

## 100 Support disabled

# Student protest against the Royal Bank's move

by Daniel O'Leary

On Monday of this week at Saint Mary's the first demonstration to protest the moving of the Royal Bank from the campus was organized by students at the *Journal*. In May of this year the bank is scheduled to move its operations downtown to a branch on Spring Garden Road.

The demonstration, which involved about one hundred students and faculty members, was held outside of the bank and Greg Merchant, spokesman for the group, met with bank officials and members of the local press. According to Mr. Merchant the move of the bank branch from the campus could be seen as being in ill will as this change of location would necessarily cause for increased hardship for the handicapped students at Saint Mary's. These students would be forced to go to the Royal Bank branch on Spring Garden Road and, because many of these students are confined to wheelchairs, would be forced to rely on Accessabus. The use of this means of transportation is only possible if the person wishing to use the service makes reservations at least twenty-four hours in advance and only if the bus is not already reserved for the time desired.



The use of this service would also cost the student two dollars for each trip which could be a financial hardship for those students on fixed incomes.

The timing of this move is also poor. This year has been announced to be the International Year of the Disabled Persons and also comes as Saint Mary's has just been announced as the site of the 1982 Pan Am Wheelchair

Games. In the past Saint Mary's has prided itself on its facilities for the handicapped and many of the students affected are at the university for these facilities only.

According to the Royal Bank, who have declined to make exact figures public, the branch on the campus is losing money and they no longer see the operation of this branch as feasible financially. From a fairly reliable source the *Jour-*

*nal* has also learned that within the next few days there is to be an in camera meeting between Royal Bank regional representatives and Saint Mary's administration executives. The University has a large account with the bank (Saint Mary's has an annual budget of about eight million dollars) and it is possible that the administration could place some pressure on the bank to reconsider its decision.

The demonstrators point of

view was that the bank as a corporation is far from losing money in its operation. The bank provides a service to its customers and collectively these customers make it possible for the bank to make a profit. At Saint Mary's, the bank is providing a service to the students. If the bank is moved without even clarifying its margin of loss it could very well make these customers very interested in finding out just how concerned the Royal Bank really is in providing a service to Canadians.

The future plans of the demonstrators have not as yet been made public but other demonstrations have been discussed. If the bank does decide to move, the university will be without banking services for the convenience of the disabled and the possibility of another bank taking its place is very unlikely. The only other possibility that has been discussed has been the possible opening of a credit union on campus but, like the other options examined, this does not seem to be an especially promising avenue of action. In the final analysis it seems as if the university will be forced to accept the fact that it might not have a banking service for its students next year.

## Four-week campaign

# McNeil predicts approval of CFS in referendum

by John Parsons

The four-week campaign asking students to join a new national organization will end with Wednesday and Thursday's voting.

Added to the annual Students' Representative Council elections is a referendum question, asking if students wish to become members of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), an infant national student group that will replace the current national organization.

The CFS will incorporate the National Union of Students, the Association of Student Councils and a number of provincial student organizations throughout Canada.

SRC president Mike McNeil said no organized opposition to the CFS has risen in the cam-

paign. "I've also heard of no vocal opposition while visiting areas of the campus," he said.

The SRC began the campaign in the second week of January. If students pass the referendum question St. Mary's will be the first campus to join the CFS. Carleton University in Ottawa is asking the same question of its students Thursday.

A referendum committee consisting of some thirteen students has worked in producing pamphlets, posters and question forums leading to the referendum. Don Perry, field worker for the National Union of Students said the committee found some organizational problems during the Winter Carnival activities.

"The campaign was set up to get the information to students

as quickly as possible," said Perry. He said pamphlets introducing the organization were distributed, and a final pamphlet will be circulating during the election days.

"We've had residence blitz to talk to students about the CFS," said Perry.

McNeil said St. Mary's was asked to hold the referendum before others because of its reputation. "It's not long standing, but in the past few years SMU has emerged as being one of the strongest schools in Canada in its concern for education," he said.

McNeil said he expects the referendum will approve CFS membership for St. Mary's but said a narrow margin may lead students on other campuses to wonder about CFS support. "Council has unanimously

supported the referendum question."

He said the SRC budget has covered campaign expenses. "We've spent around fifty dollars, mainly on producing the pamphlet."

Perry said the main appeals to St. Mary's students have been a stronger national voice in education policy, and the benefits of an expanded student discount program. He said International Student Identity cards will be provided to SMU students and will offer retail discounts at stores in Halifax and across the country.

"We don't have the resources to do the work that needs to be done at the moment," Perry said.

Candidates speaking at Tuesday's Executive forum

backed the CFS. "The government is planning to cut back funding by up to two million dollars," said V.P. External candidate Ian Patterson. "SMU will get burnt if that happens."

"CFS membership will serve to consolidate all universities on a national and provincial level," said candidate Craig Reed.

The referendum question will ask if students "wish to join a student organization incorporating all existing national and provincial student organizations for a fee of five dollars per student per year."

Three of the five dollars collected will fund the national body while one each will go to the services and provincial components.



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## LENTEN LECTURES 1981

### THE HERITAGE OF CATHOLICISM

February 22, Professor Arthur Murphy, Dept. of Modern Languages, Saint Mary's University, "The Christian anthropology of Karl Rahner, S.J."

March 1, Prof. John Mackriss, Dept. of Modern Languages, Saint Mary's University, "The religious psychology of the Greek Fathers"

March 8, Dr. Emero Stiegman, Dept. of Religion, Saint Mary's University, "St. Bernard and the birth of modernity"

March 15, Dr. John MacCormack, Dept. of History, Saint Mary's University, "The Church and Freedom"

March 22, Dr. Arthur Monahan, Dept. of Philosophy, Saint Mary's University, "Philosophy and politics in the Middle Ages"

March 29, Father Lawrence Murphy, S.J. Dept. of Religion, "The Church and the Reformation"

April 5, Rev. William Stewart, S.J. Department of Philosophy, Saint Mary's University, "The significance of Bernard Lonergan for the modern Church"

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Theatre B, Burke Education Centre.

The public is invited to view a display of solar collection systems in the Multi-Purpose Room, Loyola Building, Saint Mary's University, on Friday, February 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. The display is being presented by the Nova Scotia Energy Society and Public Works Canada.

A display of solar collection systems will be open for public viewing at Saint Mary's University on Friday, February 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The display will be in the Multi-Purpose Room, Loyola Building and is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Solar Energy Society and Public Works Canada.

The solar collection systems will be built in the Multi-Purpose Room during the Solar Domestic Hot Water Installation Workshop conducted by the Canadian Solar Industries Association and Public Works Canada. As part of the Workshop, participants from such areas as the Civil Service, consulting engineering firms, and plumbing firms will build the systems and prepare them for operation. Four systems are to be completed.

The public is welcome. Admission is free.

## Announcement of CARIBANZA CELEBRATION 1981

Come on out and enjoy a taste of Caribbean Culture as the Caribbean Student Societies of Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent Universities once again hold their annual CARIBANZA celebration.

The celebration starts on Friday, February 20, 1981, at 8 p.m. at Mount Saint Vincent's Seton Academic Centre with a "Cultural Extravaganza", featuring song, dance, music and drama.

The action continues on Saturday, February 21, 1981 at 7:15 p.m. at Dalhousie's McInnes Room with a "Dinner/Dance" and a supporting side show. Carnival costumes will be on parade. Live music by "TOUCAN", the newest and hottest band in town playing all the latest West Indian sounds.

Tickets available at the Burke Education Centre at Saint Mary's University or at Dalhousie's SUB. For further information, please call 429-4664, 425-6985, or 443-1759.

SUM OF MONEY FOUND ON CAMPUS-IF YOURS, CALL

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Dr. Christopher J. Turnbull will give an illustrated talk at Saint Mary's University at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 in Room 310, Science Building.

His speech, entitled "Archaeology in New Brunswick", will deal with the archaeological evidence for early human habitation in New Brunswick, including some unpublished information.

