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KKK fights back

MONTREAL (CUP) — Demonstrators marched to the Palais de Justice September 2 in support of two anti-racists taken to court by a Ku Klux Klan member.

Self-proclaimed KKK militant Michel Laroque has accused members of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice and Association Cooperative Economie Familiale-Laval of stealing film, an umbrella and a hat at a demonstration last year.

On trial are Martin Theriault and Andre Querry.

"This is an intimidation tactic from the Klan towards anti-racists," said Julie Gervais, a member of support committee for the two men. "It wants to reverse roles and promote the Klan as the victim, then it can camouflage the real nature of its program."

Was it something I said?

MONTREAL (CUP) — A Concordia University panel has slapped the wrists of a professor who had to be pried off a student at a party.

A Concordia code of conduct hearing this summer ruled against psychology professor Morris Shames, who assaulted history student James Brown at a party last April.

A three-person hearing ordered Shames to pay a \$100 fine or apologize to Brown before Aug. 31, barred Shames for a year from college where the altercation took place, and recommended a letter be sent to him.

Brown said code administrator John Relton told him Shames had paid the \$100 fine.

Shames attacked Brown after he commented on a statement Shames made about the murder of 14 women at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique, Brown said.

The time has come

OTTAWA (CUP) — They're here, they're queer and now they have a place to hang out.

Carleton University Students' Association voted 21 to 0 last month to provide space on campus for a gay, lesbian and bisexual centre.

"The time has come, the time has always been here, for a centre like this," said Ali Biggs, chair of the centre's steering committee.

Biggs said she had expected the council to support the motion for a centre, although a few councillors and executive members warned her that there would be some opposition.

"There wasn't any room for objection," said Biggs. "The spirit of the meeting was not one where it would have been acceptable to object. That was my intention."

Biggs said she "stacked" the meeting with a dozen bisexuals, lesbians and gay men, several of whom spoke about the need for a private meeting place.

Where's the money

OTTAWA (CUP) — A new Carleton University childcare facility originally scheduled to open this month is on hold because the Ontario government has not come through with funding.

Although the Liberal government promised to fund the project last year, Carleton is waiting for word from the NDP, said Heather Tierney, a university childcare supervisor.

"We were told the fall of '91, which is now and nothing has been done," she said.

Carleton's existing centre, Colonel By Daycare, is a non-profit childcare collective with space for 52 children, but with an average wait of two years for a space. The new facility would create a total of 73 spaces for a community of 23,000 students, faculty and staff.

And despite a growing demand for evening and drop-in care, the centre only offers full-time childcare during the day.

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Athletic fee mandatory

BY LARA MORRIS

As Dalhousie students pay their fees this year they will notice the athletic fee — now \$40 — is no longer optional. For the first time a mandatory athletic fee is being collected from full time students.

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) has entered into a three year agreement with the Dalhousie administration for the collection of a mandatory athletic fee. The fee will be increased by \$5 every year, making it \$50 per full time student by the 1993-94 academic year.

"Last year's Executive thought it made more sense to make it a mandatory fee to bring the cost down," said Hilary Wells, Executive Vice President, DSU. The fee last year was \$45, and probably would have been \$50 this year had it remained optional. Most students have paid the optional fee in the past. This is part of why Wells supports a mandatory fee, "... last year 75 per cent of full time students bought a Dalplex membership."

With the expiry of the tuition fee agreement last year, the Dalhousie administration can impose a mandatory athletic fee without a student referendum.

Wells recognizes that not all students are pleased with a mandatory fee. "I've had two grad students complain already... and I'm going to bring this up at the Council". Some graduate students at Dalhousie are not required to be in the city while completing their theses, while others are away doing field research.

The 'Council' Wells refers to is the President's Advisory Council



Still life with athletic centre.

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on Athletics, a body composed of representatives from the DSU, Board of Governors, Senate, and alumni. Wells is confident students will continue to play a role in allocating athletic fee revenue. Five students make up half the Council and every year the Council makes recommendations to the President as to how the money is spent.

At last count Dal students were against a mandatory athletic fee according to results of a referendum held in the spring 1989.

"In an ideal world we wouldn't have a fee," said Wells, "but this isn't a perfect world and we all know Dal doesn't have any money." She refers to previous threats from the administration to cut a varsity team or restrict students access to the Dalplex as alternatives to a mandatory fee.

Tony Martin, Director of Athletic and Recreation Service, is pleased about the mandatory fee since Dalplex is reliant on mem-

bership revenue and university grants. "Dalplex is not an academic unit. It's treated as an ancillary by the government. As such we have to be treated differently by the university", said Martin. Ancillaries do not receive government funding.

Martin recognizes that his challenge is to make Dalplex widely accessible. "We've got budget targets for community memberships, and we must balance this with student activities", he said.

While Dalhousie tuition fees soar above the national average, Martin and Wells are confident the athletic fee is at or below national levels. Wells claims three years ago students at schools comparable to Dal were paying, on average, \$45. Martin quotes from the same survey stating the average fee was \$35. One thing is certain, Dal students are better off than their neighbours; King's students pay a \$60 athletic fee to use the same facility.

Beach bummer washes out

BY NATASHA RYAN

What happened on the first Friday of Frosh week? Well, for most people it rained and they caught up on some much needed sleep, but for those oblivious, or else determined (and there were a lot of them!) it was just another day at the beach in a torrential down-pour.

Sure the day started out in a rather promising weatherly fashion, as about four busloads full of Frosh descended on Crystal Crescent beach. But alas their stamina, as well as their various states of consumption, were tested to the maximum by early afternoon as the gods let loose on the ol' sprinkler system with no shelter in sight. So what did these devoted partiers do? They cracked open a few more cooler boxes and went on

with their activities.

Amusements on the beach were varied. A professional volleyball game was staged, pitting residences against each other and off-campus participants. An awesome display of... soaking Freshman, really. Others chose surfing but that was cut short by the rain, so they joined the remaining groups who simply chose to listen to the CFDR Boom Box and socialize.

Those that made it through the day reportedly had an unbelievable time and managed to escape with only mild cases of hypothermia. Proving one thing to their leaders and the rest of the Dalhousie community: these Frosh are psyched for whatever good times come their way this year, and nothing short of a hurricane (or their parents) is going to slow them down!

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