90	0	1	0

* Play continues on Sunday, March 18, Games #6-10



INTRAMURAL UPDATE

SOCCER

PIMPS + HO'S 6 | RICE UNITED 0



Loyola-Rice Challenge Cup



March 24th

LOYOLA/RICE HOCKEY GAME

Advance Ticket Sales:

Monday, March 19 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

in front of Orange County in Loyola

Tickets will be available at the door on game day for \$1.00

BASKETBALL

Men's Recreational Basketball FINAL STANDINGS

Division A	Record
1. Bo knows B-ball	7-0
2. Bumpkin Ugliers	6-1
3. Globetrotters	5-2
4. Timberwolves	4-3
5. Demonic Pentangle	3-4
6. The Heat	2-5
7. Rolls Royce	2-5
8. Hooters	0-7

Division B

Record	
1. Capitalist Swine	6-1
2. Hurricanes	5-1
3. Ginty Heat	4-3
4. 15th Floor	4-3
5. Smart Asses	3-4
6. Manhole Covers	2-4
7. Egyptians	0-6
8. No Names	0-6

Men's Competitive Basketball FINAL STANDINGS

Division A	Record
1. Running Rebels	6-1
2. Alumni	6-1
3. MBA	4-3
4. Nukesters	4-4
5. Deepwood Destroyers	3-5

Division B

Record	
1. Glee Club	5-2
2. 69ers	3-
3. Bruins	2-5
4. Bawl Hawgs	1-6
5. Individuals	1-6