Dr. Turnbull is Provincial Archaeologist of New Brunswick. He is the director of provincial archaeological projects, and excavator of many key sites for reconstructing the earliest coming of man to the Maritimes. He is chairman of the Archaeological Committee of the Council of Maritime Premiers.

The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, Saint Mary's University, and the public is invited to attend.

"The Church and the Third World" will be the subject of a panel discussion at the International Education Centre, Burke Education Building, Saint Mary's University, on February 19 at 8 p.m. Dr. Gordon MacDermid, Professor of Church History at the Atlantic School of Theology, will chair the program which will include short presentations of views on four areas of the Third World.

The films "In All Seasons" showing the work of Canada's weather bureau, "Those Wild Wild Mushrooms" and "Island of Monkeys" will be shown at the Nova Scotia Museum on Sunday, February 22. Showings at 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Dr. David Parton will talk about the causes and treatment of migraines at the Dartmouth Regional Library, Woodlawn Mall Branch, Tuesday, February 24 at 10:30 a.m.

A \$1,000 grand prize will be awarded in the Special Poetry Competition sponsored by World of Poetry, a quarterly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.00.

Says Contest Chairman, Joseph Mellon, "We are encouraging poetic talent of every kind, and expect our contest to produce exciting discoveries."

Rules and official entry forms are available from the World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton, Dept. N, Sacramento, California 95817.

There will be a public showing of winter stars at the Nova Scotia Museum's Planetarium on Tuesday, February 17 at 8:00 p.m. The Planetarium is located in the Dunn Building, Dalhousie University.

"India in the Ninth Decade" will be the topic of the noon hour forum to be held at the Halifax City Regional Library, 5381 Spring Garden Road on Thursday, February 26 from 12 noon-12:45. Professor Hari Das of St. Mary's University will look at the emerging economic and social issues that will be of particular importance to India in this decade. All welcome.

The puppet show "Little Red Riding Hood" will be presented by the Halifax City Regional Library at Chebucto Heights School, Spryfield on Saturday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m.

The puppet show "The Donkey Prince" will be shown at the North Branch Library, 2285 Gottingen Street on Saturday, February 28 at 2:30 p.m.

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## NEWS

# Superstition reigns at ARCUP meeting

by Daniel O'Leary

Friday the thirteenth was bad luck for the students of Acadia as delegates from member papers of ARCUP (Atlantic Region Canadian University Press) arrived for a weekend of planning and discussing the future of the region in the next half year. A number of important issues including advertising contracts, membership communication, editorial direction (to the uneasiness of the *Journal* delegation), and the question

of which issues can be seen to affect the students represented by member papers.

Opening night meetings dealt mostly with hearing reports from individual papers and forming a committee to draw up questions to be asked of the two candidates for regional staff persons. Saturday included seminars on advertising, news investigation, design and production, CUP media services, and a discussion of student issues

including the formation of the Canadian Federation of students (for which Saint Mary's students will have the first opportunity in the country to vote on in a referendum), student aid, and the position member papers will take on international issues such as Salvador and its peoples' struggle within the country.

In the evening a film was shown by representatives from Oxfam on the situation in Salvador and a petition was

circulated asking delegates to support asking the Canadian government to discontinue aid to the Junta in Salvador.

The closing plenary on Sunday had delegates voting on the motions which arose from the meetings on the weekend. One of these was the election of staff persons for the ARCUP region who would be responsible for doing field work for individual papers. The two candidates were Sue Drapeau and Frank Morin who

both are students from the Picaro, Mount St. Vincent's student paper. The *Journal* found one of these candidates to be unacceptable and rather than lend to staff dissension, abstained from voting in the election. Both candidates were eventually rejected. Frank Morin did however, later become elected to represent ARCUP at the national advertising co-op that was organized at the national conference over the December break.

## Cutbacks will cripple us says researcher

OTTAWA (CUP)—Most Canadian research will come to a grinding halt if federal funding to research councils and universities is not increased, according to the president of the Canadian Federation of Biological Sciences.

John Cowan said February 10 the expected research funding increases would be insufficient to maintain the current level of research.

"I think that we're in much more serious trouble than anyone realizes yet," he said.

The federal government provides funding for research through three granting councils, who in turn finance individual researchers and universities. The Medical Research Council is expected to receive a 9 per cent increase in funding, the National Science and Engineering Research Council will likely receive 11.5 per cent and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council may get 8 per cent.

Although the final decision on the budgets for the councils will not be made until later this month, Cowan said the councils have been advised verbally of these increases. He also said John Roberts, Minister for Science and Technology, hinted at these percentages.

"Roberts said he wouldn't discourage this belief," said Cowan.

Cowan said these increases are insufficient because the rate of inflation for scientific research is higher than the regular inflation rate as a result of the cost of importing supplies and equipment. Also, he said, there is a backlog of equipment replacement requests, which have built up over years in inadequate funding, that cannot be answered under the proposed budgets.

"The councils have also made long range financial commitments based on five year plans that were approved over a year ago," said Cowan. For example, the Science and

Engineering Council had a budget of \$206 million approved last year and that would be reduced to \$181.5 million if the new proposal takes effect.

"There was a different government in power then," said Cowan. "We had assurances that neither party would change the five year plans."

Cowan dismissed the state-

ment Roberts made January 19 which suggested there would be "real growth" in research and development funding for next year.

"We in the scientific community are not fooled," he said. "Of course, I would be delighted if the minister's claim is true."

Cowan said the possible research and development

cuts and the upcoming announcement on cutbacks in post secondary education funding to the provinces are "two sides of the same coin. We can no longer expect overhead support from post secondary education funding," he said.

At a press conference February 9 at the University of Toronto, John Leyerle, dean of

the school of graduate studies, said the inadequate funding has left research in a state of "demoralization, disarray and inability to fulfill goals."

Leyerle noted that only 0.9 per cent of Canada's Gross National Product is spent on research, as compared to 2.4 per cent in the United States and 2.2 per cent in West Germany.

## Common front fights possible EPF reduction

OTTAWA (CUP)—Students, faculty and administrators from across Canada have joined forces to protest the federal government's possible withdrawal of \$1.4 billion in post secondary education funding.

The National Union of Students (NUS), the Association of Universities and Colleges Canada (AUCC) and the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) are urging the government to give careful consideration to the impact of such a cutback. Currently about \$3 billion is allocated to post-secondary education in cash transfers through the Established Program Funding (EPF).

"We want the federal government to recognize the importance of EPF," said Bob Patry, assistant director of information at AUCC. "The universities as a whole, and faculty and students would be severely affected by a withdrawal of funding."

John Doherty, NUS executive officer, said the common front of the three groups will act as a unified voice against the cutback proposal.

Although no official funding announcement has been made by the government, the three groups believe a major cutback is a virtual certainty. In his March budget presentation, Finance Minister Allan MacEachen said the government would be "looking for considerable saving" from

EPF.

Yet, Treasury Board president Donald Johnson, speaking at McGill University recently, said the reports of EPF cuts are media speculation and nothing has been confirmed.

The president of Simon Fraser University, George Pedersen, said February 3 students should not panic

(ZNS)—A Vancouver man has decided to take advantage of the war paranoia in the United States following the election of Ronald Reagan.

John Dowd has produced a "Ronald Reagan Survival Kit." It sells for \$3000, and consists of a six-month supply of food for two people, a



radiation detection kit, a fire extinguisher, an anti-contamination suit, and a copy of *War and Peace* to read while everyone else is in the final stages of meltdown.

Says Dowd, who at last report has yet to sell his first kit: "Perhaps I'll throw in a guide to infra-red cookery."

because he does not believe the federal government will actually withdraw their funding to the provinces.

"I don't honestly believe they could cut all that back," he said.

CAUT is hoping the government will establish a public inquiry before deciding on any cuts. Conservative MP Tom MacMillian and NDP finance

critic Bob Rae both recently called for a task force to study provincial funding and the effects of cuts before a decision is made.

Patry said AUCC has been encouraging university presidents to present their concern to cabinet ministers. Many post secondary administrators have already expressed fears about the effects of funding withdrawal.

