



Networking: Jason Aebig, National Director for CASA, talks with Steven Kote in the SUB lobby.

CASA comes to Dal

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national organization," said Aebig.

Mark Galley, Vice President Student Advocacy at Dalhousie, took part in the Ottawa conference. He says the role reversal — putting the leaders in the front zone, and not the CASA executive — was successful for its logic.

"We're the individuals who've been elected by the students to lobby for the students," said Galley.

He says student leaders also have a more direct involvement with student issues than perhaps the CASA executives would.

"Some of the people have been out of school for five years, and they're promoting student is-

sues," said Galley. "We're [student leaders] still in school and connected with these issues."

While the results of the Ottawa conference were slow in coming, Aebig says they're beginning to show now.

"At the time of our lobbying [in Ottawa], I don't think things looked good, but as we get closer to budget announcements things are looking better," said Aebig. "Some of the issues that I thought were dead have resurfaced."

Aebig says one example of this is the millennium scholarships which CASA would like to see become tax deductible. Discussions have recently resumed on this issue.

CASA is similar to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS),

the group organizing the February 2 student walkout. But Aebig is quick to point out the differences.

"Rather than having a rally from afar, we wanted to get together and discuss the issues with the people [politicians], directly," said Aebig.

"Our theory is that rather than one day of action it's 365 days of action," said Aebig.

Student leaders involved with CASA will be back in Ottawa in the middle of February for another conference. The conference is simultaneous with the announcement of the federal budget.

"If anything comes out, we'll be there to respond," said Galley.

Jason Aebig will be at the DSU council meeting this Sunday.

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complaint formally heard in 1999.

"It is very rare that aboriginals will use the commission; the question is 'why?'"

Because they don't feel like they are being treated fairly. More aboriginals need to be hired with the commission, and more sensitivity needs to be given to native issues.

It seems to be an institution many don't understand, and evidently don't feel comfortable coming to the Commission," said Frances.

Concerning universities, she challenged students to embrace and study differences, to do research in the areas of human rights, disabilities and racial relations, and to start

asking questions and get more involved. She also challenged professors to allow open dialogue to take place in classrooms.

In response to the turn-out, Mayann Francis said that "community members evidently want to see and hear more about Human Rights."



Hats off to you: Dal students raise money for a charity to help the homeless all this week on campus. Story on page 1.

20 years ago this week

Physical Education, along with The Pioneer Village Project, hosted a seminar on high risk activities. High risk activities being mainly outdoor ones. Seminar participants were invited to take part in some of these very dangerous activities during the seminar.

Gazette Poll

Gazette staff members, in conjunction with people at King's School of Journalism began to poll students over the phone about the upcoming Federal election.

The poll was basically trying to find out, if life ran according to students, the outcome of the election — before it happened. Journalists are tricky that way. The results of the poll, released later that month, were probably that no one cared enough to answer their phones.

Friday Night Out

Zeta Psi was hosting a Winter Beach Party. Cost of admission was \$1.50, and the ability to say Zeta Psi properly.

Gotta love those condoms

An ad for Julius Schmid condoms said there is a surprising lack of understanding about their various types of uses. The ad came on the trail of a Stats Canada Report which found that there had been an alarming increase in unwanted pregnancies for girls between 16 and 24. The ad gives a run down of some of the most popular types of contraception.

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