Competitive All-Star Team

1. John Campbell
2. Paul Innes
3. All Horstorou
4. Kurt Bremner
5. Matt Nealon
6. Brian Smith
7. Bob Fowler

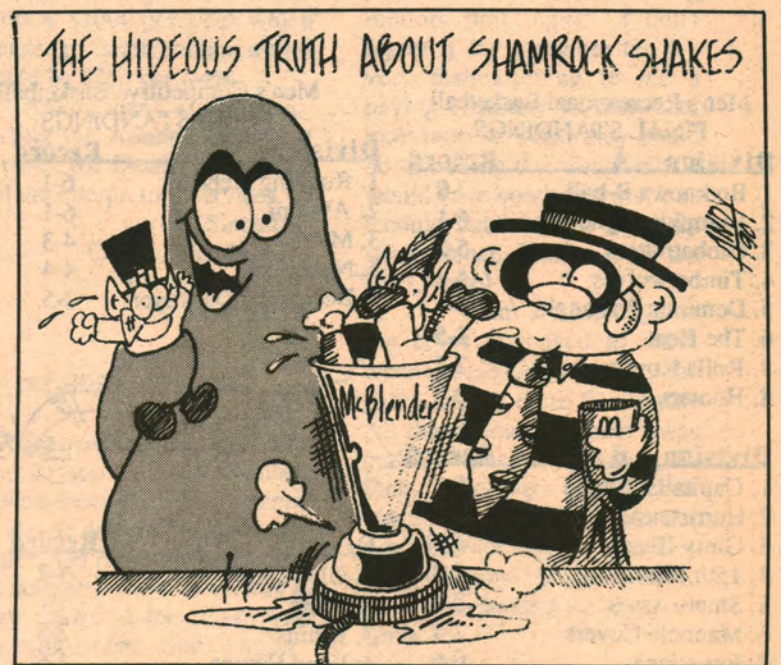