## BRIEFS

(ZNS)—The American government's "marijuana monopoly" has caused a serious nationwide shortage of "medical quality marijuana."

The states of Hawaii, California and North Carolina have been approached by a marijuana reform group, The Alliance for Cannabis Thera-

peutics, to seriously consider the growth of the weed for medical uses.

Officials in the three states seem interested in the idea. All three states are noted for their ability to produce particularly strong strains of marijuana.

## Sexy Computers

(ZNS)—The syntonic software company of Houston reports it has sold more than 10,000 copies of an x-rated program for small home computers.

The program, called "interlude", asks whatever combination of consenting adults is in the room a series of very personal questions. The replies are punched into the keyboard.

"Interlude" then prints out detailed instructions describ-

ing—on the basis of the answers it has received—what the people present should do to each other. These instructions, the company says, range "from basic foreplay to light bondage."

Syntonic president David Brown notes the computer can be very beneficial when—in his words—"the man and woman are already feeling warmly toward each other, but do not have an exact format in mind for the evening."



# EDITORIAL NOTES

## The Royal Bank bails out

With the recent controversy on campus the Journal has decided that it should make clear its position on the issue. The issue we speak of is of course the moving of the Royal Bank from Saint Mary's.

As you probably know, the Journal has been very active in organizing the movement against the bank and also released pamphlets explaining our opposition to the move. It is our opinion that the bank move shows an unfortunate lack of caring about their customers by the Royal Bank and is at the very best an extremely poorly timed escape. Our question to the bank would be to ask what the bank executives see as the main aim of their corporation; the gaining of profit without concern for the interests of the public, or rather the service of its customers which is something understood in giving the charter to Canadian banks by the Bank of Canada.

At Saint Mary's facilities for the handicapped are among the very best in the country. For this reason we have a fairly large number of disabled students at our university. In the event of a bank move these students would be forced to find an alternate banking service that would include finding transportation to and from that bank—a not easy task for those confined to a wheelchair.

To compound this lack of caring as far as public relations are concerned the Royal Bank has refused to make public the exact figures of their losses and have also voiced no concern over their handicapped customers. The Journal would just like to ask that the Royal Bank to either reconsider their position or make clear their reasons for leaving with documented figures and with a rationale for abandoning its presumed commitment to the handicapped and to the customers it serves.

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## Letters to the Editor

### To the Journal:

This is in reference to the article "Saga Ransacked" in last week's Journal. The Journal seems to have taken the position that residence security is lacking and is primarily to blame for the recent break-in at the Saga Office. We, the Residence Staff would like students to consider the following factors before condemning the quality of security in residence:

1. Despite the fact that Saga's Office is adjacent to the Residence Desk, the rooms are separated by two heavy wooden doors, between

these doors are six vending machines all making various noises. There are also four elevators continually opening and closing. An addition there's a constant flow of students using the above machines in the early hours of the weekend mornings. Unusual noises may also originate from Hen Alley, the second floor and the collonade—with only one desk clerk working at each High Rise desk it is impossible to discern where these noises are coming from let alone investigate each and every-

one.

2. Residence Staff are frequently away from the desk responding to various complaints and assisting students locked out of their rooms.
3. Even if we had suspected something may be wrong in the Sage Office (any office or the cafeteria for that matter) we do not have keys for these places, our only means of investigating it would be nothing short of breaking down the door.
4. Thieves are also known as "cat-burglars" for a very

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## Finally bringing home

### A GREAT TEDIOUS DEBATE

by Mary Renaud of Canadian University Press

In his attempt to bring home the Canadian constitution complete with amending formula, bill of rights, *et alia*, Pierre Trudeau has engaged the country in one of the greatest and possibly most tedious debates in its history.

The decision to bring the constitution home is long overdue; some say as much as 50 years overdue. The brunt of the debate, however, has not focused on the issue of whether the constitution should be patriated, but rather whether it should be done without the agreement of the provinces on things as fundamental as a bill of rights and an amending formula.

It is probably not realistic to expect that Trudeau could ever have managed to get the provinces to agree to his plan, no matter what the substance of the proposal was.

"If he could have gotten the provinces to agree that would have been great. But it's silly to patriate without an amending formula. Then everything would be just frozen in amber," said Canadian government expert and McGill professor James Mallory.

The nature of the amending formula is one of the areas of greatest concern. The federal government has proposed a modification of the 1970 Victoria formula, which would require the approval of the federal government, Quebec, Ontario, two Atlantic provinces, and two Western provinces with 50 per cent of the region's population.

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The alterations to the formula are that the legislatures in the provinces would have to pass any proposed amendments rather than going with simple government approval. The other twist is that if the legislatures fail to pass the amendment the government has recourse to a referendum.

"The key thing that the federal government added on which is most offensive is the national referendum," said Richard Schultz, visiting professor from York University, who spent two years working in the federal-provincial relations office.

"I'm of two minds of the issue. The dangers are not insignificant. However, on balance it is a measure which allows people to have some sort of say," said Schultz.

Mallory, however, is unequivocal.

"I don't believe in referenda. It's difficult to get people to take a complicated issue and then just count heads," he said. "If you just count heads, the vast majority would like to restore hanging, and, for all I know, flogging. Your average MP or cabinet minister is a relatively responsible person.

"Trudeau is deluding himself if he thinks this would work. In countries where they have such referenda, they hardly ever lead to change. People believe 'Better the devil you know...'"

The original draft of the bill of rights was as full of holes as Swiss cheese.

Entrenching a bill of rights has also caused much heated discussion. The substance of the proposal itself has come under fire, and garnered the wrath of women's groups, native groups, legal and police associations and many others.

According to Mallory the original draft of the bill of rights "appalled most of us who had been involved in discussions. It was as full of holes as Swiss cheese."

The government has now proposed a series of amendments and it is now without a doubt superior to the original plan.

However, the very idea of entrenching a bill of rights in the constitution is at issue. "Trudeau was determined to get a bill of rights in the constitution. It was increasingly clear that it would be tough to sell the provinces. But he's a man with a mission and he's stubborn," said Mallory.

The debating regarding entrenchment divides along two lines. One argues the only way to guarantee the fundamental rights of the citizen is through entrenchment. The other favors the British tradition which argues that an individual is better protected by judicial interpretation of common law.



## ... We are not to blame

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good reason they go about their business cautiously and quietly. In this case the suspect is believed to know the residence complex as well as or better than most residence students and would therefore realize that extreme caution was necessary in order to avoid detection by the desk clerks on duty.

5. On the evening of the theft, the lights outside the Saga Office were not on due to a mechanical failure of the automatic timer. The fact that there was no lighting outdoors on this particular night made it an ideal time for the break-in to occur.
6. You must keep in mind we are not a Professional Security Force, but just ordin-

ary full time students like everyone else trying to do a very demanding and trying job despite the minimum wage we are paid and the little appreciation we receive.

In closing we would like to say, the next time; there's noise when you're trying to study, you want residence information, you are locked out, the elevator is broken, you see residence property being abused, a fight has to be broken up; you want your underground parking space vacated, you want high school kids removed from residence, a taxi called, emergency first aid (For which we are trained), you want the fire alarm shut off, a classroom or corridor opened, the multi-purpose

room opened, a corridor to a professor's office opened, a plumbing or electrical problem taken care of, or numerous other duties we try to fulfill to our utmost, remember why we may be away from the desk or the phone is so busy. This article is not intended to take the blame off ourselves but to make you realize why we may have missed this unfortunate incident or any other for that matter. Please consider the other factors that were involved before laying the blame solely on us.

**Saint Mary's University  
Dons and Desk Clerks  
Editor's note:**

*The Journal's position is that security in general is lacking; residence security is not solely responsible.*

## the Cdn. Constitution

Trudeau has argued that the 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights is only an influence on Parliament rather than a constitutional limitation, and hence not powerful enough. Other human rights legislation, be it federal or provincial, is subject to amendment or repeal by the enacting legislature. Trudeau also believes that the Bill of Rights must declare invalid any existing or future statute in conflict with it.

