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# N E W S

Dal student resigns

## Revelation rocks SMU

by Nancy Duxbury

A first year Dal law student was forced to resign his two executive positions on the Saint Mary's Student Representative Council after it was revealed at last Sunday's Council meeting that he had not been a Saint Mary's student for over four months.

Raffi Balmanoukian was SRC Chair and Chief Electoral Officer. His resignation was accepted unanimously.

Raffi Balmanoukian says some SRC members knew of his withdrawal from SMU, but Ian Morrison, VP (Admin) of the Saint

Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) says that until last Friday, "I was under the impression (Raffi) was auditing a course. . . and was a (SMU) student."

Balmanoukian withdrew in mid September 1988 after a letter of permission necessary for double enrolment at both SMU and Dal was not received in time by Saint Mary's

Balmanoukian says his "non-enrolment at Saint Mary's" was the reason for his resignation, he maintains that he was "under no legal obligation to resign."

Although the SMUSA Consti-

tution states that only "registered students of Saint Mary's University shall be a member of the Association", Balmanoukian points out that the position of Chair is not included in the relevant article of the constitution.

"(SMUSA) paid a Dal law student who can't even vote here to be the protector of the democratic system at Saint Mary's", says Michael Donoghue, a concerned student and arts editor of the SMU Journal.

Balmanoukian remains business manager of the Journal and a member of their board.

## Donald Martin

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disease. He added that prostitution is something which has never been prevented effectively, and in fact, has always been demanded by society.

Martin's introduction to the world of gay prostitution began when he lived in Detroit in the 1970's, before the threat of AIDS.

It was here that he befriended the four young prostitutes. They had been lured into the business while immature and insecure, attracted by drugs and big money, which Martin said gave them a feeling of power and control. Martin has found that most male prostitutes suffer from a lack of self-worth. His friends could make over one hundred thousand dollars a year in the exclusive end of the industry which catered to wealthy, high-profile customers.

Unlike their female counterparts who usually find the act of paid sex degrading and unpleasurable, Martin stated that it is not uncommon for the gay prostitute to find some sexual satisfaction in the experience. But the initial ego boosts eventually wore off for Martin's friends. They found they wanted out of the prostitution industry. This was not a simple task, for they had been selling high-priced, socially unacceptable sex to men who would be ruined by exposure of their participation in gay prostitution.

The clients' protection was guaranteed by the powerful crime syndicate which controlled the prostitutes' business. Although the average male prostitute, according to Martin, is considered to be too old for the most exclusive rings by the age of twenty-five, once connected to the crime syndicate they are expected to remain in it for life — if not as a hooker, then in some other branch of the organization. Of the three friends who died, the luckiest lived to see his twentieth birthday.

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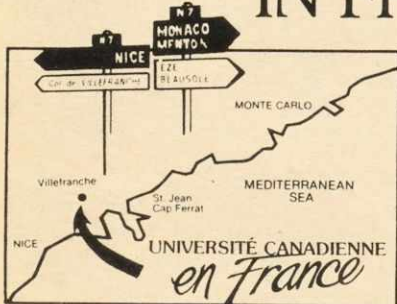
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