EDITORIALS

How to Make people angry?

What does it take to make people angry? Food that most people wouldn’t feed their pigs? A student union building that would be declared a health hazard by any self-respecting health inspector? A student aid system that is hopelessly incompetent and bungling? What does it take to get people around this university angry enough to do something about these problems? You are going to school, but for what? The chances of getting the job you want when you are finished is getting smaller and smaller. No one is doing anything constructive about this situation, and I don’t even hear a whisper from you who should say as hell.

I am not saying that we should all quit and become labourers. There are not jobs for labourers either. But we should get angry. We should scream from the rooftops that we are being treated unjustly by a myriad of bureaucracies in government and in the university. Instead though, we whimper from you who should be mad as hell.

So, the next time you get sick of eating the same crap in the cafeteria. Or the next time you feel you are being messed around by the student aid program. The next time you go looking for a job and find the situation hopeless — bitch. Tell one person, then tell another. Organize yourselves and do something yourself.

There was a time at this university when students did have some backbone. They protested by occupying the administration building for ten days because the administration wanted to cut back on the Student’s Union powers. Now this is only a memory. People get glassy eyed, if they can remember those fine days and exclaim that everything would be all right IF we only had the spirit of those days back again. That attitude is not worth a piss in the ocean. If want to have something done about the problems in Newfoundland, you are going to have to get off your lazy butts and do something yourself.

We’re losing good talent

How do we thank a person who brought world attention in his field to this university and to this province?

John Dwyer is a wrestler who won a gold medal at the Pan-American Games in Quito, Ecuador this summer. He is forced to find another university in another province or perhaps another country. We are going to lose a very important world class wrestler because this university is not able, or willing to give him a financial break.

Dwyer is only one of many of our most talented people who must leave this province and this university or be faced with loss of stature. They have nothing in store for us but to become a second rate provincial university.

To some, the idea of a wrestler because this university is not able, or willing to give him a financial break. It’s our loss.

Dear Editor;

Although I do not normally write letters to the editor, I feel that I must express my concern about a series of posters that have recently appeared around the campus. The posters, titled “LET THEM KNOW WE’re HERE” are, in my opinion, a dangerous example of misuse of the media. Although the Prime Minister did indeed make the remarks attributed to him on the top of the poster, they are reproduced so completely out of context as to border on misrepresentation. Whatever group is responsible for the poster (and you will notice that they have chosen to identify themselves anywhere on the poster) would seem to care more about presenting partisan political propaganda than it does about admirable causes of better student aid and job creation policies, as they claim.

I am certainly not attempting to defend the record of the Trudeau government on either student aid or unemployment as it must be obvious to almost everybody that their attempts to deal with both of these key problems have been, at best, dismal failures. Neither am I attempting to pick up for Pierre Trudeau as I am certainly as dissatisfied as the next guy with his record. What I am objecting to is the irresponsible way in which the originators of these posters have chosen to quote him out of context. Mr. Trudeau has certainly made numerous objectionable statements on these problems and I welcome any rational attempts to argue him with. However, if the only way that these people can find something to disagree with is to, in effect, create semi-fictional statements to attribute to him by wholesale out-of-context quoting, then themselves are exhibiting the same sorts of irresponsibility for which they are condemning Mr. Trudeau.

The idea which they propose is, that is, that there be a mass campaign of letters sent to the Prime Minister office to express public dissatisfaction is certainly both legitimate and valid, but the fact is that by choosing to promote this campaign in as dishonest a manner as they have, they have almost certainly negated any concrete good that could have been accomplished. I, for one, intend to ignore this campaign completely and I would even go as far as to advise other students not to be party to this irresponsible form of protest either. By all means write the P.M. and tell him how pissed-off you are; it’s a great idea. But if you’re going to do it, do it in a serious and responsible way. He may well be a terrible man to have running the country, but really, is anybody who has to be this low to criticize a man with so many obvious faults any better??

Yours;

Ted Warren
Fourth Year Arts

Lets get off our butts

Dear Editor;

I have just returned to MUN after three years absence and would like to share with you some thoughts concerning the change in the student attitudes and behavior that has come about in that time.