On this matter, British Columbia presented a brief in December to a British foreign relations committee arguing that Trudeau's plan would contradict an established constitutional convention that requires Ottawa to obtain the consent of the provinces before seeking constitutional amendments that would diminish powers or affect federal-provincial relationships.

Here they argued that the Bill of Rights diminished provincial powers because any law, federal or provincial, that is inconsistent with the provisions of the charter is inoperative and of no force or effect.

Our courts aren't well equipped to handle a bill of rights. Therefore, some serious questions are raised about the Court's ability to handle an entrenched bill of rights.

Donald Smiley has argued: "At different times and under different circumstances human societies recognize different rights and order those so recognized according to quite different priorities and that the rights won in one generation often become in quite unintended ways the bastions of reaction and privilege in the next."

It would also be argued that the financial resources of most Canadians are too limited to pursue such issues.

"If you encourage people to think they have rights they will invoke them and those who do won't be the weak and dispossessed. You're talking about a tremendous commitment of resources to carry (a case) through to the end," said Schultz.

There is also concern that the Canadian court system is not equipped to handle the new responsibilities it would be faced with under such a charter.

The Supreme Court has been criticized for its handling of the 1960 Canadian Bill of Rights by University of Toronto professor Peter Russell, who did acknowledge, "even in a country where the public and the courts are accustomed to the judiciary's playing a large role in the revision of legislation this would be a remarkable challenge."

According to Mallory, "It's fair to say our courts aren't well-equipped to handle a bill of rights. Therefore some serious questions are raised about the Court's ability to handle an entrenched bill of rights."

Said Schultz: "A bill of rights in the U.S. did not prevent the government from infringing on the rights of the citizens."

The fundamental dangers to civil liberties in this country are posed by the Official Secrets Act and the War Measures Act.

"How many women's issues do you want settled by male-dominated courts?" he asked.

The patriation of the constitution is a welcome move. However, the government's proposal is somewhat flawed.

The amending formula, as it stands, is not acceptable. Referenda are not reliable pulse-taking measures. Ambiguous or unclear questions along the lines of the one posed by the Quebec government in the May referendum illustrates part of the problem. Massive advertising campaigns, with accompanying distortions, also mean unreliability. Further, it is not realistic to assume that people are capable of resolving complex natural resource or language issues in the isolation of the voting booth.

The Bill of Rights may be a fine idea, but the fundamental dangers to civil liberties in this country are posed by the Official Secrets Act and the War Measures Act; legislation which will remain in place after patriation.

The high-minded language which has been used by the Liberal cabinet ministers in defence of the Bill of Rights is interesting when contrasted with the government's 11-year history.

## Our choice for the new SRC

The next couple of days is going to see an SRC election on the campus. At the forum Tuesday the **Journal** tried to ask as many questions as possible to the prospective candidates in an effort at giving each person an equal opportunity at offering his point of view to the students. What we eventually came to realize however, was that in these times of financial hardship it would be disastrous for the **Journal** to make no effort at informing the students who we think are the best suited to handling the very complex problems of the SRC.

For President it would seem obvious to us that the council needs someone with experience first of all. In our opinion Mike McNeil would be the best choice for this job simply because of his very considerable experience both nationally and on the campus itself.

For the position of Vice President External we feel that Ian Patterson would be the best choice, again because of his experience.

For Vice President Internal we would have to choose Nick Falcon. Nick has worked with the **Journal** on occasion this year and we feel him to be a very well informed candidate.

For Treasurer our choice again is based on experience. Dougal MacDonald has been business manager at the **Journal** this year and has proved himself to be very well-versed in the economic problems of student politics.

The **Journal** does not as a general rule make up a specific voting card to support during elections because in the past we have been less aware of internal politics. This year however, we feel that the economic situation would be much worse not only for the **Journal**, but for students in general if we do not make an effort to speak out. At this point we have realized that most students are not well informed and we no longer have the time to inform them completely about the pertinent issue but these are our choices.

### ELECTION INFORMATION

Student Representative Council elections will be held on Wednesday, February 18 and Thursday, February 19. The voting times will be as follows:

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The voting booth will be located at the catwalk between the Loyola Building and the McNally Building.

The Canadian Federation of Students referendum will also be held at this time in the same location. The referendum voting will close at 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 19.

There will be a candidates' meeting on Wednesday, February 11 at 5 p.m. in the SRC office on the 5th floor SUB.

There will also be a candidates' forum on Tuesday, February 17 at 2 p.m. in the theatre Auditorium. This will give the candidates a chance to address the students. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

**Thank-you  
Russ Anderson  
Chief Elections Officer**



# Student Council Executive race

## Presidential candidate



Mike McNeil

Hello, my name is Mike McNeil. I am a 3rd year Commerce student running for re-election for the position of President.

The task I have faced this past year has not been an easy one. I found the SRC to be in both structural and financial disarray.

**STRUCTURAL**—I have discovered 4 constitutions and 3

sets of by-laws which are all different. To correct this, I am compiling a single constitution and by-laws document. If elected, I would have this ready for council and referendum approval by September.

**FINANCIAL**—This year the SRC had an audit of the previous year's council. A 35,000 dollar deficit was discovered with the Pub losing \$7,000, Bashes (including bands and bar) losing \$21,000 and a \$24,000 loss on the Health Plan. The Pub Board of Governors has been re-instituted and tighter inventory and pricing controls have been applied. Liquor functions are making money this year. I am presently negotiating with the university to have any loss on the Health Plan absorbed by the University.

Every council must have an audit of its term.

The treasurer must present monthly financial reports for

council discussion.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT**—I propose an immediate referendum on the Athletic Fee. \$3,000 of this money is being used as guarantees for visiting teams. The Athletic Dept. should pay for this and the additional \$3000 used to subsidize more buses for visiting games.

**FUNDING**—St. Mary's University is facing the greatest threat to its existence in its history. The proposed federal spending cuts could spell the end of SMU. A strong national voice is needed for students. I strongly urge students to vote yes for C.F.S.

The SRC has taken great strides towards stability. Yet more must be done. St. Mary's needs an SRC President who understands the needs and the problems of Council students NOW!

For continuity, financial stability, and leadership, re-elect Mike McNeil.

I'm concerned and you should be too! For the past three years, I have been a student here at St. Mary's and lived in residence. I have, during this time, watched the relationship between the students, faculty, administration and the Student Council deteriorate. I feel that a strong relationship between all sectors of the university community is vital to the success of the Student Representative Council. The damage done is not beyond repair—communications between societies and the SRC must be re-opened; a mutual respect between faculty, administration and the SRC must be attained if the students are to receive the benefits they deserve. As President I know that I have the desire to correct these wrongs.

The SRC is a corporation, set up and financed to serve the interests of the students. As in every successful business, it must have strong management at its helm—one that can and will delegate authority and control. I feel that our council needs a President at the helm that can

utilize all the resources this university has to offer, and make the SRC a successful business—one whose main aim is the benefit of the students it represents.

There is plenty of room for improvement not only in the communication and accessibility aspects mentioned before, but council's direct involvement in student life on this campus must be improved—snow and ice removal for the benefit and safety of all students especially our handicapped, and parking facilities for those off campus students to name but a few.

In closing a brief comment on the deficit. Knowing that as of Feb. 1979 SRC had no outstanding debts, I see a current deficit to the tune of \$35,000 as a clear illustration of incredible financial irresponsibility of the last two Student Councils!

A fresh beginning will bring new solutions to old problems. It is your money and your future—you decide it with your vote on Feb. 18th and 19th. For a positive and concerned council vote Donnie SMART PRESIDENT.

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Ian Patterson

My name is Ian Patterson, a commerce student and I am running for Vice President External. I have experience on the Student Council as the Commerce Representative. In this role, I represented the Commerce students on council as well as the Chinese, MBA, AIESEC and the Commerce Society. I also represented St. Mary's on the SUNS (Student Union of Nova Scotia). I worked on the 1.5 issue and the new CFS (Canadian Federation of Students) informing students about the issues.

