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St Vincent was abuzz with Carnival and election happenings. This made it very difficult for me to get on with work and the June report was still unfinished at week's end. Saturday was spent painting the physiotherapy dept ceiling as we prepared for the arrival of the new physio coming in on the 21st of July. We jumped on Monday with the National Commercial Bank and spent a long Tuesday afternoon watching the bands parade across the stage. Many beautiful costumes this year, much better than last. Enjoyed watching and participating in our last Carnival. Weds, the 4th of July, we had some Edinboroites over for our real American food. Hot dogs and apple pie. It was a very enjoyable evening. Again, with thoughts of it being our last in St Vincent. The following weekend we rested, trying to catch up on odds and ends and preparing for our every six week pilgrimage to Bequia. So Monday we went over to Bequia, spending a night at Keegan's and a night at the Catholic Presbytery with Mary Keogh (who was over for the BHC meeting). I spent the rest of the week trying to catch up on work that had piled up from our Trinidad holiday and Carnival and succeeded in getting it together by Friday. Saturday (14th) we returned to the physio dept to paint walls and Sunday spent with trim. Which just about brings me up to date.

The new physio has arrived on island and we had a chance to talk briefly at the airport. Next week she should get oriented to the hospital (Deb is anxious for her to see it). I'm going to Barbados for a quick two-day, one night business trip to share experiences with new PCV's in the M.I.U, business.

I'm feeling rushed now. Like the clock is started spinning out of control and the calendar flying. Rushing headlong into C.O.S. in December, just 4 1/2 months away. Many, many items to settle yet. We still have to put the finishing touches on our Europe plans which I'm now having mixed feelings about but, once made I should be able to relax and enjoy.

My request for a motorcycle has been denied on budgetary grounds which pretty much pulls out the rug on future plans to expand the unit. I'll try to broaden my scope but with only one person to run things, and no transportation for another

anyway, things will probably not go much further until the new PCV arrives in November. I'm okay with that but a bit worried about someone filling in while on holiday in Sept-Oct. I guess I'll have to deal with that as it comes.

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