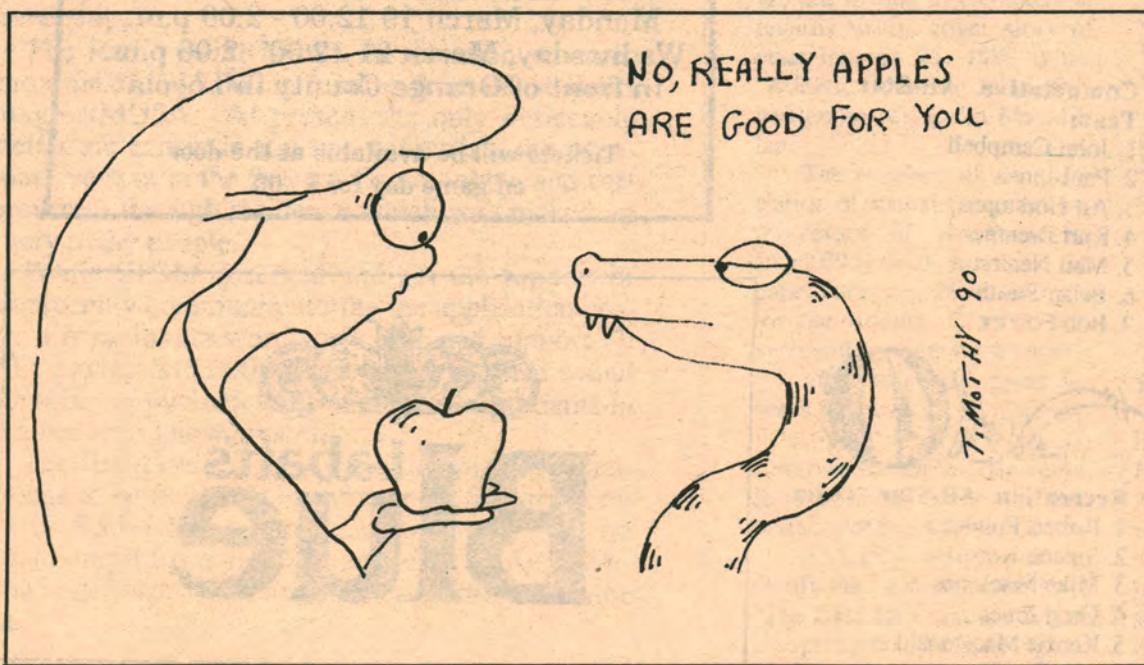
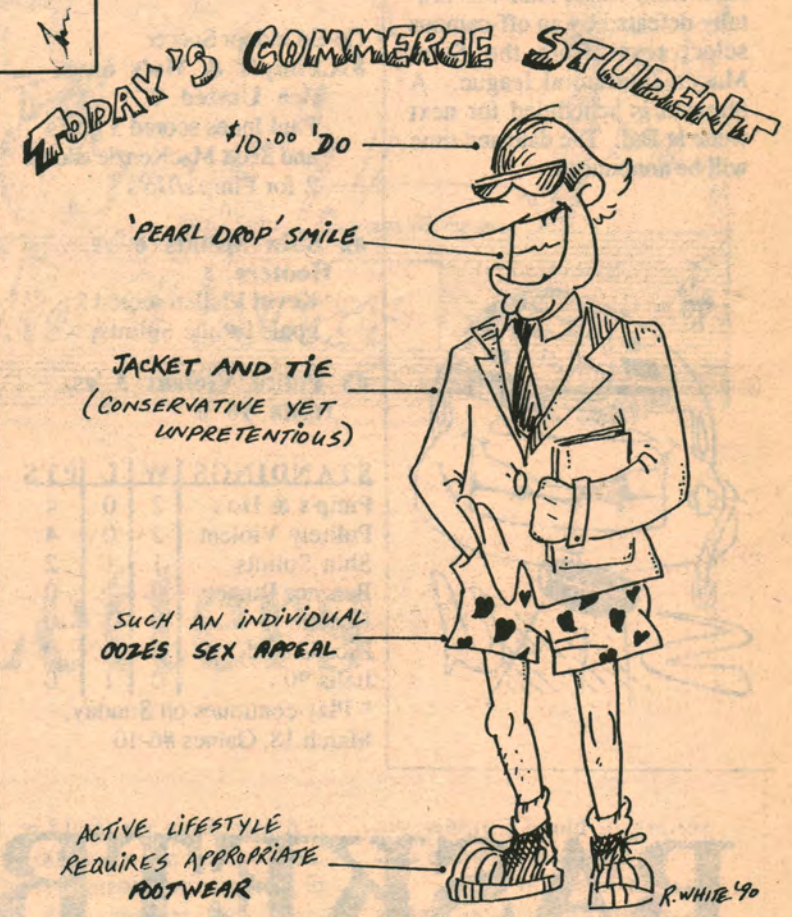
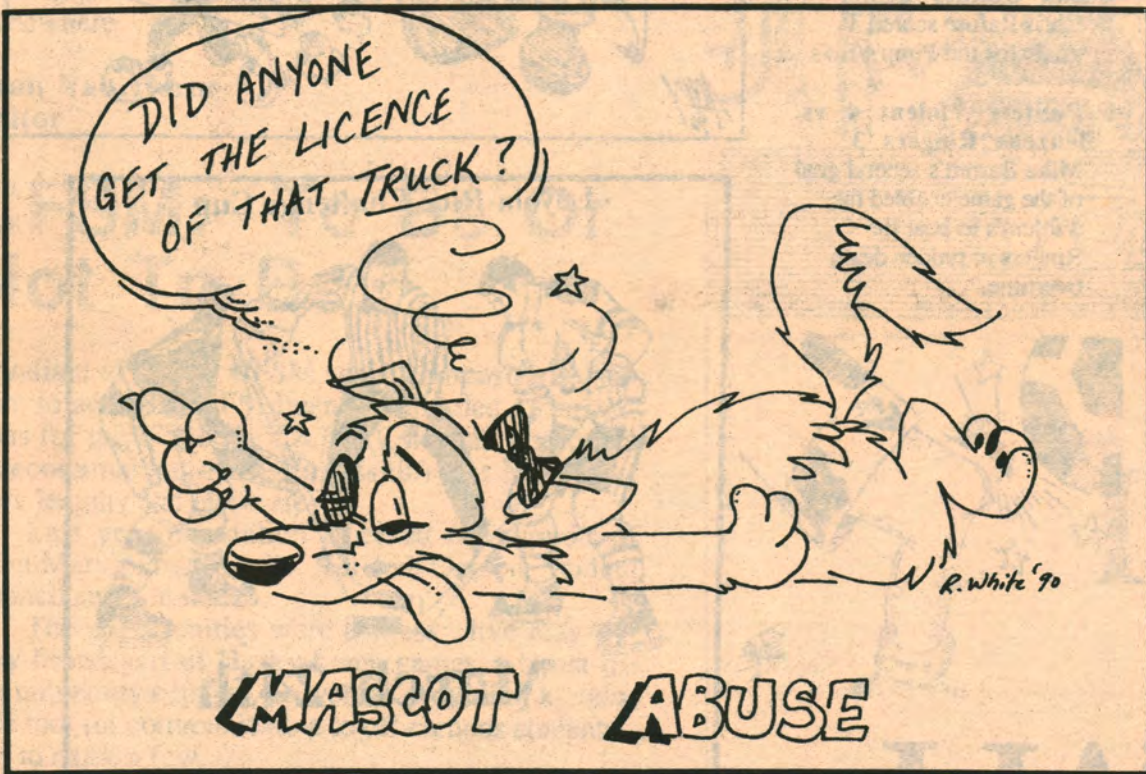
Recreation All-Star Team