The reason I am running for V.P. External is to represent St. Mary's on SUNS and NUS (National Union of Students). Also to act as liason between St. Mary's and other univer-

## Vice-President External

sities in Nova Scotia and throughout Canada. I will be working with other council members on issues concerning the student body of St. Mary's.

If elected, I will work for better quality student aid, maintaining tuition levels, without unnecessary increases. Also I will work to help establish CFS as a student organization for all students at Saint Mary's.

Finally, with the experience I have gained as Commerce Representative working on Student Council and SUNS, I feel that I may benefit the students of St. Mary's in the position of V.P. External.

**Man with experience**  
**Ian Patterson**



Craig Read

Hello, my name is Craig Read, a third year commerce student running for the position of V.P. external.

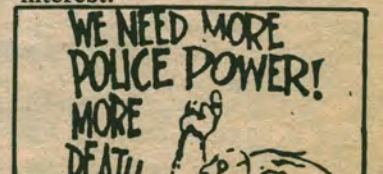
I'm very interested in student affairs and would strongly represent SMU students in all external matters.

As V.P. External, I will be involved directly with government funding programs. My bank book and I are both aware of how hard we will be hit if federal spending is cut back. Not only will tuition of Students would serve to consolidate all universities and present a united voice on both a provincial and federal level. I support CFS.

Besides being involved on a national level as V.P. External, I would also be involved in matters involving SMU students on a local level. I will do my best to improve the overall costs rise but government summer employment programs will be reduced. So where do we get the money? Less than fifty percent of all students who applied for student aid last year actually received what they asked for. Not only this but student aid interest rates are expected to rise also. As V.P. External, I will be maintaining constant contact with other Canadian universities in an attempt to overcome this problem.

On the local level, I will also deal with Dalhousie concerning the acceptance of SMU I.D. cards at Dal functions.

I feel I have the time and ability to solve these problems and I ask for your support. Thank you for your time and interest.





# off to a running start

## Vice-President Internal



John Akkerman

My name is John Akkerman and I am running for the Office of Vice-President Internal in the upcoming S.R.C. elections.

I am presently in my third year of a commerce program, and as many of you know am employed by Saga Foods and the S.M.U. Campus Police.

One of my goals, if elected, would be to help improve on the financial position of the S.R.C. The revelation of the huge deficit, as many of you know, has only exposed a host of problems which ultimately affects you and I as students.

A complete review of all the revenue and expenditure functions of the S.R.C. would be one of my main priorities.

Communications between the S.R.C. and the student body has during the past two years been almost nonexistent. If elected, I would try to reopen these lines so that each and every student would be better informed. The S.R.C. is made up of students who are supposed to represent the entire student body, and as representatives, are to act as liasons between the student body and the council. It is simple—communication must be re-established.

School spirit here is nil to say the least. If elected I would try to improve on it. Obviously, however, I would not be able to solve such a problem myself—I would need the support of all the students.

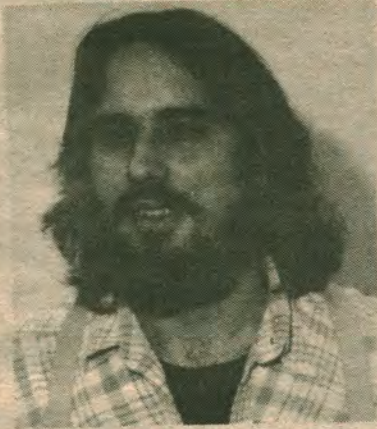
I feel that I am sensitive to the problems that will face me if elected to office.

I have a year left before I graduate and would very much like to help do something about our current problems before I leave.

I have lived on campus for the past two years as I do this year. My plans are to return to residence again next year, giving me immediate accessibility to all internal related matters.

I have the time to do the job and I also feel I have the energy. Above all, however, I feel I have the ability. On February 18th and 19th I ask for your support.

Thank you  
John Akkerman



Nick Falcon

Hello, my name is Nick Falcon and I would like the chance to serve the students of SMU as Vice-President Internal.

As a result of my experiences on the Academic Standing and Student Discipline Appeals Committees, I have recognized in myself an intense interest in the internal politics of the University, and how the power struggles between faculty, administration, and students have had adverse effects on the welfare of students here at S.M.U.

Similarly, my experience as student representative to the Sociology department has provided me with excellent experience in dealing with faculty representatives. As student representative, I have been pleased by the successful negotiation for the reinstatement of student evaluations in the Sociology department.

As a member of the Pub Board of Governors, I feel that I have gained useful experience in understanding and dealing with a serious deficit and the use of policy planning to overcome this serious problem. I have also recognized the value and the need for both monthly budget statements and proposed spending plans (also on a monthly basis) as instruments to stave off future deficit situations.

I also recognize that the central role of the V.P. Internal is to act as liason between societies and campus organizations and the S.R.C. In order to fulfill this responsibility, I pledge to be available in the office at least five hours per week strictly for consultation with student organizations in addition to my other responsibilities as V.P. Internal. If I do not fulfill this pledge, I will voluntarily resign from office.

Nick Falcon



David Hendsbee

Hello. . .my name is David Hendsbee and I'm a candidate for the position for Vice President Internal in the upcoming SRC election.

I am a third year Commerce student and majoring in Marketing. Currently, I am a member of the Off-Campus Society and AIESEC.

I believe that I am aware on what is going on around this campus, and I'm confident that I can render my services as V.P. to further contribute to the mutual benefit of the student body of SMU and the SRC.

Some of the ambitions that I have as possibly being your V.P. Internal are:

1. To further the awareness of SRC activities to the student body. And to be a voice for the student body so the SRC have some knowledge about the current desires and needs of the students.

2. The establishment of an Information Board in the Student Centre and/or by the Residence Desk. This would further increase the students' knowledge of campus activities and events.

3. Try to improve security on the campus grounds, especially in the Student Centre.

4. Further promotion for St. Mary's Radio, CFSM. Possibly to establish a sound system to broadcast CFSM in the Pub, the cafeterias, and the Games Room. For the listening pleasure of the students and more student awareness and support for CFSM.

5. Co-ordinate the activities of the societies to make university life more enjoyable and rewarding for the students. That's for both the off-campus and resident students and full-time and part-time students.

As your V.P. Internal, I will try to make the upcoming year more enjoyable for you. And in the future as you browse through your Yearbook, may you remember 1982 at St. Mary's as a memorable and joyous year.

The other candidates and myself, urge you, the students, to vote in the SRC elections. Good luck to the students and may the best man win. VOTE: DAVID

HENSBEE FOR V.P. INTERNAL. Thank-you for reading.

## Treasurer



Dougal MacDonald

Hello! My name is Dougal MacDonald and I'm running for the position of Treasurer in the upcoming S.R.C. elections. I am a fourth year (5 year program) commerce student majoring in accounting. In my four years here at Saint Mary's, I have worked on the Campus Police Force; Night Manager of the O'Donnell-Hennessey Student Centre (2

yrs.); and I am presently working as Business Manager of our student newspaper, **The Journal**. Having been involved in these different capacities here at Saint Mary's has enabled me to become acquainted with many aspects of our Student Association.

Most every student is aware of the SRC deficit. I believe that tighter controls and closer adherence to budget guidelines will result in a more acceptable financial position for the SRC. Frequent analysis of Council's financial statements is necessary to ensure that Council stays within these guidelines.

My accounting background and experience as Business Manager of **The Journal** will be a great asset to me if elected to the position of Treasurer. Vote YES for Dougal MacDonald for Treasurer on February 18th and 19th. Thank-you.

A little learning is a dangerous thing but a lot of ignorance is just as bad. [August 20, 1921]

## The Cutting Factory





# HOROSCOPE

your world from the stars

by I.M. Kidding

**Aries:** It's time to stock up on vitamins and alcoholic beverages. The vitamins are to induce good health to get you through midterms. The alcoholic beverages are to your health, and to get you through midterms.

