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Chretien backer) got shuffled out of the job this summer just before these perversions were stumbled upon in an audit. Chretien, the wise old fox, got Pettigrew to drop serious money in Liberal ridings (especially cabinet ministers) and his own and then shuffled him out. If he comes out smelling like roses then the message is quite clear. Chretien will be sticking around. Or perhaps, like his hero Louis St. Laurent, his contempt on something like \$1 billion dollars could sink him like Liberal arrogance in the 50's did over a pipeline. Then again, St. Laurent faced the might of the right wing in the form of John Diefenbaker, not the CCRAP Chretien is laughing at right now.

Tough Times In...

Nova Scotia for now former Liberal leader Russell MacLellan. Russell stepped down after the embarrassment he went through in two provincial elections. The Cape Breton MLA and former Liberal MP will sit back and collect 17 years worth of federal pension. Not a bad gig if you can get it. Further, he will also be able to collect on a whole slew worth of political IOU's one picks up when one has a say in the considerable federal moneys that went into Cape Breton for job creation. One can not help but wonder if he still has eyes for glory with the emerging push for Cape Breton autonomy. Some Capers feel that provincial

money out of Halifax doesn't always make it up over the Canso Causeway. Further, the decision to liquidate the provincial mines, that once represented so much work for the area, has spurred this movement. Times are tough in Cape Breton and relief might not look like it is coming soon. But I do not agree with separation because I am not sure it is economically feasible. Even if some think it is, the important people to convince are the bankers and I do not see them flocking over. What is needed is serious investment in research in non polluting uses for coal. Another boon would be a rejuvenated ship building industry but I do not see a war in Canada's near future. What I do see is the government gearing up to spend some of their accumulated surplus on replacing outdated equipment especially in our Navy. I think the investment should be made because our country is surrounded by three oceans and the new types of vessels coming out are multi purpose beyond war uses; maybe even create a new class of frigates or something and have them make it on the Cape. But do something, cause unless oil starts sprouting out of the ocean floor this area is in jeopardy of becoming a third world like economy. That means unhappy people... and unhappy people sometimes start pondering serious things... like separation- peacefully or not!

GONZO OUT

AVC News: Auction Fever

By Jill Hendsbee

The AVC cafeteria was the scene of feverish bidding Thursday, January 27th, as the Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) held its fund raising auction.

Thanks to the organizational efforts of its busy executive, SCAVMA was able to put together 21 items to be auctioned off. Articles were donated by students and faculty alike, and included everything from a motorcycle tour of the Island with Dr. David Sims to a hand knit sweater from a Pacific Northwest First Nations tribe. Other items on the auction block included a hand drawn portrait of your pet, a half day of sea kayaking, several dinners for two (one at a

"Bed and Breakfast"), a ride in a stock car, a trail ride and numerous other goodies.


What turned out to be the most popular item up for grabs was a mystery dinner for six at the home of Drs. J and Carol McClure. "Mystery dinner" did not mean the guests would have to guess what they were eating as some suggested. In fact, it is an evening where all the guests come as characters involved in a murder mystery. Dale Bebe took the dinner home for a whopping \$160 dollars, the high bid for the evening.

Dr. J McClure was actually popular for more than just his dinner that night. He was also the volunteer auctioneer. At his own admission, he was the natural choice for being "the fastest talker." Actually, his ability to make himself the butt of a joke and keep the bidders bidding greatly contributed to

the evening and his efforts were appreciated greatly by SCAVMA. All in all, the evening was a big success, both monetarily and entertainment wise.

"I thought it went well," said Megan Williams, secretary for SCAVMA. "We made \$937 total." The money will go towards funding a trip to Virginia in March. Several students will be travelling there to take part in the national meeting of SCAVMA. AVC is the only Canadian school which is a part of this group.

On a somewhat unrelated note, this bit about AVC belonging to the American student association and the auction in general, left me with some questions: Who is SCAVMA anyway? How do they contribute to student life at AVC? Who is AAHA, SAVS and SCVMA for that matter and what do they all do? Stay tuned...


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