1. Robert Fowler
2. Siene Roberts
3. Mike MacInnes
4. Greg Jones
5. Kenzie MacDonald
6. Jeff Smith
7. Morris Marcelli



Labatt's
Blue

COMIXES



NEW OFFERINGS FROM CANADIAN AUTHORS

by Suzanne Methôt

***The Last Of The Golden Girls*, by Susan Swan, Lester & Orpen Dennys, 323 pages, \$24.95 (hardcover).**

This autumn saw the release of new books by two of Canada's most exciting authors, Susan Swan and Sandra Birdsell.

Swan has written a thought-provoking novel about the games that people play: psychological and sexual games being the most deceitful and ultimately, the most damaging. Swan has three major female characters, Jude, Bobby (Roberta), and Shelly. The novel spans the period of ten to fifteen years, through the pre-teen years of all three girls, and into their early adulthood.

The book jacket hails the novel as a "touching...revealing story of female friendship." It would be interesting to find out whether the book flap comments were written by a woman or a man: "touching" is an adjective that just does not apply to *The Last Of The Golden Girls*. The games that Jude, Bobby, and Shelly play with one another and with their families and friends are downright nasty and unfeeling, which gives the book a sinister tone and leaves the reader with little sympathy for the three women.

The story begins with the three girls meeting up during their pre-teen years, during the 1950s, at U-Go-I-Go Sound, a summer holiday spot for upper-middle class families. None of the girls even like each other when they first meet, so it seems inevitable that they will compete with each other over the most inconsequential things. As the women grow older, the new objects which comprise the centre of their little games (men) bring the book to its climax, and serves as a focus point for Swan's exploration of the relationships that women have with each other.

The narration comes primarily from Jude's point of view, but is a constant source of irritation. The author bounces back and forth between straight stream-of-consciousness narration, Jude's fantastic imaginings (when she addresses her "swami", or guru), and points when Jude addresses the reader as "You", or "Old Voyeur Eyes". Then there are the moments when

Swan uses a third person narrative. At times, it becomes a major task to figure out whether the action is real or imaginary, which succeeds in breaking the entire dramatic flow of the novel.

There is plenty of sex in this book, for those who want titillating reading. However, much of it seems unreal or just plain embarrassing, as when the characters address their genitals with words most likely to be found on the bathroom wall of your nearest strip joint.

Swan makes her point, however: one thing which women have always felt confident of, in the face of a male-dominated world, is their sexuality -- and thus, their power over men. Certainly, even though two of the women in this novel are shown as women who are independent, smart, and well-placed within society, these women are also prisoners of their sexuality. Because of this, they ultimately place men before the female friendships in their lives.

The ending of the novel sees the destruction of all that the women have known and treasured throughout their lives. But if the reader wishes to see a realization on the part of Jude, Bobby, and Shelly that their friendship is more important than the men whom they choose to fight over, one is disappointed. Even in the face of a total destruction of a way of life, the women are separated by lust, jealousy, and an inability to forgive.

Ultimately, the novel leaves no lasting impression except for that of disbelief. Women who read this novel will see a little of themselves in these women. They will also see a little of the men they have known in the male characters. What they will not see is the growth and maturation of characters, characters whose time has come to grow up and face the world as adults.



***The Missing Child*, by Sandra Birdsell, Lester & Orpen Dennys, 319 pages, \$24.95 (hardcover).**

Sandra Birdsell's novel, *The Missing Child*, chronicles a week in the life of the fictional Prairie town of Agassiz. Narrated from several points of view, the novel is fast-paced and tightly structured. The eccentric Minnie Pullman contributes much of the narration, through her conversations with her husband, Albert, or her friend, Annie. There are several passages that, although confusing at first, become familiar to the reader as the book progresses. Minnie slips into her past frequently, almost as if in a dream-like trance, and it is through the revelations of memory that the reader begins to know her character and her motives (and why she is so eccentric).

The other inhabitants of Agassiz contribute their own unique points of view to the unfolding drama. Among the most notable are the Mennonite pastor, Jacob, and his most unreligious-like fantasies of the German beauty, Elizabeth; Olga Peters, who although typecast in the role of spinster has decidedly sexual desires and is not the woman most of the town thinks she is; the Marchand family, who are Métis and trying to deny it; and the women who comprise the town church group, including the pastor's wife, Lena. Birdsell slips easily into and out of personas, while making each distinct and separate.

The week in Agassiz describes not only the events in each character's life, but also the strange happenings of the town itself. Agassiz is situated in a glacial valley, and apparently, the glacier is melting and the town is on the brink of disaster. Only toward the end of the book does the reader find out the real reason for the melting. Throughout the novel, only Minnie Pullman can see exactly what is happening to the town -- but nobody believes her, as she is the town eccentric.

As the town teeters toward an ultimate demise, so do the relationships and the lives of its inhabitants. Readers are treated to natural death, murder (both in the past and in the

present), and strange, almost supernatural deaths which are never fully explained. It all creates a feeling of instability and sets a sombre, yet expectant mood which permeates the novel.

The 'missing child' of the title is actually a reference to several missing children: a few that go missing or who are essentially missing from the fabric of the town within the action of the novel, a missing child that figures in Minnie's past, a child that figures in the past of another female

character, and metaphorically speaking, to the missing child that Minnie Pullman essentially resembles. Throughout the book, one is confronted with imagery of missing children, even when the book mentions that the pastor and his wife do not have children. Birdsell even manages to convey the feeling that the town of Agassiz is a child, needing to be cared for and nurtured.