**Taurus:** Your sign is in the fourth house of the constellation Pisces, moving through Gemini, Venus and Saturn are in the fourth quadrant, leaving Pegasus. Don't ask me what the hell that all means, but somewhere in that mess is your future.

**Gemini:** What can a little star say to such a well rounded, growing human specimen as yourself, with such diverse interests and outstanding achievements. Also with a direct future and a degree that means something. You are on your

way to unflinching success. Well, the little star says B.S. rather than B.Sc.

**Cancer:** You must consider the underlying and human implications of everything you attempt this week. Don't be too hasty in making decisions, think of the effects it could have on other people. Of course, if it gets back at that little worm of an Economics prof. you have, then go ahead, don't think, just do it!

**Leo:** This week great things will happen. All your questions will be answered. You will. . .What's that you say? . . .You don't know any of the questions? . . .That's fine, I don't know the damned answers. What do you expect from me anyway?!

**Virgo:** Well, Valentines Day is over. Did you get lots of mushy valentine

wishes? Did your sweet-heart come through with your one big wish? NO? Still got it, eh? Well hope you had a happy V.D. anyway.

**Libra:** O.K., so life hasn't been too good to you lately. You're flunking all your courses, you hate all your profs, friends are on your back, your room is a mess, and you love eating Saga food. And you have the gaul to ask me why your mother disowns you?

**Scorpio:** New, improved, more fighting power, yes that's you. A week of vitalizing events, good humor and a stylish ending. A shower, shave, a full day of classes, and a date for the weekend. Gee, you've really got your act together, what do you need with a horoscope?

**Sagittarius:** This is it. I

see it coming. It's the end for you. You had better get your affairs together, cause your shipping out. It's all over for you. You have a week off of classes next week. What a break, eh? [Bet you thought you were goin' to die, right?]

**Capricorn:** What's chinless, yet will knock your jaw off? A Joe Clark martini. You taste it once, and you won't elect to take it a second time around. [Yuk!Yuk!] With sick humor like that, you'll probably be thrown out of any party.

**Aquarius:** Aspirations congenial to futuristic visions of a utopian celestial body will congregate and be contemplated intellectually within your psyche. Bet you didn't know that you were even that talented.

**Pisces:** You will catch

glimpses of your future careers as a defensive end for the Toronto Argonauts, editor for the Comicaly Horrid and leader of the Opposition party of Canada. Here's a gun. Quick, end it now, before it gets worse.

**Hint of the week:** It has been discovered that alcoholism is an evil no matter what the economic situation. People will still drink even in a depression. Personally, I can't think of a better way to get out of a depression]. To discover the evils of alcohol send in for your free copy of The Evils of Alcohol [appropriate title]. Of course you can discover the same thing by picking up a case at the nearest liquor store. In fact, that's a better idea. This dumb book doesn't really exist anyway.

## Fort Apache, The Bronx—the fuse is wet

by Eligio Gaudio

Billed as a "powerful account of the embattled 41st police precinct in New York's violent and devastated South Bronx", Time-Life's "Fort Apache, The Bronx" will not satisfy its intended public, but then neither will it bore the patrons [although it may repulse some of them].

Paul Newman depicts a tough, laconic cop with a sharp sense of humor, while Ed Asner departs from his "Lou Grant" image to play the unbending, always-by-the-book police commander in this attempt portrayal of real-life experiences of two former New York cops Tom Mulhearn and Pete Tessitore.

The movie opens with a

disclaimer that is not meant to be taken as representative of the citizens of the South Bronx, yet emphasizes that the 40 block area has New York City's highest crime rate. Immediately a wobbling, long-legged whore [Pam Grier], who obviously just finished the "night shift", approaches a parked patrol car and calmly proceeds to waste the two cops with a Saturday Night Special hidden in her purse. The audience is then shown the dead bodies gushing blood.

One does not doubt the authenticity of what one sees; what one does doubt is director Daniel Petrie's necessity to illustrate all of the sensationalism. Com-

plete with black prostitutes slicing throats with razors clenched between their teeth, cop killers and killer

cops, suicidal Puerto Rican transvestites and angelic nurses shooting up with smack, Fort Apache, The

Bronx is a must for those conducting sociological studies of human behaviour in the Bronx.



### LUNCH WITH ART

Saint Mary's Art Gallery

Mime Performance

Sherry Lee Hunter

February 20 at 12:30



### Lunch with Art on CBC

by Nicole Watkins

Lunch with Art Friday, February 13, featured Duets for Violin and Viola. The performers were Anne McIlveen Rapson, violin, and Burt Wathen, viola, both from the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra.

The first piece played was a Duet in G Major by Hoffmeister; the second, Three Madrigals by Martinu; and the third, Duet, KA24 by Mozart. All three were beautifully executed.

Anne McIlveen Rapson is

the concertmaster of the A.S.O. and Burt Wathen is the assistant principal viola. The recital was taped by the CBC Radio for broadcast on Music East on April 4, 1981, at 9:05 p.m., on CBC am and CBC fm in mono.

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# Poetry/prose

## Long distance feeling

Wow it's a drag when you're so far away  
 Everlasting impressions soon fade away  
 Maybe your mail never reached its destination  
 Days seem to hang like weeks waiting for her letter

Why do I have to wait for her?  
 Do I want to be successful in life, or a loser?  
 Does success mean not being able to find a woman?  
 Well I think maybe she'll make me successful  
 Who the hell will I be then?  
 A stupid dropout who fell in love

Then she'll grab onto someone more successful  
 It was all a trick to lure me in  
 She tortures me with her seductive smiles  
 Women were placed here to distract us  
 Oh! You haven't figured that out yet?  
 Then you're a fool fool



SID

Majestic Black  
 Against the moonlit sky  
 He rears in the wind  
 Not even life knows why  
 Eyes aglow  
 In the mystic fire  
 The sword is passed  
 From sage to liar  
 The fools' gallop  
 Upon mountain rock  
 The lantern sways  
 But the Hermit shalln't talk  
 Lovers' lie  
 Chained to the stone  
 Satan smiles  
 At what He's been shown  
 Majestic Black  
 With His tail to the moon  
 In a feverish gait  
 The gate of doom

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## Purple sweater

To her I always loved  
 She never spoke my name  
 Only to be a memory  
 I wish somehow she knew

Now my heart has changed  
 She speaks but quite reserved  
 Her heart quite fragmented  
 She seems nice, or does she?

Enraging me with her presence  
 Cold emotions, warm smiles  
 I shouldn't feel this way  
 What a fool I am!

The day will soon come  
 Someone else will be there  
 Only he can preserve innocence  
 I am far too late!

SID

## The sentinel

And there she was, alone.  
 As surely as the lighthouse  
 On the shore,  
 She stood;  
 A beacon in the darkness.

Her eyes, alluring lights,  
 Entreated me to follow.  
 Upon the rocks  
 I stood,  
 Stranded by uncertainty.

And so we stayed unyielding  
 'Til dawn approached  
 To flood the path to safety.  
 We left.  
 A light still burned within. . . .

—Bill Philpott

## Justice

My grandmother  
 Said today  
 The sea and sky are one,  
 Their faces creased  
 In some joint disgust  
 Against the weather.

And she was right.

