

Desire focus of undergrad journal

by Leslie J. Furlong

"We used Truth last year. This year we have Desire."

Ed Tracy is speaking of short stories, of course, the kind that one would find if they were to scan through the pages of *Fathom*, Dalhousie's literary journal.

"The purpose of *Fathom* is to display the talents of Dalhousie's undergraduates," said Tracy, "to show what they are thinking. Or what they are creating, at any rate."

Now in its twelfth year of publication, *Fathom* is dedicated to showcasing the writing talents of undergrads in both poetry and prose. Splitting the editorial duties between themselves, Ed Tracy and Mary Cunningham have spent the last two

years putting together the best poems and stories offered by students from all faculties.

The annual publication is, aside from Lesley Choyce's role as faculty advisor, run entirely by student volunteers and funded by alumni donations. Choyce's role, according to Tracy, is a small one, "telling us how much money we have and whether we are going over budget or not."

This year, because of the publication's size (fifty-six pages compared to the thirty-six of previous years), the English Department made a one-time-only grant in order to get *Fathom* completed. There were fewer submissions overall this year, but the length of the prose pieces warranted the extra pages. "It's a better package this year than last. We've smoothed

out some technical problems and we used more attractive fonts," said Tracy. The cover, designed by Miro Wiesner, also adds to the journal's high quality.

Plans are already being made for next year's *Fathom*. "Submissions that

arrive close to the deadline or late push the publication date back after the last day of classes." The sooner something comes in, the better, so submissions can already be sent to the English department for consideration for next year's publication.

Fathom is limited to 400 copies annually (minus one that was mangled) and is available free from the English Department, around the campus and at selected locations around the city's downtown, so take two.

Beam me up Scotty!

by Mary Deveau

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CAPTAIN'S PERSONAL LOG:

I have just granted Shore Leave for all personnel. I, for one, plan to attend Trek Con '94 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. It has been awhile

since I have been back on Earth. I hope to renew my friendship with James Sommers, one of the organizers of this event. He certainly made it sound like it will be well worth the trip.

The 2nd Annual Trek Con will be held at the Futures Inn, Dartmouth on April 2, 1994. Jim

Sommers, President of the Star Trek Universe of Nova Scotia (STUNS) took a break from his busy schedule to discuss Trek-Con '94. He was quick to point out that this convention is a cooperative effort between STUNS, The USS Frontier (a national Star Trek Fan Association with a chapter in Halifax), and Wolfcon (a society that is responsible for the Wolfcon Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention that will be held in the valley on the Victoria Day Week-end in 1996).

Since there are already two Science Fiction and Fantasy Conventions in Nova Scotia, I asked if he thought that there was room for one more. There is always room for another convention especially since this one is entirely a Star Trek convention.

There will be a variety of events scheduled throughout the day. Some will run the length of the con, like the video rooms. One will be showing various Star Trek interviews and fan-produced spoofs, while another is planning to showcase 'favourite' episodes and movies. Star Trek role-playing games, costuming, as well as a talk about what is considered 'Official Trek' in terms of storylines are just a few of the many discussion panels that are planned.

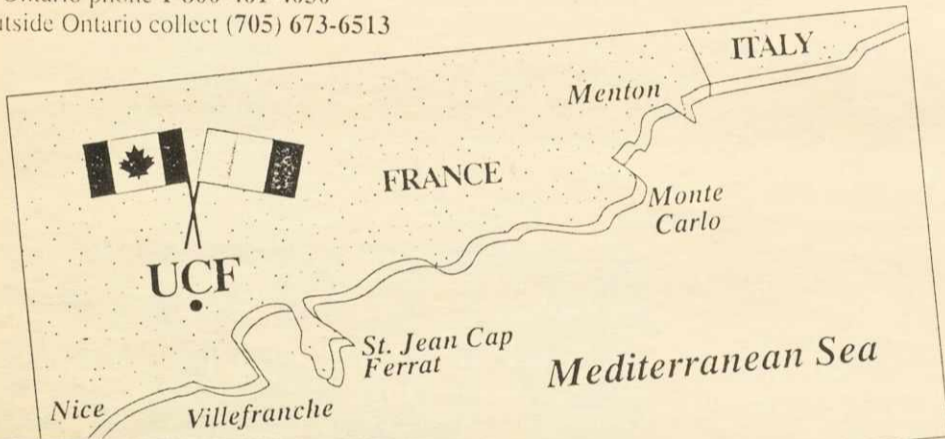
In attendance, there will probably be members from the Klingon and Romulan Empires and maybe even a representative from the Borg Collective, along with other races from the United Federation of Planets.

I am personally looking forward to the Costume Contest and the Model and Artwork Display. The 2nd Annual Trek-Con will be held on April 2, 1994 at the Futures Inn in Dartmouth. The hours are 10 am to 10 pm. The admission is \$10.00 for the day.

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