Prior to this, students at Memorial loudly voiced opposition to any new policy or change in procedure that interfered with student rights; rights that were well-defined and fought for with tooth and nail. (The occupation of the Arts-Admin Building in 1972 and the march on Confederation Building are two prime examples.

Those of us who left here at that time were confident that the tradition would certainly be carried on. Especially considering the smashing victories we had won. Oh, how wrong we were.

Student rights — student dignity

Are these just cliches?

The cafeteria reek with the smell of rotten apples. Students get shoved around, have junk slapped before them with never a complaint.

Registration remains a disastrous, chaotic procedure. I had assumed that MUN’s rich history of registration three times a year would, by now, have led to a perfect or near-perfect system.

Students must pay their tuition at Registration or provide proof that the Government is paying. What about those of us who must work during the semester to earn enough for tuition?

The Student Aid Program stinks, even moreso than it did three years ago, mainly because it does not properly provide for continual increase in the cost of living. Doesn’t student cost of living increase as well as that of others on a fixed income?

Wake up! Where is your fight?

Has the system one such a fantastic job of educating you to conform that you are meek and mild little lambs who look forward only to a better life in the next world?

I SMELL APATHY.

Sincerely yours

Larry McCarthy
Survey on jobs for students

by MUSE staff reporter

An attempt to find out just how seriously the current unemployment crisis is affecting students on this campus will be made sometime within the next couple of weeks, according to Students Opposing Education Cutbacks co-ordinator Jim Payne.

The idea for the survey was formed over the summer when it became apparent that there would be many unemployed students this year. A list of questions was drawn up and a request was made to the Department of Student Affairs and Services for funding, to which they readily complied. The object of the survey, says Payne, is to provide "irrefutable evidence" for presentation to the Canada Student Loans' and other regulations, the university must have with which the university must comply, will shorten the term by one day, and to accommodate this the regular four day mid-semester break has been replaced.

The rationalization behind this move is the light class schedule basis on which Memorial works. To adhere to Canada Student Loans' and other regulations, the university must have with which the university must comply, will shorten the term by one day, and to accommodate this the regular four day mid-semester break has been replaced.

The resulting schedule now calls for Memorial Day. Last year classes were held on November 11th, invoking the criticism of the Royal Canadian Memorial to the Newfoundland dead. To adhere with which the university must comply, will shorten the term by one day, and to accommodate this the regular four day mid-semester break has been replaced.

Meeting John Dwyer, the young Newfoundland, who represented Canada at the Pan American Games in Quito, Ecuador last June.

Dwyer won a gold medal for Greco Roman Wrestling (a style in which he had no previous training) and a silver medal for Free Style Wrestling at these games.

Later, he went on to represent Canada at the Junior World Championships in Las Vegas, Nevada. Here he was worthily defeated by a Russian, ranked second in the World Juniors and a Swede, ranked fifth. All these competitions were in the Greco Roman style.

In the future Dwyer plans to attend university on the mainland provided the financial offers are good. He has received some by they were not to his liking. M.U.N., Newfoundland in general, can not provide the competitive tournaments nor do they provide the necessary finances.

Safe on campus?

by Muse staff reporter

In the past there have been some incidents of indecent exposure on campus. Reports of girls being accosted in the Science building after hours and in the library are alarming. The Muse, in an effort to get to the bottom of the problem interviewed Mr. Hammond, the Supervisor of Security.

When asked whether he was aware of the situation Hammond replied in the affirmative stating that one offender had already been arrested but he added that recently the problem has been on the decline. He mentioned however that "it often happens in the library." He was also asked if the campus is a safe place for girls, to which he replied "yes, the university is safe for girls -- we've had a few incidents, but generally it is safe."

He offered a few words of caution, however: "you should not walk anywhere alone if it can be avoided." Mun Security has pledged that a firm stand will be taken on this problem and it is a comfort to the offended to know that there are "two cars on the go day and night" for their protection.

