

World Food in SUB lobby

A mission for nutrition

by Adriano Caldi

October 16 was World Food Day. Provincial representatives of the World Food Day organizing group brought their display to the front lobby of the Dalhousie Student Union Building to inform students about global food issues.

The display was organized by Professor Elizabeth Lambie, a nutrition teacher at Dalhousie's School of Nursing.

"The whole aim of World Food Day was to raise awareness of our food problems, both locally and internationally," says Lambie.

The international aspect of the world food problem is well known, but the local aspect is not. Lambie points out that despite an abundance of food in Canada, Canadians are not free from malnutrition and under-nourishment. University students, for

example, do not consume enough iron or Vitamin A, both important in protecting the body from infection.

"The poor are growing in numbers within the rich nations," says Lambie. Studies show the money allotted parents on social assistance to feed their children is sufficient for only 64 per cent of the child's nutritional needs. According to Lambie "Our society and government is helping to develop a group of people who are poor and sick, and in turn, more dependent on government."

Lambie also cites lack of food as being a major cause of war. She uses the Vietnam struggle as an example. While North Vietnam has only one growing season and extremely poor soil, the South has three seasons and excellent soil. Gaining access to the South's fertile land area would be

extremely beneficial to the poor people of the North. As the French pulled out, the North began looking at the greener grass available in the South. This was a major reason for their invasion in the mid-1950s.

Lack of food has numerous adverse economic as well as social effects, Lambie says, yet progress in alleviating the problem has been terribly slow.

According to Lambie, there has been a dramatic increase in public awareness of food problems over the last ten years due to the impact of the famines in Ethiopia. She said discussion and questions about the problem arise regularly in her classes and the general attitude of her students is much less pessimistic than it was ten years ago.

Although the level of awareness has increased, she adds, there is still much more to be achieved.



SODALES takes Sydney

by Eric Perlinger

Dalhousie University won its second major debating tournament in as many weeks, capturing first place at the 1989 Atlantic Regional Debating Championships, held in Sydney at the Canadian Coast Guard College last weekend.

Dalhousie's team of Tim Daley, a second-year Law student, and Laura Stewart, in third-year chemistry, finished ahead of 19 other teams representing the major universities of Eastern Canada.

In the preliminary rounds, four teams from Dalhousie posted 3-0 records. Three of these teams advanced, along with Memorial University, to the semi-finals. Daley and Stewart defeated Memorial, and in an all-Dalhousie semi-final the team of John

Atchison and Stephen Pitel, both in first-year law, beat Daniel Brandes and John Haffner.

This set up an all-Dalhousie final, held in the Sydney Town Council chambers. Pitel and Atchison, representing the government, contextualized the debate as occurring at a shareholders' meeting of Walt Disney World Enterprises. They argued that the next major theme park built by the company should be located in a Moscow suburb. Daley and Stewart rose to the occasion and defeated the proposal by a vote of 5-4.

This marks the second straight year Daley has been a member of the Atlantic Championship team. Four of the top five teams at the event represented Dalhousie.

Dalhousie also dominated the individual awards. Stephen Pitel was the tournament's top debater, followed by Atchison in third, Daley and Haffner tied for fourth, and Stewart in sixth. In the public speaking final Daley placed second, Pitel third, and Stewart fourth.

Some of the Dalhousie debaters also played leading roles in helping the Coast Guard College successfully run its first major event. In addition, Stewart was elected to the National Debating Board of Governors to represent the Atlantic region.

The debating society now sets its sights on arranging funding to attend the 1990 World Debating Championships in Glasgow,

Scotland, from December 28 to January 5. Plans are also underway to send Dalhousie students to Moscow and Kiev to represent them, scheduled to take place the week following the World championships. The Canadian Nationals will be hosted next March by the Royal Military College in Kingston.

SODALES, the Dalhousie Debating Society, will host its annual invitational tournament the weekend of October 27-29. Debates will be held in the Arts and Administration Building, and the finals will be in the Nova Scotia legislature on Sunday Afternoon. Anyone interested in judging during all or part of the weekend are asked to call John Atchison at 425-3050.



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Hail the handbook

by David Rouse

What's black and gold and read, well, not quite all over? This year it's the DSU student handbook, normally distributed in September but unavailable this year until early October.

DSU Treasurer Janice Plumstead said the book's lateness stemmed from a lack of coordination and organization between the submissions and advertising committees. The deadlines for submissions to both these committees were pushed back several times.

Ideally, the handbook was to

have been ready early in September for distribution in the frosh packs and during Frosh Week.

The handbook is a combination daily planner and guide to the DSU, Dalhousie, Halifax, and life in general. It includes everything from sections on banking, student life and clubs and societies on campus to how to identify and avoid sexually transmitted diseases.

The handbook costs \$10,000 to produce. This cost is paid in part by student union fees, with the rest coming from advertising revenues.

Plumstead said it is the responsibility of the handbook editor to ensure the book is finished on time. This year's editor is studying in New Zealand and was unavailable for comment.

The handbooks are now available, free, at the enquiry desk in the Student Union Building.

The position of handbook editor for the coming year is a summer honorarium position and is currently open. For more information, contact Janice Plumstead, Student Union Offices, 2nd floor, Dal SUB.