

January

The Dalhousie Senate recommended a 7.6% tuition hike and students were thrilled to shoulder their share of the baby boomers' debt.

Careless smoking caused a fire in a small storage space next to the McInnes Room in the SUB.

The SUB's new smoking policy was blamed. It forces janitorial staff to hide in dingy rooms filled with oily rags when they smoke.

CASA and CFS, (Canada's two national student organizations, because you probably didn't know) joined forces to propose new student aid legislation.

A thought: wouldn't students be better off with just one student organization? And how much would we notice if neither of them existed?

Halifax's first comic book, *The Adventures of the Evil Dwarf*, launched its first issue. We're still waiting for a second.

Dal hosted the first annual Dalhousie Wrestling Invitational. The Tigers fared well in spite of Acadia manager, Jimmy "The

and the gays, and the feminists..."

A study at Memorial University in Newfoundland found that students living in residence were 15 per cent less likely to drop out of school over a two-year period. Here at Dal, residence students are 15 per cent more likely to drop acid over a two-year period.

February

Students at McGill University

made plans to sue the Quebec government over a decision to charge out-of-province students higher tuition fees. Said one Toronto resident attending McGill, "I don't really care. Since daddy moved his business from Montreal to Toronto, money has

defective after a heavy snow and rain storm caused it to leak for several hours.

"How do you expect them to breathe if you don't punch any holes in the lid," said an exasperated architect.

The federal government allotted \$1.67-million to help clean up the Sydney Tar Ponds. On the drive home from Ottawa, ecstatic Cape Breton politicians tried to double their money at the Sheraton Casino.

"It took us a week and a half to stick all those quarters in the slots," said a remorseful member of the

with an exclusive interview. Having not heard his show — which now airs in many parts of Canada — we did not think to ask him why he's such an asshole.

Dalhousie's Men's Volleyball team won a silver medal at the CIAUs in Calgary.

When asked about what their success would mean to the students back home, one player thoughtfully remarked, "I dunno, but I'm gettin' fucking wasted tonight."

The annual student union elections saw Chris Adams and Bridgette McCaig ushered into office as the

Warning: This year in review supplement is a satirical look at the events we covered in 1997. The people and events may often be real, but the quotations are fabricated and are not meant to be taken seriously. Remember, you shouldn't believe everything you read in a newspaper.

referendum. Also discussed was his new job as spokesperson for Smirnoff vodka.

"If it wasn't for Smirnoff," said a flushed Parizeau, "I wouldn't be where I am today."

In an unpublicised ceremony, the Technical University of Nova Scotia gave an honorary degree to Indonesia's Minister of Industry, Tunky Ariwibowo. The ceremony was kept under wraps, likely because of Indonesia's human rights abuses and its controversial annexation of East Timor in 1975.

Ariwibowo may not be a household name, but he was the only member of a totalitarian regime available.

Dr. Roberta Bondar, Canada's first woman in space, visited Dal as a guest of the Science Society.

The DSS was astonished by the list of demands she made for her dressing room: a giant bowl of only red Smarties, six bottles of Evian (NOT Aquafina), a water pic, a goldfish, three turtles and a Swedish masseuse.

Two Canadian universities were the owners of almost \$2-million in fool's gold after the Bre-X boom went bust. The stock, trading at \$15.50 on March 26th, plummeted to a meagre \$2.50 the next day.

Dal's administration said it had learned from the Bre-X fiasco, and would consider the possibility of creating their own phoney gold deposit.

1997 the year in review

The Dalhousie Gazette celebrates 130 years of publishing

Cape Breton delegation. They were last seen hitchin' a ride to Sydney.

Linda Anne Hill, former Dalhousie financial clerk was sentenced to one year in prison for defrauding the university of more than \$143,000. The judge ordered her to pay back \$17,000 of the total. Hill stated that the rest of the money was squandered on dinners,

DSU's new president and vice-president.

When asked what their



victory would mean to the rest of the student body, Adams thoughtfully remarked, "I dunno, but I'm gettin' fucking wasted tonight."

Football at Dalhousie was sacked when the Board of Governors voted against starting a new program.

Citing Saint Mary's as an example, one governor said that football would be detrimental to both the finances and the academics of the university.

"This sport is for morons, and we'd have to lower our entrance requirements to stock the team. Obviously some schools are prepared to make that sacrifice..."

A five foot long, 120 pound fibre-glass tiger was stolen from Howe Hall. The tiger was one of the residence's oldest and most sacred relics.

At the time of the theft, the key suspects were Acadia, SMU, and the Sigma Chi fraternity.

Other precious Howe Hall relics missing: two unused condoms, one used condom, a bong, a funnel, a deflated sex doll and a Pearl Jam poster.

Former Bloc Quebecois leader Jacques Parizeau visited Dal to give a lecture for Dal's Department of Economics. Among the many issues discussed were Parizeau's remarks following the 1995



Mouth of the South" Hart's attempts to distract the referee.

A Howe Hall resident's door was set ablaze, evacuating the dormitory. Resident Tim Kaiser said he heard the alarm, looked into the hall, saw his floor-mates' door ablaze and thought, "Holy shit, there is a fire!"

The quick thinking Kaizer removed his jacket and proceeded to put the fire out.

"Five swipes and it was out," said Kaiser modestly.

Unfortunately the Governor General has not yet awarded Kaiser a Commendation for Bravery.

The Cree Nation announced that if Quebec separates, they cannot expect to take the Cree with them.

An angry Reform MP responded, "If Quebec separates, you'd better believe they're taking the Natives...and the minorities,

never been an obstacle."

New Brunswick Judge, Justice Richard Miller ruled that a child can sue its mother for damages suffered prenatally.

"This means I'm one step closer to being able to sue my mother for the cost of my ass-tuck, nose-job and liposuction," said a courtroom observer.

A new seat for student representatives was added to the Dalhousie Senate. Students now fill five of the 69 seats on Senate.

"It's essentially a gesture on our part," said a Senate representative. "But I like kids, and it's so much fun to see them get worked up over things they can't possibly change."

The new roof of the Killam Library atrium was found to be

clothes and "playing the big shot".

Dal president Tom Traves was not impressed. "Big shot? \$143,000? I make way more than that."

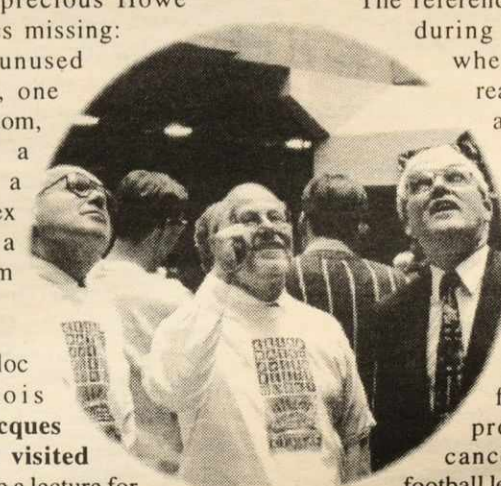
Paul Martin revealed the federal budget and with it came some relief for students. One of many hints an election was on the way.

March

The University of Toronto accepted an \$8-million investment by Northern Telecom to establish the NorTel Institute for Telecommunications. The deal raised questions about intellectual property rights and the relationship between universities and corporations.

Closer to home, King of Donair invested \$500 to create the King of Donair Lecture Series at Dalhousie.

The King of Shock Media, Howard Stern, graced our pages



The referendum was held during exams and when the reallocation was approved, the whole thing was quickly swept under the rug.

Common sense dictates that the football program is cancelled, the football levy is cancelled (or put into a 'football fund' for future use). But the

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