Unfortunately, says Payne, "we can't survey the students who couldn't afford to come back to school because they didn't find jobs so it is incomplete in that respect."

Approximately 2000 students will be surveyed.

Froshing "tame"

By Muse staff reporter

There were no reports of serious injury during this week's froshing, which appears to have served its purpose of arousing a little campus spirit among first years.

Even with the Student Affairs outlawing of informal froshing, the molasses flinging, beer chugging and egg throwing ceremonies, all time-honoured methods of froshing, were still performed in traditional fashion this week.

Under careful supervision of a house official, frosh sang and danced on dining tables, or had their hair toned with molasses. Others were lucky enough to have two dozen eggs squashed in their pants.

One resident Bowater House said frosh week was a little tame this year. He obviously didn't know about the frosh who had a reported 18 pennies inserted up his nose.

Residence fees up

Students residing at Burton's Pond apartments have been faced with an increase in rents of slightly over 9%. Single residence fees at this year's Pond have increased from $280.00 to $310.00 per semester, an increase of $30.00. While married quarters cost $200.00 per month, up from $185.00, an increase of $15.00. This increase is due mostly to increased heating costs as Burton's Pond is heated by electricity and the cost of electricity has risen over the past year.

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By JUDIE MacMILLAN

I lose my respect for the man who can make the mystery of sex the subject of a course jest, yet, when you speak earnestly and seriously on the subject, is silent.

H.D. Thoreau, Journal 12 April, 1852

If you think back to your childhood, to the time when you first came to realize that babies didn’t just arrive with the week’s supply of groceries, and if you stretch your memory to recall the questions that you asked parents and acquaintances on the subject, you may come up with some very funny memories. But then, you probably got varied and even more funny replies to those questions. Maybe you were one of the kids who got a good beginning on understanding sex and reproduction. Maybe your parents explained where those curious beings came from in a way that didn’t make you feel guilty for being curious. Not all parents are comfortable with the subjects of sex, reproduction and birth control. Many indicate verbally or non-verbally that these subjects are no-no’s and avoid discussing them at all from the time their children begin to express curiosity. An attitude that these topics are disgusting and “not nice” to talk about may be conveyed to children who absorb and adopt similar attitudes. Some kids are given books to read in hopes that they will absorb all the most necessary facts because parents are either too embarrassed or don’t know how to approach the subject of sex.

Sex is the tabasco sauce which an adolescent national palate sprinkles on every course in the menu.

Mary Day Winn, Adam’s Rib

At some stage almost everybody starts to talk about sex (although it may not initially be known by that name.) It may be the source of much sniggering and joke-letting and some of those moldy oldy songs about pastoral delight that have been around for years are still being gobbled up by young kids like they’re unique. Much of this type of amusement is visited upon persons at one of their most sensitive periods of personal development, adolescence and information imparted at this point, some of which may be valid and some not, may stay with one for a lifetime.

While today’s young men and women are living in an age where sexual permissiveness may be at an all-time high and have access to well-presented, explicit information about sex, and where means of avoiding unwanted outcomes of sexual relations are available, 1,050 accidental pregnancies occur to Canadian teenagers a week and an average of four single women per day give birth in Newfoundland.

Fear, peer group pressure

Women in their very early teens as well as later adult life often feel that in order to maintain the interest of males they must enter into sexual relations with them. They may fear that, if by the second date they haven’t “put out”, they may not be invited out again by the same man, or might get a reputation for being “frigid” or “no fun” and fear being laughed at, even socially ostracized. A lot of people, male and female, play along with the sex game simply because they want to be like everybody else. They hear of friends having relations and feel it’s just accepted, expected and not to be even questioned.

It can’t happen to me

While many young people see friends facing unwanted pregnancies they disassociate themselves from the very real possibility of their finding themselves in the same situation. It’s the ages old “It can happen to anybody else, but it can’t happen to me” syndrome. Some women may reassure themselves with “Chances are good that this time I won’t get pregnant...” At family planning centers counselors hear the words “I never thought it could happen to me” more than almost any others.

