

Big bucks raised to fight Cystic Fibrosis

by C. Ricketts

Nearly 300 Dalhousie students combined their efforts last Thursday in this year's Shinerama campaign for cystic fibrosis research. The result was by far a greater success than in prior years.

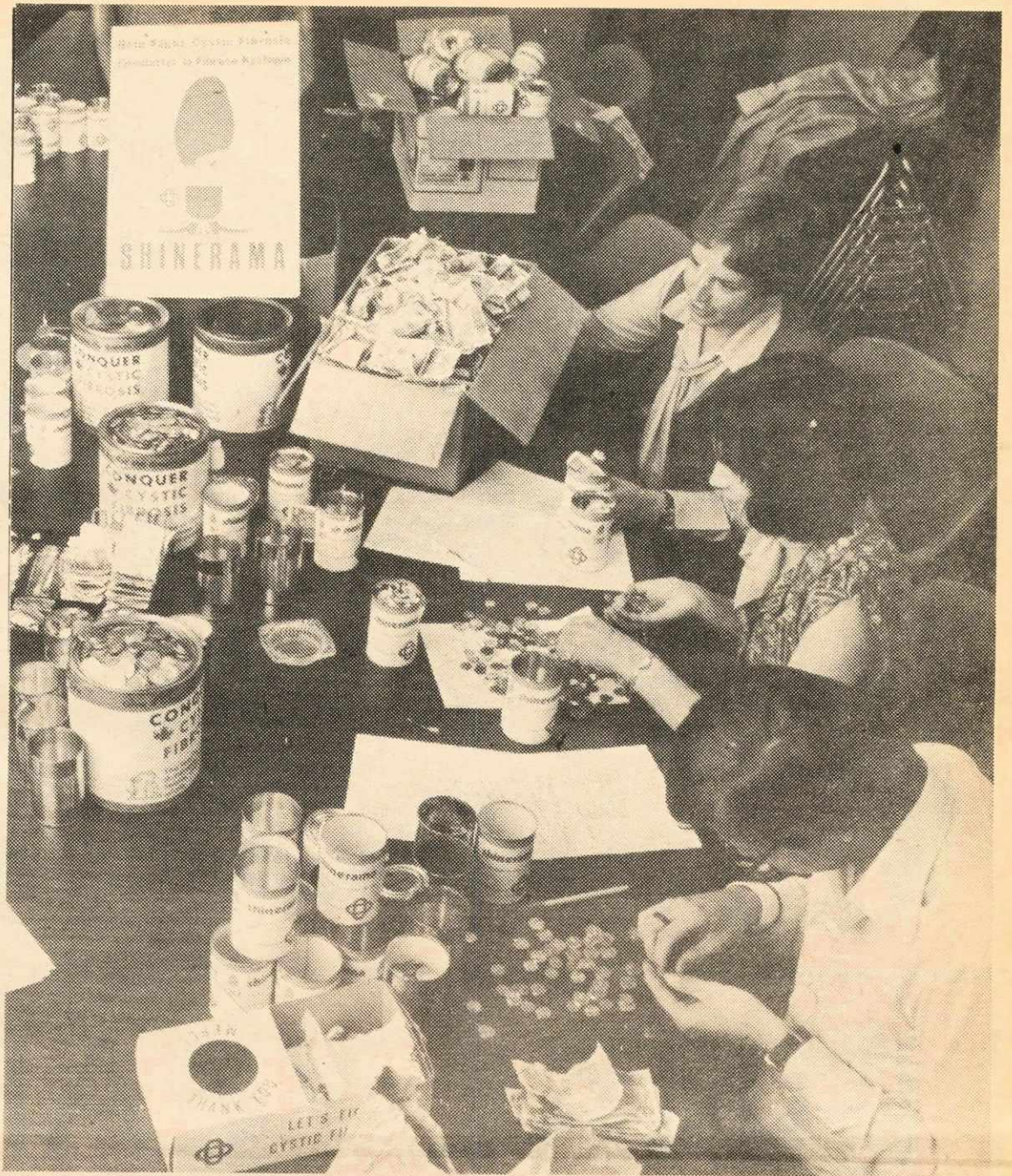
"When included with 10 per cent of the gate receipts from the Super SUB, nearly \$4000 will have been collected for the cause," said Debbie Robichaud, organizer of the event. She termed it the most successful Shinerama at Dal in the last three to five years.

