



The Newsletter of the Hear and Now

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### Group News

Mike Simons is back in the world of business these days as Stock Room Manager at Bagetelle Women's Sportswear in Montreal.

Another plus to Mike's credit is that he's trying out with the tenor section of the group, and doesn't sound that bad either.

Bruce Mitchell is back from the sunny climates of Florida, after experiencing several days at roughly 40 degrees which isn't quite like Florida to me.

Broadloom, (Oh, excuse me-Cashmere) is providing the sound of little pattering feet around Paul's apartment these days.

Another fool joins the mass of nutty Quebec drivers in the person of Debbie Saul who is presently taking Drivers Education courses with the Montreal City Motor League. Remember Deb, R is for Reverse and not for Race.

Lee was off to protect our country back on the 20th, and from what I am lead to understand he really enjoys starting his day with the birds to waken him.

Anyone who wants to see that Lee has ears can ask Suzanne about seeing a picture of him that she has.

To make up for an omission from last month's newsletter and to keep the many people happy about the arrivals in September '75, all two who mentioned it, here they are.

Pat Martin, Verma Lanotob, Alarna Curnow, Liz Mackenzie, Debby Martin, Carol Gardner, Francine Sauriol.

Mike Gilbert showed up for a couple of practices during the month, and proved that he still has what it takes.

Roberta is moving from the teller side to the accounts side of the Bank of Montreal. A BIG step up, Congratulations Robbie.

Bob Mitchell is having to punch a couple of more holes in his belt with having lost some weight recently. Looks good Bob.

Serge had the misfortune of having to work the run back from The Winter Carnival in Quebec City. From what I understood, the air was so thick with booze that if you struck a match the car probably would have gone up in flames. Next year, suggests Serge, they should use boxcars and keep them locked in there until the train reaches Montreal.

Greenfield Park Senior Citizens

Feb. 4

This show was part of the activities of the Greenfield Park Winter Carnival which was held in the beginning part of the month. The

show was held in the Jubilee Hall of the City Hall with a good number of people there considering that it was rather slippery that night. We sang two sets of roughly 40 minutes in length with an intermission in between where the Seniors were given beer mugs and provided a chance to see the finalists for the position of Carnival Queen for 1976. The highlight of the evening was when 90 year old Mr. Bane came up to play a few tunes on the piano.

Along with Mr. Bane's music, we were entertained by two elderly newlyweds who were dancing to the tunes that were played on the piano. To look at those people enjoying themselves, at their ages, makes me hope that I have that same amount of enthusiasm when I get there.

### Lee's Farewell

Feb. 13

This Friday the 13th ended up being a great day instead of a bad luck day for Lee. During the day, he was treated to lunch by his fellow employees at work and then by us at Kapetan's that night.

A total of 30 group members showed up to see off a great person. He arrived around 9:00 with Suzanne, Louise and Jerry and received a cheer from the assembled people when he reached the back. He first went around the table accepting best wishes from the guys and kisses of good luck from the girls. Food and drink went on into the night and for someone who had been partying since noon, he was doing okay.

Around 11:00, Suzanne made attempts to get him out and on his way home but it proved useless until 11:30 when either she or his emotions won the battle of staying around.

The party ended at about midnight after a very successful night for a good tenor and one hell of a guy.

This month was kind of quiet as far as activities of the group was concerned. So, in order, to close off this month I would like to express a few of my own thoughts about the Hear and Now contribution to the Armed Forces.

### Lee Morris

Lee Morris, today, is an active member of the Armed Forces of this country but when he was with the Hear and Now, he was quite a well known and liked person.

Lee, the son of an Anglican minister, lived in Lasalle before his move to Cornwallis and the army, and with his living there while the remainder of the group lived in or near St. Lambert, commuting may have been a problem but it wasn't for him. He was able to accomplish this feat by driving from his house to St. Lambert inside of twenty minutes doing 90 on the straight sections.

He came into the Hear and Now at the beginning of December 1974 as an extra male voice in the tenor section, and with the asset of having sung solos in many of his father's churches, he proved a very valuable find. He was a very socialable person, and could be found in any part of this city when the group was getting together.

During group weekends you could count on him to do some quite crazy things. An example of this was when he and Joe decided to ride ton speed bikes to Waterloo from St. Lambert which ended up being quite a painful experience when he arrived in the Eastern Township town.

During the Cornwall weekend, Lee had his share of winning in various card games thus proving that he possessed some kind of a lucky streak. His claim to fame during that weekend was his very loud awakening by hitting a radiator that was in the room that he was sleeping in. According to eyewitness Vic Gnaedinger, "I thought that the furnace had just blown up, the noise was that loud."

Job wise for this rather non-quiet person, has been in two different locations. Firstly, during the summer, he was an usher at the Seville Theatre and afterwards he became a part of the mail department at Dominion Glass Co. The award for mental stamina for 1975 goes to Lee for his work at the Seville Theatre, for how many times can a guy go through a job being Earthquaked seven times a day without a little complaint. Now, that's what I call stamina.

He was also known for being a terror of the highways when he was in control of his mother's old Pontiac until the engine and the car parted company. While in control of his metal monster, he was able to pass a cigarette lighter between his car and Joe's jeep going up the Eastern Townships Autoroute to Ayers Cliff.

He was also known for his fantastic impersonation of Harpo Marx at the Halloween show at the Children's Hospital. Along with Sheldon as Groucho, you would have thought that the Marx Brothers had come for a visit.

The greatest ambition of our tenor now army man, is to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and in order to accomplish this, he went off to join the Armed Forces. So all the best to a great guy and friend, as you start down that long road to your personal goal. Hope to hear from you soon.

THINGS

TO

COME

April 3 - The 5th. Anniversary Party at the Golf Club 8:00 p.m.

April 25 - Church Service at Greenfield Park United \*

April 30 - Group Performance in Pierrefonds 10:00 p.m.

APRIL 23 - GROUP PERFORMANCE AT TREVILLE SCHOOL 7:30 P.M.

\* WILL CHECK ON THIS

That's it from Gladys.

Anyone who wants additional copies, see me at practice or call me at home.

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