Being uninformed

All methods of birth control don’t work. Some methods are more effective than others. Many believe that it is impossible for a woman to become pregnant while menstruating, as a result they do not even consider contraception as a possibility. A lot of people, male and female, play along with the sex game simply because they want to be like everybody else. They fear that, if by the second date they haven’t “put out”, they may not be invited out again by the same man, or might get a reputation for being “frigid” or “no fun” and fear being laughed at, even socially ostracized. A lot of people, male and female, play along with the sex game simply because they want to be like everybody else. They hear of friends having relations and feel it’s just accepted, expected and not to be even questioned.

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Misconceptions

One of the greatest misconceptions regarding sex that exists among men and women today is that birth control is solely the responsibility of the woman. Before entering into sexual relations with a woman many men don't ask if she is using any form of contraception. They assume that she is 'safe', and that it is her problem if she becomes pregnant. Ideally, both parties should assume equal responsibility for contraception. Lovemaking should be discussed by the couple and if they do not wish to conceive a child, methods of birth control should be decided upon in advance. There are a number of precautions that men may employ, and while most have heard of these, many have never investigated them thoroughly or employed them, throwing the responsibility of birth control on the woman's shoulders.

Some other misconceptions that are held widely include the belief that a woman cannot conceive if she remains on top during intercourse, that the withdrawal method is foolproof (this false idea is common among young people beginning to engage in sexual relations), that a man is impotent after a vasectomy, that women who have not given birth cannot employ an IUD, and that a woman can become pregnant only towards the end of her menstrual cycle.

There are people to talk to

No matter how much one already knows about sex, reproduction and birth control there is probably a great deal still to be learned. If you have questions or medical problems related to these areas there are people who will sit down with you, listen, offer guidance and refer you to other sources if they cannot assist you.

On Campus

At the Student Health Service Dr. Russel Harpur encourages students to think of him as a resource person as well as a medical practitioner. He is available for counselling and is prepared to discuss lifestyles related to sexual behavior as well as offer factual medical information. Dr. Harpur has literature for those who request it. He encourages not only females but males to seek information related to sexuality. Appointments may be made for students to meet Dr. Harpur individually in his office Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. He also encourages group discussions and is willing to meet students (eg: in residences) for open rap sessions.

Dr. Mable Greene, a woman, is at Student Health Service, Monday and Wednesday afternoons. For appointments with Dr. Greene telephone 753-2452 weekdays, nine to five.

Off-Campus services

The Planned Parenthood office at 21 Factory Lane, St. John's. functions as a counselling and referral centre for those (teenagers to senior citizens) who require information related to areas regarding sexuality. Counsellors will meet with persons on an individual basis or as couples. All discussions are confidential. The environment at the centre is relaxed and informal.

Education co-ordinator Barb Collier oversees a variety of activities designed to encourage understanding of sexuality. Group discussions are held for girls one afternoon a week from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a duration of six weeks. These discussions focus on attitudes, anatomy and physiology, feelings, behavior, responsibility and resources and are led by qualified resource people. Individual questions are encouraged at these sessions. Ms. Collier is prepared to meet groups of interested persons outside the centre for informal discussion sessions.

Educational films which present and illustrate aspects of such things as self breast examination, reproduction and birth control may be presented at these discussions or to groups who wish to come to the centre to view them. By appointment. Teen workshops are also being organized.

Finally practice nurse Wendy Williams is available for counselling on matters related to conception and pregnancy.

Wendy will meet with males and females for discussion on all matters related to sexuality and will refer patients to appropriate doctors.

Literature in the form of pamphlets and booklets is available at the centre and the staff may recommend reference materials and inform interested persons of upcoming seminars. Adoption referral services are available. For further inquiries drop by or call Planned Parenthood at 753-7333.

Birth Control Clinic

A birth control clinic will open Tuesday, October 4 in connection with the Planned Parenthood centre. Male and female physicians will be available for appointments between five and nine Tuesday nights. The clinic will offer such services as gynaecological examinations, sexual counselling, free and confidential pregnancy testing, free and confidential VD testing, breast and pap examinations, assessment for birth control devices and fertility assessment. For further information telephone Planned Parenthood.