Birdsell's characters are extremely well-drawn and their lives are rich and full, although also extremely normal and believable. Birdsell is an expert at making the seemingly ordinary appear miraculous and poetic. This seems to be the focus of the novel: not all the loose ends are tied up at the end, and not all previous references are explained, but the book tries to describe the life of a town through its inhabitants, and in doing so, leaves much to the imagination. It's a lot like real life -- not all your questions are answered, because life cannot be tied up into a neat little package.

The town of Agassiz is featured in two of Birdsell's previous books, both collections of short stories, entitled *Night Travellers* and *Ladies of the House*. In the tradition of Margaret Laurence, Birdsell has created a town which serves as a palette, which can be referred to, added to, or subtracted from at any time.



Novelist Susan Swan





Hi kids, once again I'm back to show you all a good time. So put on your best loafing clothing, sink back into that easy chair, and read this column, dammit! As the days grow longer and the weather warmer, this young man's fancy turns to videos...all I have to say is "it's showtime!" Three more video reviews await your yearning eyes...

HALLOWE'EN 5: THE REVENGE OF MICHAEL MYERS, 1989, 96 Minutes, Restricted. Stars Donald Pleasance, Danielle Harns, Ellie Cornell.

Haddonfield, Illinois, is the scene once again of Michael Myers' psychotic, deranged acts of violence. Yes, good old Mr. Myers has survived to grace our presence with yet another sequel, continued directly from Part 4. Michael has escaped the authorities and comes back to find his niece, and to slice his way through wayward teens. Standing between Myers and his psychotic spree, as always, is Dr. Loomis (Pleasance), who by now has made a career out of trying to subdue the elusive killer. This latest Hallowe'en flick is really disappointing; unfortunately, the filmmakers figured that leaving the end as a cliff hanger would be great, but it just left me screaming "idiots! idiots!". Horror-wise, suspense-wise, and gore-wise, this movie isn't a treat. It's a trick, and you won't appreciate it. This movie is comparable to a Jack O'Lantern: it looks great on the outside, but on the inside, there's just no guts. Not recommended, kids. **Rated: C-**.

FIELD OF DREAMS, 1989, 106 Minutes, PG-13. Stars: Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan, James Earl Jones, Burt Lancaster, Ray Liotta.

"If you build it, he will come" are the words Ray Kinsella hears in his cornfield one sunny afternoon. Little does he know the supernatural series of events that he will be responsible for as he clears part of his field to erect a baseball field so that Shoeless Joe Jackson can return and play once again. But that being done, the voice returns and Ray and his family almost lose their farm to the bank in order to complete the voice's wishes. To put this movie in a nutshell, it's one of those flicks that is hard to explain, let alone review. Nominated for a couple of Oscars, including Best Picture, it's a must-see flick that will have you feeling good all over in the end. Costner turns in a magnificent performance as a farmer carrying out the commands he hears, never asking what's in it for him, and risking almost everything to fulfill the dream. It just goes to show you that not everything coming out of Hollywood is brain-dead. Highly recommended. **Rated: A.**

SNAKE EATER, 1989, Restricted, 97 Minutes. Stars: Lorenzo Lamas, Ronnie Hawkins, Cheryl Jeans.

Speaking of brain dead, here comes something so lame, so helplessly wank, that I even have to imagine that jerky Lorenzo Lamas might have had second thoughts about doing this film. Shot entirely in New Brunswick, this below-par action yarn focuses around ex-Marine "Soldier" and his search for his abducted sis, who has been kidnapped by a group of horny hillbillies from hell (original plot, eh?), led by the evil Junior headman of the crazed clan. Abundant with local actors, or at least aspiring ones, Snake Eater is one of those films that promises to be 97 minutes of pure action, but I was left with the feeling of asking myself "why would Lamas sign up to do such a terminally putrid flick?" But I knew the answer...it's just like him: slimy, greasy, dirty, and boring. Avoid this at all costs. **Rated: F.**

So, as the snow gradually fades away and the temperatures rise, let's all bow our heads and pray that you all have a happy St. Patrick's Day, and that the luck of the Irish stays with you, since exams are coming up. So top of the morning to ya, Saint Mary's. Aloha!

