

IWD pub: No men, no party

HALIFAX (CUP) - Student councilors at Mount Saint Vincent University forced the cancellation of a women-only dance scheduled to celebrate International Women's Day.

"We were told by the student union we could not have a women-only pub night because it was reverse discrimination," said the chair of the university's ad hoc IWD organizing committee, Tarel Quandt.

But student council president Jan Thomas denies that was the reasoning behind the decision. She said a policy that council-sponsored events be open to all students convinced councilors to unanimously insist the party include men. The committee refused.

Thomas said council is replacing the IWD dance with its own pub night open to all. Only 15 per cent of

the Mount's 4100 students are male.

"Unfortunately, sadly and not surprisingly, women celebrating by themselves and for themselves is a serious affront and threat to the patriarchal values which, contrary to popular delusion, remain staunchly in a position of supreme power in our society," stated a letter released by the committee.

Thomas said International Woman's Day means "a time to celebrate women... a time of sharing with everyone".

The committee cancelled a rally planned for March 8th, because to "celebrate a rally would be a real farce because of the oppressive condition that the council was creating for us."

The rally will be replaced with a debate between two lawyers on the legal aspects of women-only events.

History Society

The History Society will be holding its second Wine and Cheese Social on Thursday, March 10 at 9:00 pm at 23 Ashburn Cres., Apt. 11. All society members are urged to attend and meet their history profs.

Other activities which are now in the works include

Bowling and a Skiing trip to Brookvale. For more information on these events, attend our meetings every Thursday at 11:00 am in RL Conference Room B.

See you all on Thursday evening!

This week in history:

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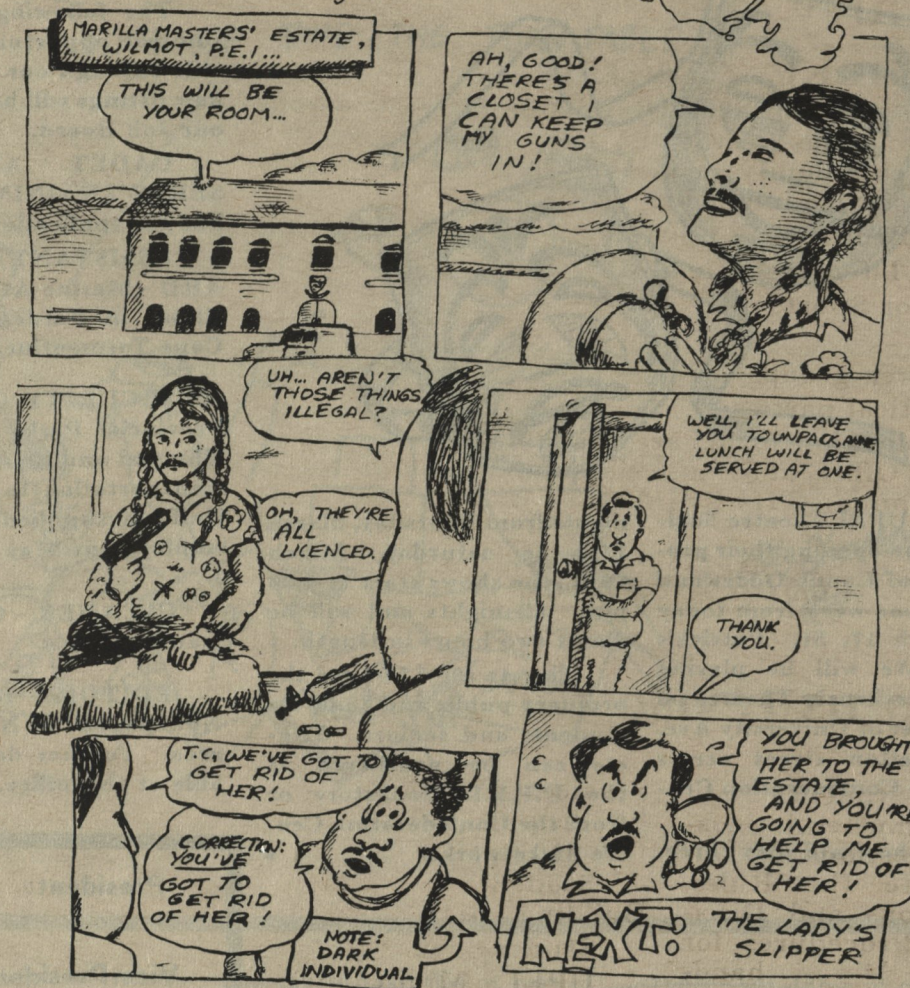
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