

# Wicked winter wackiness

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Where could you find sweaty bodies, cream, freebies, 1 condom, 2 nights in a hotel and 13 tigers in a van? The time and place was last week's Dalhousie Winter Carnival.

Those who stopped by the SUB last Thursday should not have left empty-handed or clean. The Dal Arts Society had a pie-throwing contest, while DSU Arts Society representative Terrence Tam singlehandedly organised a SUB extravaganza which involved booths that promoted various services offered by the Student Union Building. "The SUB is filled with resources and it's our responsibility to let students know," said Tam.

Booths in the SUB's lobby and second floor included: Counselling Services, the Employment Centre, Dalplex, Students Alumni Association, OMBUDS, Student Advocacy, CKDU, AXE Brazil, Dal's judo club, Dal's fencing club, and a Kraft/Maxwell House display (no, the company does not live in the



Camping in the Quad

SUB but they gave out cool mugs with moccacino samples). There were contests and freebies galore.

Community Affairs invited groups and societies to stuff as many people as they could into a Dodge Neon. Henderson was in the lead for most of the afternoon as Qball, the president of Henderson, brought his tiniest Raiders to the scene and managed to squeeze 22 of them into the car. But in the final minutes of the competition, the Interdisciplinary Science Program students shoved 24 bodies into the little car between classes.

The fun did not stop there — it splattered on as human targets were bombarded with projectile whipping cream pies. The Arts

Society raised \$72 bucks for Phoenix House through this activity. Donors gave 50 cents to \$2 depending on how close they wanted to be to their target when taking aim. Targets included some DSU executive, the Residence presidents and some high-status Greek Society members. Judging by the mess on the respective targets' faces and bodies, most pie-throwers gave two bucks.

In the Grawood later that evening, students partied as DSU Community Affairs ran its annual Suitcase Party. The evening began with the comedy stylings of Simon B. Cotter over dinner. Draw tickets were sold throughout the night for a trip for two to Toronto with the flight leaving later that evening. Students were encouraged to come prepared to win by bringing a suitcase and were given a free ticket if they did so.

"Let's make a deal" ran from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. The first people to the DJ booth with: a bank statement under \$10, a condom, tighty whities, a bra, an empty Keith's bottle or a body with which to do a body shot all got double movie passes to the next Warner Brothers big screen release that comes out.

Finally, just after 10 p.m., the winner of the Suitcase Party grand prize was picked. Congratulations to Steve Saunders and his roommate on their winnings. Apparently it only takes one ticket to win since that is all Saunders

had. Regarding his prize, the residence student said, "I'm still in shock, but I can't wait to get to Toronto, call up some buddies and...party in our hotel room."

Thursday's events ended with students camping overnight in the quad. Need details? Seven cold bodies camped in front of the A&A in a gigantic \$6000 tent donated by the Trail Shop.

On Friday morning the Outdoors Club had a breakfast in the Green Room, but the Campus Wide Pub Crawl, the evening activity, was cancelled due to lack of interest. However, Burnt Black and Mitch Montana — both local bands — rocked the Grawood that night, keeping the carnival's spirit alive.

The Outdoors Club held Sissy games, similar to the ordeals of frosh week, on Saturday. The Chodas Team (chodas being an obscure term referring to the area between the scrotum and the anus) walked away with Our Lady Peace tickets for later that night in the McInnes Room. Maybe one of the best concerts of the year, the turnout was just under 1000.

"The crowd was very enthusiastic to say the least" said Andrea Gagliardi, the SUB's Campus Activities Coordinator about the Our Lady Peace concert.



A councillor getting his just deserts

The final Winter Carnival event involved 15 loony hockey fans heading to Acadia for the Dal/Acadia game. Unfortunately their presence did not help, nor was it appreciated.

"We got jeered, spit on, called wigheads, and I was told I suck," said fan Carman Bartheaux. "Ooooh, that hurts," he said sarcastically; "but we had fun."

Bartheaux, the DSU vice-president Community Affairs and the head organizer of the Winter Carnival, thought that the four-day event was a great success. "The event has grown since last year because I've given ownership to different groups on campus," he said, "hopefully striking a nerve with each event and seeing good turnouts."

In the good old days, when Dal had noticeable school spirit, the Winter Carnival was huge. It lasted ten whole days and every society was involved — they even had a king and queen. If you have suggestions for a bigger and better Winter Carnival, feel free to drop by Carman's office on the 2nd floor in the SUB or call him at 494-1281.

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