"What," said Miss Marple, "is S.A.?

"Sex Appeal," said Jane. "Ah! yes," said Miss Marple. "What in my day they used to call 'having the come hither look in your eye'."

Agatha Christie,
The Tuesday Club Murders,
Ch. 11, 1933

There are people to talk to
Intramural and Varsity Sports

Mike Rigby
Are you looking for something to do? Out of shape, interested in sports? If your answer is yes, intramural sports may be just what you're looking for. With something for everyone, the only requirement for qualification is that one be a full-time MUN student.

The tentative schedule for sports this semester is:

Sept. 24
SOCCER .. SOFTBALL .... TENNIS

Oct. 1
HOCKEY .. VOLLEYBALL .. HANDBALL .. CROSSCOUNTRY RUNNING

Varsity Basketball Tryouts

The first tryouts for MUN's varsity men and women's basketball teams will be held in the Phys-Ed gym on Monday, Sept. 19. (5:00-6:00 p.m.) men; (6:30-8:00) p.m. women. Interested players are urged to attend.

Playing within leagues here on the island, both men and women's teams had successful seasons last year.

This year upcoming out of the province tournaments include a men's tournament at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro; and ladies games at UNB included in the Christmas invitational in Saint John, New Brunswick. MUN is incidently, the defending mens champions of this tournament.

Teams can sign up by contacting Keith Taylor (track and field), or Karl Krats Student Athletics Chairman (Phys. Ed. building), or by signing soliciting lists which will appear in residences and respective campus buildings.

MUN Varsity Sports Schedule (Sept. 16-30)

Sat. Sept. 17 .. Field Hockey - UPEI at MUN
Sun. Sept. 18 .. Field Hockey - UPEI at MUN

Sat. Sept. 24 ... Soccer - MUN at St. Francis Xavier
Sun. Sept. 25 .. Soccer - MUN at St. Francis Xavier

Mon. Sept. 26 ... Golf .. Mun at STU AUAA Championships
Tues. Sept. 27 ... Golf - MUN at STU AUAA Championships

Field Hockey Premiere

A strong field hockey team is expected to be fielded by MUN this fall in their opening pair of matches against U.P.E.I. this Saturday and Sunday. With four members from Newfoundland's bronze winning Summer Games team, the MUN team should show experience. New players from strong high school teams and an English import are expected to perform well, leading to guarded optimism by coach Green for a successful season.

Any players interested in field hockey, and not yet playing, may contact Stella Green in G107 of the Phys Ed. building. With a junior varsity team there is a good chance for newcomers to play.

Judo classes registration Monday September 19, in room G 102 of the Phys. Ed. bldg.
Judo classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday weekly from 7-9 p.m.

Fencing Club meets Tuesday and Thursdays in room GB, Phys. Ed. bldg.
Beginners welcome, no charges.

Films: JANIS and GIMME SHELTER will be shown Friday September 16 in the Science Lecture Theatre S 152 Admission $2.00. Time 7:30.

EVEN DWARFS STARTED SMALL will be shown Friday September 16 in the Little Theatre A-105 at 8:00 p.m. Admission $1.50.

WANTED: 1 person, male or female, to share 3 bedroom townhouse with two males. Topsail Road Commonwealth Avenue area. Rent: $80 per month plus 1/3 of utilities. Phone 364-5163 after six and weekends.

Greatly Needed: Transportation to and from Torbay on weekdays. Will share in expenses. Call Judie at 437-6662 or leave a message at the Muse office.
Counselling Centre: Help in a relaxed atmosphere

By Peter Rideout

Everyone has problems. How you choose to handle your problems and hassles will, to a large extent determine your degree of success in life.

The Counselling Centre in Temporary Building six, room 10 is there to help you meet these problems in a relaxed atmosphere.

In a recent interview with two members of the Centre, Lisa Hurd and Larry Cochran, I learned some valuable information concerning the many forms of aid and guidance which are available to MUN students. No matter what your problem, be it large of small, personal or purely academic, the friendly and qualified staff will help you solve it. They emphatically stressed that any problem be dealt with before it compounds itself, as problems with your personal life can not fail to affect your grades, and vice-versa.