Old woman  
 How is it you see so much

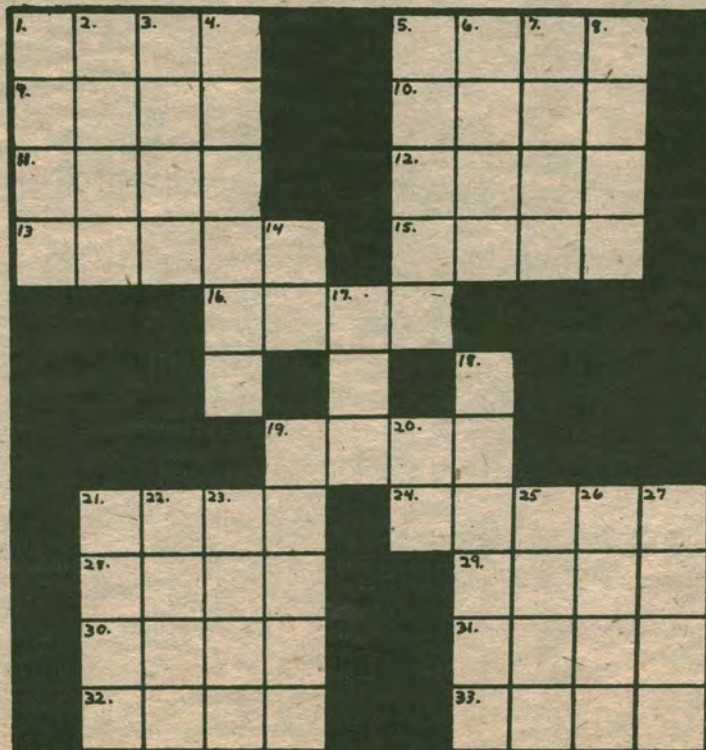
Young man  
 How is it you see so little.

Adrian Auger

## Henry the

### ACROSS

1. Certainly not nearby
5. U.S. Government agency
9. SMUDS may have an open one for you
10. Fervor
11. Diet to be this
12. N.Y. ball team
13. Old habits are this
15. Popular cookie
16. High \_\_\_\_\_
19. The first Red in history
21. Tennis game units
24. First thing you do at SMU
28. Bunch of Acadians
29. Ireland
30. SMU apathy runs rampant here
31. Summer tea
32. Turntables need them
33. Sometimes this is more



## Puzzle Maniac

### DOWN

1. Popular faculty
2. Golfer's warning
3. Landed, as a fly
4. Keep in memory
5. Big man on campus
6. Prophet
7. Strongly dislike
8. Too
14. Nay
17. Paddle
18. Little big man on campus
19. Curvy letters
20. That is (abbr.)
21. Food service, some say
22. The big test
23. Fahr. or Cels.
25. High Rise I
26. Mined materials
27. Calculator lights



# The Consumer Advocate: Stereos, Part 11

## PART ELEVEN: "AUDIO TRADE JOURNALS" by David Hodgson

While the subject of audio trade journals may be deviating somewhat from the path of this series, I felt that its inclusion might well be worthwhile to you as a present stereo user or as a potential audiophile.

The incredible popularity of audio components in the modern era have led to a considerable demand for comprehensive explanatory/review literature. Naturally, scads of magazines and journals have popped up. Some have become renowned; some have fallen by the wayside. The simple fact remains, however, that there is a multitude of publications available on the market today—just take a look in any bookstore. But the issue that I particularly wish to cover here is the current battle between the so-called "established" magazines and their "underground" counterparts. Let me explain further.

The established magazines, such as the "Stereo/Hi-Fi Buyers Guide Series" and "Sound Canada", were started primarily to inform the public generally and to keep the reader up-to-date on audio trends. These types of magazines are often widely-circulated and easily obtainable. In addition, they rely heavily on their advertising revenues for funding. The area that their critics hit on the most, however, is that of their method of reporting. As most of their components that they test are supplied by the manufacturers, they tend to receive "cream-of-the-crop" production items, and since they

receive the products free, they also tend to "gloss over" the products' bad points and report more liberally on the good features. If you read their reviews, you'll see that the criticisms are few and rather mild at that. It is not that I am condemning them—I have a subscription to Sound Canada myself, in fact—rather, that these tend to take an overly-optimistic view of the components they review. It is best to concentrate on the prices, the product specifications and features, and the main articles. In this way, you can usually "filter out" the questionable material.

There's just no way, for example, that a \$150 bookshelf speaker can compete with an \$1100 floor-standing model. This concentration on luxury items for the most part is a major flaw in their publication.

The main distinguishing feature of an underground paper is the fact that it is available by subscription only. The addresses for the subscriptions are also hard to obtain. These two factors tend to keep the circulation low and privileged. Two such publications are **The Sensible Sound** (403 Darwin Dr., Snyder, N.Y., 14226) and **The**

ment" rating guide. For example, the fall 1978 speaker list rates the Beveridge System 2SW (discontinued) as the out-and-out best; the DCM Time-Window as the best full-range system; and the Pyramid Model T-1 as having the best tweeter; and so on. You might notice that the very best brands such as the previous three and others like Rogers, Fried and Symdex are quite unfamiliar names. This is because they go unadvertised and therefore stay in a

few chosen hands. It is ironic that the very best items are not the most widely available, and it is not that they are fabulously expensive—the DCM Time-Window lists at only \$1200 a pair.

So you can decide which publication that you choose to believe in. I hope this discussion has helped to formulate some judgements in your mind, from both perspectives.

**NEXT ISSUE:**

"The \$87,500 system"



The "underground" magazines (underground in the sense that they are very difficult to obtain) have a much more "hard nosed" approach to their reviewing, which is the central feature of their publications. They buy the components they are to test right off the shelf and then thoroughly review them, on both the good and the bad points. Most products usually take a grilling. In fact, most are not even selected because they cannot meet the rigid standards from the outset.

**Audio Critic** (Box 392, Bronxville, N.Y., 10708). The **Audio Critic** tends to be the better of the two (to my way of thinking). The reviews are conducted in impeccable detail and to very strict standard measurements on very exacting test equipment. When you read that a component is rated very highly in **The Audio Critic**, you better believe that it is true high-fidelity equipment.

One very useful service that **The Audio Critic** provides is a comprehensive "best equip-



by Marc Chiasson

Taking a look at movie entertainment around the city we have **Fort Apache**, **The Bronx at the Casino**, **Stir Crazy** is still at the Hyland, and **Lily Tomlin** is in **The Incredible Shrinking Woman** at the Oxford. Paramount 1 seeks the truth with **Altered States**, while Paramount 2 gives **Tribute**. Scotia Square and Penhorn 2 continue with 9 to 5, Penhorn 1 features **The Great Santini**, and Penhorn 3 still goes **Any Which Way You Can**. **My Bloody Valentine** exposes itself at the Cove Theatre and Downsview 1. **The Stunt Man** plays at Downsview 2 and **Seems Like Old Times** continues at Downsview 3. **Spryfield 1** shows **A Change of Seasons**, and **Spryfield 2** plays **The Exterminator**.

Catch the Minglewood Band plus the Roy Young Band this week at the Misty Moon.

The Mason Chapman Band plays the Middle Deck at Privateers Warehouse 'til the 28th, while Ron MacEachern plays the Lower Deck until the 21st.

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# SPORTS

## The watered-down NHL

by Dale Rafuse

The National Hockey League is a long established institution of iron-clad ice warriors who over the years have formed one of the most solid foundations of organized professional sport. For many years this league constituted six teams in six cities in North America and was always considered a source of excellent entertainment.

However, this idea of the NHL has changed considerably, as it has pregated to 21 teams and has spread its fine array of talent thin over 10 of them. The remainder go through the routine of playing 80 games (which constitutes a regular season) and those that make the many playoff spots are eliminated in the 1st round. Surely, a waste of time, energy and money.

The calibre of this hockey usually ranges from good to poor. 21 teams play 80 games to decide 16 playoff spots. With such little inspiration for achievement, how can the

calibre ever increase? Surely, the NHL team owners could learn a valuable lesson from other professional sports around the world. In England, if a high rated soccer team fares poorly, it is dropped to a lower division. In Major League baseball, 24 teams play 156 games to decide 4 playoff spots. In American professional football 28 teams fight for 10 playoff spots. Couldn't the NHL adopt such guidelines to improve the calibre of play? With an increased importance placed on each game, teams would fight with much more vigor and intensity to win the glory of a playoff spot. As it stands now, a team can play for one-half a season, and coast to make a playoff spot.

For the good of hockey, and for the sake of the ticket buying fan, I sincerely hope someone important sees this soon. If not, the NHL could very well become the next WFL or WHA.

Everyone, have a safe, peaceful break.