Arts Notes

NFB Film Screening

On Friday, March 16, the NFB Theatre, 1571 Argyle Street, will feature the film *Not A Love Story: A Film About Pornography*. Produced by the NFB's Women's Studio (Studio D), the film begins at 6 pm. Admission is free. The film contains explicit material, and admission is restricted.

At Wormwood's Theatre

From Director Terry Jones (formerly one of the Monty Python gang) comes *Erik The Viking*, playing from March 16-22. Also from

March 16-22 is the return of *My Left Foot*, starring Daniel Day-Lewis. *Drugstore Cowboy* also plays a short return engagement, from March 27-29.

New Play Begins At Neptune

John Gray's *Health: The Musical* begins on March 16 and runs until April 8 at Neptune. The musical comedy stars Terry David Mulligan. Ticket prices and reservations are available by calling the Neptune Theatre Box Office at 429-7070.

Ticket/Poster Giveaway

Twentieth Century Fox Presents a HandMade Film: *Nuns On The Run*, starring Eric Idle (of Monty Python fame) and Robbie Coltrane. **FREE** double passes are available for a screening at the Hyland Theatre (at the Rotary) on Thursday, March 22. Also available are numerous posters of the film...come on up to the *Journal* offices to receive yours!

Today,
the difference between
"possibilities" and "opportunities"
can depend on your letters of
reference.

Here are two of the best.
CA.

The CA stands for Chartered Accountant. Like medicine and law, it's one of the most respected professions around.

But that's just a short chapter in the story. As a CA you'll be intellectually challenged and stimulated. Enjoy higher earning power and a very rewarding lifestyle. With travel opportunities as well as a variety of career options from partnership in a CA firm to corporate management.

So consider being a CA. You'll be amazed how two little letters can make such a positive difference in your life.

CA

Nova Scotia's Chartered Accountants

T1000SE

40% OFF + 10% OFF =

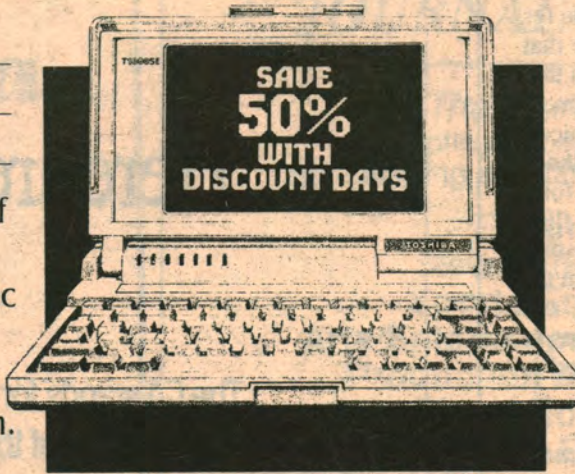
VIA Rail introduces an equation that really computes

LONG DISTANCE TO QUE/ONT.

Here's how you can get 50% off regular one way coach fares for most long distance trips to Quebec and Ontario. Save 40% by taking the train any day except during the Christmas and Summer season. Then flash your student I.D. for an extra 10% discount.

The sum is simple. But for almost 8 months of the year, it adds up to a sensational 50% saving — including all the on-board fun and freedom that only train travel allows.

Ask for complete conditions at any VIA Station — and while you're there, drop an entry into the contest box...



YOU COULD WIN A TOSHIBA COMPUTER WITH WordPerfect®.

■ *Blackouts: Dec. 15/Jan. 14 - June 1/Sept. 9.* ■ *Seats limited — purchase early (min. 7 days in advance) with student I.D.* ■ *Discounts do not apply to Dayniter or Sleeping car supplements.* ■ *Refund/exchange penalties: 20% of paid fare (max. \$50.)* ■ *Regular 10% discount to full time students applies any day, without restrictions.*



*Registered trademark of VIA Rail Canada Inc. **Trademark of VIA Rail Canada Inc. *Registered trademark of WordPerfect Corporation.