The Counselling Centre offers such wide and varied programs as speed reading, biofeedback training, (controlling one's body through mental effort) and career planning. Other courses include relaxation training, job search strategies, weight control and learning from records. This latter course is designed to help students handle and mentally file the vast amounts of information given them at university.

There is a wide assortment of self-help and instructional literature available at the Counselling Centre, and at the Career Planning Centre in the Science Building. Both are open from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, and their services are free of charge. You may phone a visit or a phone call, through the university switchboard, ask for extension 2888 for the Counselling Centre and extention 3286 for the Planning Centre.

The main purpose of the Counselling Centre is to promote personal growth and development, and to help students face challenges and to achieve well in university.

General student response to the Centre has been very favourable, particularly from first year students, who often find the abrupt transition from high school to university confusing and sometimes frightening.

The Counselling Centre was founded in 1969 by Charles Preston, a professor from the University of Waterloo. In 1971 Mark Shoenberg, a professor from Texas took over from Preston as director.

It started out as a small and inadequate service, but as the need was realized the staff grew. At the present day nine professional psychologists work with the Counselling Centre.

Beware Slum Landlords

by Woody Pellely

This is the time when some university students are running around St. John's tearing up sods in an attempt to find a place to live. They sometimes get drunk and pass out on the floors of their friends in residence -- drunkenness causes one to forget he has no home. Other people go running under the wing of relatives they would not otherwise even think about, Whatever.

This is also the time of year when the greenback loving slum landlords capitalize on the misfortunes of the unaware and frustrated university student.

They coax their victims inside their fire-traps -- "Just $250 per month, heat and light not included" -- and lead them on guided tours explaining how wonderful the stove looks. Looks, not works. They say you have a fantastic view of the city at night when the city lights look like a still life photograph of Stanley's Steamer at peak hours. The kitchen has a really spectacular waterfall every time it rains and you can only hear it. This is watching television, listening to the radio or reading. And you never need to worry about the landlord continually swooping around the house if the rent is paid on time. They get upset when they have to come home from Florida two days earlier than planned because they feel obligated to say hello to their tenants and pocket an extra $250.00. Nice guys, hey?

If you are one of those unfortunate now in the bind of having no social reclusive to call your own, pass out on your friends floor for a couple of more nights and keep looking for a place to stay. When you find that place just remember the Landlord Tenants Act. It may save you the ever-needed buck. Sleep tight.

Where is the New Library?

by Jon Waterhouse

The proposed new $12 million library is only waiting for funds, before construction starts, says library manager Ted Phillips. With money assured, he says that tenders can be put out within the month.

The library will be built on the area now occupied by the "Temporary" Buildings which have been on campus almost as long as the library's sixteen years. During these sixteen years the library has seen rapid growth in both space and students. The trend so far has been towards more larger of small, personal or purely academic, the library's sixteen years the

The new library plans were submitted in the 1975 university budget. They are now deferred to the 1978 budget when it is hoped that the necessary money will be allocated, although there is no indication that this will happen. While building costs are rising all the time Phillips is not happy with the delay by the provincial government. He is, however quite satisfied with funds provided by the university administration for general growth and services, which he says are among the best in Canada.

For those new to the library; orientation tours are available, just ask at the information desk.

Wife rape legal

NEW YORK (LNS-CUP) - A Newark, New Jersey judge has ruled that a man cannot be charged with raping his wife.

Essex County Court Judge Nicholas Scaleria dismissed a rape indictment against a New Jersey man on the grounds that New Jersey's 1898 rape law effectively grants a husband absolute right to relations with his wife. The man, Albert Smith, is also charged with impairing the morals of his two children. Smith was charged when he broke into his estranged wife's home and raped and beat her while the children watched.

Upon dismissing the rape indictment, Judge Scaleria said that a husband cannot be prosecuted for rape when he is "still legally married to his wife, unless there is a judicial order for separation or divorce."
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