## Belles guaranteed play-off

by Lorraine MacDonald

Saturday evening, February 14th, the St. Mary's Belles hosted the Acadia Axettes in the SMU gym. The game consisted of even play for the first half, generally demonstrating a hoop-for-hoop scoring pattern. The Belles had all members playing in excellent form. The depth of the Belles was apparent as all players saw action.

At half time the score was 41-37 in favor of the Belles. The second half saw the Belles pull ahead for the most part. The scoring was narrowed slightly by some bad refereeing calls leading to unnecessary foul shots. The Axettes did not play as consistently in the second half and several

incidences of rough play were noted on their behalf. In the last five minutes the Belles scored 13 points and the Axettes 18 points to give the final score of SMU 84, Acadia 76.

Leading Scorer for the Belles was Dianne Chiasson with 19 points, Sharon Simpson added with 14 and several others reached the double figures.

The Axettes gave the Belles a bit more competition this time than they had in their previous meetings.

Darcie Arnold had 36 points for the Axettes, while Angela Vanvarnevelt reached double

figures as well.

It was difficult to ignore the lack of fan support at this game. With play-offs coming up, and the Belles battling for second place, such apathy is not understandable. The last home game of the season is this Friday, February 21, at 8 p.m. in the SMU gym, when the Belles will host the St. F.X. Xettes. Their final game is at Acadia the following Tuesday. Both games are very important.

The play-offs are on the 27th and 28th at Dalplex, and the Belles are guaranteed a play-off spot. They could use your support to help lead them to the AUAA nationals.



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# Refereeing and turnovers cost Huskies game

by Eddie Westlake

Last Saturday the St. Mary's Huskies hosted the Acadia Axemen at the Metro Centre before a large crowd of mainly Acadia supporters. The Huskies came out on the short end as they were defeated by the Axemen 111-105.

The game was marred with many turnovers and some great shooting on the part of both teams. The difference, however, was the refereeing as the Huskies were charged with three technical fouls when they deserved one at the most.

Rick Plato lead the Huskie attack meshing 22 points, while

Kevin Jones added 18.

The lead switched hands throughout the first half with the Axemen having as much as a nine point lead over the Huskies. The Huskies, however, closed the gap to two points at the end of the first half on great shooting by Plato and the rebounding of Jones.

The refereeing took its toll on the Huskies as Ron Blommers drew a technical for kicking the ball. Blommers, who was upset with one of the officials' call, felt that the call was unjust as he showed his feeling toward the call.

The other technical in the

first half went to Fred Murrell for using foul language on the court.

The second half was more aggressive than the first, as the play under the boards became an affair of flying elbows as the big men grabbed down the rebounds.

Plato played a strong second half as he stole the ball twice from an Acadia member to score and tie the Huskies with the Axemen.

Jones, the leading Huskie rebounder, played better in the first 10 minutes of the second half than he did all the game.

The Huskies had closed the gap of Acadia's lead to 2 points and seemed to be ready to take the lead from Acadia when Huskie coach Gary Heald was called for a technical for saying something to the ref. This seemed to take the juice out of the Huskies.

The refereeing was not totally the blame for the Huskie loss. It combined with the missing of layups by Blommers and Jones, who together missed 10 points. They were not, however, the only Huskies to miss these high percentage shots.

The game was almost marred with a fight on the court with only a minute to play as Jones and Bo Hampton exchanged a few words after Jones had slapped Donnie Ehler in the head after Jones had missed a shot from under the hoop.

The Huskies are capable of beating Acadia if they all play together as a team and to their ability. This was shown, as on constant occasions they did not hit the open man. The play of Blommers and Oostveen did not seem as if the two were at their best. Blommers, who was just back off his injury, having played against the X-men

twice, did not seem to play with the same intensity as he did against the X-men.

The Huskie record now stands at 9-5, good for second place in the AUBC. The

Huskies will play host to St. F.X. X-men on Thursday at the Metro Centre. They need your support, so let's have a good showing and not be outnumbered by the X-men fans.



## Support atrocious

by Ed Westlake

In order for a team to keep winning, it needs fan support from you, the students. These athletes are representing the University in the athletic field and you in turn should be supporting these athletes.

This is just not basketball, but all the other sporting events also. On countless occasions, I have attended a St. Mary's game in which the other team's fans outnumber and outcheer the SMU supporters. These are for home games that we should have an advantage for because it's our home court,

field and even ice advantage.

The Huskies can't win if they are given no support. However, if they do indeed win, those who do not show up to the games or even support the team say in the end that they are Huskie supporters.

So let's see some true blue fan support, like that of the Leafs, to see the Huskies win and show its dominance.

The Huskies next game in basketball is this Thursday against the St. F.X. X-men at the Metro Centre. And this time let us outnumber them.

## Hoopsters still hurting

by Eddie Westlake

The St. Mary's basketball Huskies have turned their record around in the second half. After going 2-11 in the first half, the Huskies have changed things around in the second to be beaten three times by the Axemen and only once by UNB and St. F.X., to stand at 9-5 and 2nd in the AUBC behind Acadia.

The Huskies' turnabout can be credited to the play of rookie Fred Murrell, first year men Mike Roberson and Bob Oostveen, and veterans Ron Blommers and Rick Plato.

Early in the second half the Huskies had their problems, but continued to win. Due to a hand injury, the Huskies were without the services of Ron Blommers, and Bob Oostveen due to a case of the flu, but the

Huskies continued to defeat their opposition, except Acadia.

Perhaps the biggest surprise for the Huskies this season was the win over St. F.X. in Antigonish without Blommers or Oostveen. Instead, it was the play of the first year men and rookies combined with the playing of fifth year man Rick Plato that lead the Huskies to the win.

The Huskies continue to have their problems, having dropped their last two games to St. F.X. and Acadia.

It seems as if they have no inside game on their opposition, despite a forward line of Jones (6'11"), Blommers (6'7") and Oostveen (6'7"). These big men must put points on the clock and dominate the boards for the Huskies to have another shot at the Nationals.

These big men have not been doing this, and thus the Huskies loss to Acadia and the X-men.

Fouls seem to hurt the team more than anything. Jones fouls out of many games, taking that height advantage away from the Huskies. Blommers also has gotten in foul trouble many times. They have to stay away from the fouls and put points through the basket in order for the Huskies to shoot for the Nationals.

But these are not the only factors that hurt the Huskies, who at one time were the best team in the country.

Another is the fan support given them. They must be the poorest team for fan support in this league, and maybe even in the country.

## BALLS & PUCKS

by E.W.

The Huskies hockey team continues to have their problems as they were winless this past week. They dropped a 9-2 defeat at the hands of U de M Blue Eagles Sunday and a 7-4 loss to the Dal Tigers. . . The basketball Huskies also dropped a pair of games, losing to the St. F.X. X-men and Acadia Axemen. This dropped the Huskies' record to 9-5 good for second place in the standings. . . The NHL grinds towards the end of the season and it looks like the St. Louis Blues are going to stick with the N.Y. Islanders for first place overall. . . The baseball season is just about ready to begin as the teams start their spring training in about two or three weeks. . . In the NBA, the Philadelphia Sixers lost their first game in 25 starts at their Spectrum. The Sixers however, still continue to lead the Boston Celtics by 2 1/2 games as the two teams are holding the two best records overall. . . Trevor Berbick gave WBC Heavyweight Champion, Larry Holmes a warning this past week when the two signed the contract for the April 11 match. Berbick told Holmes not to take him lightly and should be well prepared. . . St. Mary's own Peter Britt travelled to London this past week to take on a few Europeans in boxing. Peter is the best Canadian in his division. . . For all you curling fans, the Brier takes place beginning March 1 at the Metro Centre. . . Butch Hobson, the third baseman of the Boston Red Sox, signed a contract with the California Angels. The Expos signed their right fielder Elis Valentine to a contract. Valentine, who batted .315 for the Expos missed most of last season due to injuries. . . The university season is closing and the Huskies and Belles have all fared well this year. But with the playoffs coming up and only a few games left they need your support to win. . .