

what was act vi???

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ACT VI is over. ACT VI is the weekend you have been hearing about through all the media available on campus for the last month. Now that it's over, maybe you would like to hear about it.

What happened? What was ACT VI.....? ACT VI was Linda violently embracing Kent, host of "The Prayer

Is Right", after winning a prize during that skit ACT VI was Mary earnestly pleading for compassion for "creepy crawlies".... ACT VI was Al announcing for the fifth time, with a touch of desperation in his voice, "There's lots of porridge left, if anybody would like some..."....ACT VI was Steve finally getting

someone to laugh at his jokes, and during mass....ACT VI was the other Kent portraying Chuck Berris, in a skit, with hat on head and all the right hand gestures.. ACT VI was, making friends.... ACT VI was putting a new twist on Pavlov's bell—we didn't salivate at the sound of our leader, Owen's, bell, but began frantically drawing the poster which we had to present...ACT VI was, kindness...ACT VI was the hearting sight of former ACT participants coming over to the Mount Tabor to visit...ACT VI was Stephan showing everybody how he can walk on his hands—and explaining that he learned the curse words of English faster than the rest of the language...ACT VI was people: Eric and Mindy and Elaine and Alban and Michelle and Tony and John and Marilyn and all the rest...ACT VI was me, as David, missing Goliath with my "stone".

ACT VI was beautiful music led by Michelle and Anne and their guitars...ACT VI was

living with each other as best we could, trying to live Christianity... ACT VI was Roger driving his imaginary bus with great zest—and giving the time, down to minutes and seconds, that it takes to drive from his house to his girlfriends(14 min.22sec)

ACT VI was quiet times, shedding an inner tear... ACT VI was staying up until 1:30 talking with Ian. one of my roommates...ACT VI was doing in my right arm trying to whip cream that wouldn't whip...ACT VI was kids just like you and me shooting from the hip, talking honestly and straightforwardly about themselves—and us, listening, saying " Ya, I've felt that too. I know what you're talking about".. ACT VI was people digging deep inside themselves, maybe for the first time in a long time.

ACT VI was all these things. It was exciting, it was sad, it was happy. It was unforgettable. I'm glad I went.



NS GOVERNMENT PLEDGES 'VIGOROUS ACTION'

HALIFAX (CUP) - The Nova Scotia government says it will "take vigorous action to ensure that university tuition fees will not be increased for the coming year."

The announcement, made Feb. 7 at the opening of the provincial house

spring session, came just 10 days after the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission said that low funding levels for Maritime post-secondary institutions would probably result in tuition increases comparable to the cost of living for

next year.

MPHEC had asked for operating grants totalling 14 per cent for the coming year, but their request was turned down by the Council of Maritime Premiers. The Premiers agreed to only a 6.7 per cent increase for the

three provinces. Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have said they will provide another one per cent increase for their institutions. .

President of St. Francis Xavier university and chairperson of the Association of Atlantic Universities Malcolm MacDonnel has expressed skepticism of the government's real plans.

"We will all be taking vigorous action," MacDonnel said, but that doesn't necessarily mean the action will have positive results."

Nova Scotia education minister George Mitchell says the government does want to keep tuition down.

"Although the decisions rest with university administrations, we will be encouraging them not to raise tuitions. All the universities have received substantial increases and I would hope that within their own budgets they can keep tuition down," he said.

SEAL SAVERS THREATENING LIVLIHOOD

OTTAWA (CUP) - With the annual harp seal hunt about to begin in a few weeks, the ideological battle surrounding it is already underway. Anti-seal hunt forces are beginning their campaign to win the hearts of Canadians and stop the hunt, and people whose livelihood depends on the hunt are fighting back with their own information campaign.

Northwest Territories legislative council member Peter Ernerk says the anti-hunt propoganda is seriously hurting the Inuit economy. He says the

campaign has driven the price of seal pelts down to the point where soon the market for pelts may disappear. And Inuit people supplement their income significantly through seal skin sales, Ernerk says.

A Northwest Territories publication, The Interpreter, says seal skin prices have declined at least 66 per cent in recent months.

Meanwhile, Newfoundland's minister of industrial development is on a campaign trail to

dispel what he calls unnecessary propoganda about the seal hunt. He says the propoganda is seriously threatening Newfoundland's economy.

He also took issue with charges that the seal hunt was endangering the harp seal. Many ecologists have pointed out that the annual hunt presents no danger to the harp seal's continued existence.

The government officials are touring North America as part of a promotional tour funded by the Canadian government.