

# A Trip Down Memory Lane

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This page is the first in a series which will contain photos or articles from a paper in the GEM archives. This specific letter "Music" and the ad "Happenings" were taken from an issue of the Cadre dated October 13, 1972. The Cadre was the name of the UPEI Paper in the early Seventies.

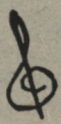
The letter has not been typeset in order to give you an example of what the paper looked

like in its original form. After finding the advertisement, it took me a while to find out where on Earth Montgomery Hall is but with the help of Sharon Mullin-Zimmerman, Health Nurse Extrodanaire, I was enlightened.

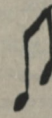
Montgomery Hall now belongs to Holland College but during the early life of UPEI, it was part of our campus. I hope this column will be entertaining.

## HAPPENINGS

- OCTOBER 14 Square Dance, Pig & Whistle in the Barn  
9:30 to 12:30  
Admission: 25¢ Per Person
- OCTOBER 19 Ryan's Fancy  
Thursday
- OCTOBER 28 - Home Coming Dance & Coctail Hour  
Montgomery Hall  
Music by "BIG BROTHER"  
Semi-formal - \$3.00 per couple.



# MUSIC



When was the last time you bought a record album in Charlottetown or a cassette or eight track tape? When was the last time you could afford to? I am a music lover, I am also possessed of more money than brains As a result of the aforementioned affliction I quite often run rampant in searching for records and eight track tapes at reduced prices. Last year the search often yielded a decent record or tape at a price somewhat less than an arm and a leg. This year the search to date has been futile. The only records that one will find in Charlottetown at reduced prices are albums that never sold well because they are second rate. What I mean by second rate would be say the Dicktown Band plays the Beatles. There are too many shitty albums flooding the stores billed as astounding buys. There is one other type of record that sells at low prices. The country and western record is always on sale no matter what store you enter. The

stores offer no sales on name records. If a store in town does offer a name record for sale at a decent price it is quickly swallowed up and the sale ends. The store is happy because it has your money in its pocket and you have your record at "sale price" which in case you didn't know is still roughly ten times to twenty times the price it cost the company to produce your plastic copy. This year I have not yet seen even one of these "sales". The stores in town are taking people for ridiculous prices. The average price which you pay for (in Charlottetown) a recently released album is \$6.29 give or take a few cents. If you are fed up with these prices there are not very many things that you can do. You could give up listening to records and buy a radio, or if you have a great deal of money you could fly to the places where they do have a price students can afford, or you can join a record club.

There are many different record clubs. The best record club for students is one that offers discounts and none of these "obligation to buy" clauses. Therefore, avoid the three major record clubs that offer these types of plans. (Rumour has it they are all run by former Nazis who will have you sent to the bottom of the local river in cement sneakers or make lamp shades out of you if you don't make your payment regularly.) The clubs that are better for students have a free record package to draw you but they don't have "Obligation to buy" clauses. There are two of these clubs in Canada that so far have gone National. The oldest is the Record Club of Canada (which I belong to though as of yet I have not taken advantage of my membership.) The newest is, I believe, called The Discount Record Guild of Canada. The latter has emerged here only since the commencement of the last semester.

If you have become tired of having to trip around looking for buys like I have, join a discount record club.

N.B. I have just come from U.P.E.I. Bookstore and have discovered that they have a fairly decent selection of new records that are selling for \$5.33 which is about \$1.00 cheaper than anywhere else. The price was raised I know though from the \$4 - \$4.50 that they sold for last year. Go buy a record at your store on campus for a while and perhaps the stores downtown will fuck off the prices and toss a sale of somebody other than Charlie Pride and The Living Strings.

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