

# Dal sets up clinic in Kuwait

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In mid-December Dalhousie helped the Kuwaiti government open a rehabilitation and physiotherapy clinic in Kuwait.

In June of 1996, Dalhousie signed a \$30-million contract with the Kuwaiti government to set up a clinic in the country. After a year-and-a-half of planning, 42 Canadian health professionals are now working under contract at the newly opened clinic.

Cynthia Martin, public relations officer for the project, says that one of the primary goals of the clinic

has been "upgrading standards of practice for physiotherapy to comparable standards used in Canada".

The centre's directive is to provide patient care. This care includes respiratory, orthopaedic, cardiovascular and neurological rehabilitation, pediatric care, and burns.

In addition to the medical care being provided, there are also efforts to educate Kuwaitis about possible health risks.

Martin says it is hoped that this education will "help Kuwaiti individuals reduce the risk of

disease by adopting healthier lifestyles."

The Ministry of Health in Kuwait has created a support group to aid Canadians working at the clinic. It has helped the Canadians with such tasks as finding homes for their families and English schools for their children. A secretary, who speaks Arabic and English, and a translator have also been provided.

In addition to creating the clinic, Dalhousie's contract with Kuwait has also brought 21 Kuwaiti physiotherapists to Dalhousie for clinical residency programs.

# Security officer suspended

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points out that the punishment is not in line with policy.

This is not the first time sexual harassment is alleged to have occurred in the security department. Two years ago a security guard was charged with assault for allegedly touching a 22-year-old woman on campus. His suspension took effect immediately, and lasted several months. That officer is no longer employed with the university.

Day has since resigned her job at Dalhousie security. The situation was "causing too much stress...my husband was worrying about me being out there at night."

Day decided to speak out when an article appeared in a local magazine detailing some of the allegations in her report.

"They didn't even talk to me...I want the truth [known]," she said. "That man has keys to everything at the university."

Another source close to the security department said that she was not surprised to hear about the allegations, saying the accused had a reputation for "hitting on women".

"There are about five guys in the department that make really crude comments — redneck jokes," said the source, who asked that her name not be used for fear of harassment.

The source alleges that the accused officer dated student security guards, and made frequent comments about women's figures.

He continues to work with female student employees. He received no sexual harassment

counselling after his suspension.

"I think the only way you can get fired from this job is if you get arrested," the source said.

None of the student security guards were ever briefed on sexual harassment policy at Dalhousie, nor were they officially informed of the suspension, or the reasons for it.

Day says she is still considering her legal options, and is in communication with the University.

"I talked to [University president Tom Traves] and he said wait a few days," Day said, "that was three weeks ago."

Sandy MacDonald, chief of security at Dalhousie, refused to confirm or deny anything pertaining to the alleged assault or suspension.

Peter Brown, operations coordinator also refused to comment.

# Allegations damage trust

With the allegation that a Dalhousie security employee was suspended for sexual harassment, some students are concerned about how much they can trust the security department.

"I'm concerned for the overall student body," said Jennifer MacIsaac, a 4th year student who had heard of the allegations through friends employed as student security.

MacIsaac said that she would still use security or the Blue Light system if needed.

"I'd have to take the risk."

One first year student said she would not feel comfortable calling security anymore.

"If [someone's] harassing girls, I don't feel very safe."

Patricia Thomson, director of the Women's Centre said that students can go elsewhere if they experience harassment of any form.

"If there is a harassment issue with students they can go to the Women's Centre, or to Susan Brousseau (Dalhousie's Sexual Harassment Advisor), or if they live in residence,

to their don," she said.

Thomson could not comment on the recent suspension, but she did say that in harassment cases women are victimized twice.

"First by the harassment, and then...when they continue to work together and co-workers close ranks."

Thomson also said that there is a need for more visible female security at Dalhousie.

Currently, the only full time female security employee works in the security office.

# Dal pharmacy woes

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sits down with [CCAPP's] executive director a lot of those [concerns] will be worked out."

In response to pleas for more money, the faculty of health professions is loaning the college of pharmacy money over a three-year period.

The money is slated to replace retiring faculty and to offset the costs of the college's new curriculum. The curriculum, praised as a leap in pharmacy education, cost the college an extra \$40,000 to implement.

The loan is to be repaid over a nine-year period from new revenue-generating programs. Plans for raising the college's funding include leasing the college's video conferencing system, tuition and research from new graduate programs, and a program for practicing pharmacists to upgrade their skills.

Dr. Lynn McIntyre, dean of the

faculty of health professions, says with Dalhousie's commitment to keeping pharmacy, accreditation is assured.

"We will be accredited, it's just a matter of [time]."

"It's a management function to find [money] and we've found [it] — so now [pharmacy] can hire those new faculty members and get on with the implementation of its new curriculum."

Chandler acknowledges that Dal's program has historically been strapped for cash, but doesn't think it has been a deliberate slight.

"We are certainly the most poorly funded of all schools...we cannot afford to take any more cuts," he said. "[But] I don't think [the University] is out to get us — we're victims of circumstance more than anything."

"The [University] president worded it quite strongly that he wishes to see a strong pharmacy school here at Dal...so I'm more optimistic [about accreditation]."

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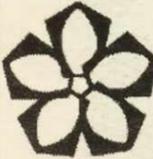
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