Great weather, locations in Halifax's major malls and enthusiastic frosh were cited as the main reasons for Shinerama's success. Buses were provided by Acadian Lines and the Canadian Armed Forces to transport the volunteers about town. Beaver Foods provided lunches.

"The residence dons were really helpful in recruiting people," said Robichaud. "The evening before and the morning of the event, they went knocking on doors to remind people to come out."

A friendly rivalry between brother/sister floors lightened the day for the participants. Incentives to be the team with highest participation, the most money collected and the top shiners were whetted by flats of beer as a reward. The losing team members were threatened with a punishment of 100 pushups each.

Robichaud expressed some disappointment that participation was mainly limited to resident freshmen. Despite a mailout for the drive during the summer and "prancing about" of students in Shinerama T-shirts at the Gary US Bonds concert, only six off-campus students participated.



Is this seemingly content playground to be the next victim of the Dalhousie Jungle Gym mob?

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Children's jungle gym stolen from Dalhousie

by Tom Morrison

Jungle Gym thieves have struck at Dalhousie.

The Jungle Gym, a massive wooden structure designed for children to play on, has been missing from the Dalhousie Centre for Child Studies since August.

Lena Bliziotis, director of the Centre, said there were several possibilities as to how and why the

Gym may have been taken, but that she didn't wish to speculate. She did say she believed the theft to be "the work of outsiders, not Dalhousie students".

The important thing, she indicated, is that the Gym be returned or replaced by the culprits, no questions asked. "Some things in this world are sacred," she said.

Student aid delayed indefinitely in B.C.

VICTORIA (CUP) — The processing of student aid in British Columbia will be delayed indefinitely while the B.C. Government Employees Union and the provincial government battle over a new contract.

At the University of Victoria, financial aid manager Nels Branewal predicted students will have to wait until early November to collect student aid as a result of a one-week province-wide strike in early August.

The province faced a one-day shutdown in government services Sept. 1, and rotating strikes are

now hitting different parts of the province.

Branewal said the provincial government failed to take action which would lessen the impact of the strike on students seeking financial aid. He said the university advertised heavily to get students to apply early for aid, but "the government did nothing, they made no preparations at all."

The union set up province-wide pickets August 6th, but went back to negotiations after one week. However, the second round of

negotiations failed to resolve wages, job safety or job security issues.

The 40,000 member union is not satisfied with the government's six and five per cent wage offer, and said it is willing to continue picketing until it gets a better deal.

Students fast in solidarity

VICTORIA (CUP) — Canadian Federation of Students-Pacific region conference delegates fasted August 24 to raise money for University of Moncton students facing charges for an occupation they staged last spring.

Conference chair Catherine Ludgate said the \$300 collected for meals as part of delegate fees will be sent to a defense fund for 17 students charged with unlawful occupation at the university.

Also, Capilano and Cariboo College staff donated a day's wages, CFS-Pacific executive forfeited expense money for a day and a benefit sponsored by CFS-Pacific and the University of Victoria student society collected an additional \$300.

April 11, Easter Sunday, Moncton police arrested students protesting tuition increases at the university.

CFS-Pacific raised the money at its annual general meeting.

Teens using less birth control

(RNR-CUP) — Sexuality Today reports that teenagers are paying attention to those proposed government rules requiring parents be notified if their sons or daughters seek birth control information.

The magazine quotes Planned Parenthood officials, who say although the rules have yet to go into effect, teen visits to family planning clinics have already declined and a growing number of young women are postponing pregnancy tests, for fear their parents will be notified.

