

Drop your pants and dance

HALIFAX (CUP) — Doug and the Slugs won't be "making it work" ever again at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Following a recent orientation week concert at the Mount, a member of the Canadian pop group dropped his pants after a photographer asked him for an "action shot".

Picaro newspaper co-editor Erica Coulter said the "action" was captured on film.

"It's all there from head to toe and what he thinks he has to show," she said.

Coulter said lead singer Doug Bennett told her the band member "does it all the time."

However, Bennett said in an interview he wasn't aware the performer dropped his drawers.

"There was some fooling around and taking pictures after the concert, but I didn't see anything," he said.

Back to school with DND

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Department of National Defence is blowing some big bucks at Carleton University.

The university has received over \$4 million in research grants from DND over the last 10 years, according to a report by the peace group Project Ploughshares.

Ken Epps, who maintains the group's military industry database, says the money comes with certain strings attached.

"Some researchers see it as neutral research, but they become part of the DND agenda," he said. "DND is not giving universities money out of the goodness of its heart."

He said university research contracts contribute to the military's agenda, just like companies who have contracts to build armaments.

Dye Witness creates discontent

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A new "anti-rape" product is being greeted with disdain by women's groups who say the recent spate of self-defence products is not helping women.

When Dye Witness is sprayed on an attacker's face, it foams up causing temporary blindness and leaves a green stain that lasts up to seven days.

Belinda Shelton, a member of the Vancouver Rape Relief collective, said the trend of anti-rape gimmicks including whistles, sprays and alarms capitalizes on women's fear.

"Since the Montreal massacre every Tom, Dick and Harry has been coming up with these devices, taking advantage of women's victimization without actually helping the women," she said.

Members of the University of British Columbia women's centre said they doubt the effectiveness of the product. They cited Vancouver police statistics which indicate that in 85 per cent of reported cases the woman knows the man who raped her.

"[Dye Witness] perpetuates the myth of a stranger coming out of the bushes," said centre member Meezan Eglan.

And they won't take Amex...

TORONTO (CUP) — International students are being forced to shell out 75 dollars for a shoddy service that used to be free and efficient.

Thanks to a new federal policy, international students must now pay to have their student visa applications processed.

Although some people are complaining, the government says they're finally paying their fair share.

"Essentially, people should pay for services they use," said Milton Best, an immigration official.

"Visa students have been getting this free, so I don't think this fee is unreasonable."

Best said the charge is fair since most other applications — such as business immigration applications — are charged processing fees.

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Graffiti upsets administration

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"Students pay money for this, why?" was found scrawled in spray paint across the front door of the University Club last Monday morning. Dalhousie Security discovered the vandalized door at 2:30 a.m. September 16, said Sandy MacDonald, Director of Dalhousie Security.

Garth McIssac, Manager of the University Club was surprised the Club was a target for vandalism. "I have no idea [why the Club was made a target]. Obviously someone has been misinformed," said McIssac.

"We try to be self sufficient; we receive no funding from the university whatsoever," he said. He also added that the Club is reliant on membership sales for its funding base.

"Any staff or faculty member is eligible to purchase a membership for \$100 per year," he said.

When questioned on specific budget items, however, McIssac admitted to being on the university's good side. "We do get the building free of rent," he said.

And the heat? "The university pays for the heat," he said.

What about the cleaning services? "We do have a cleaner provided by the university, but only on a very part-time basis," he said.

Repairing the vandal's 'unsolicited' damage swiftly and efficiently was McIssac's main concern. "There was an immediate effort to clean it up," he said.

Club staff used paint removers and kitchen pot cleaners to make the statement as illegible as possible. Dal maintenance has repainted the door at a cost of \$90, said McIssac.

Eric McKee, Vice President of Student Services, is opposed to vandalism as an expression of discontent. "This is costly to clean up. Particularly for students because it comes out of the operating budget. Vandalism costs everybody," he said.

"It's not a constructive way to protest," said McKee. He pointed to other routes students can use to protest discontent. "They have representatives on various University bodies through the Dalhousie Student Union. (Alternatives include) letter writing, the Gazette, the Board of Governors, the Senate".

Peter Pottier, President of Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), agreed. "It's a pretty immature way of demonstrating," he said. He suggested people let their frustrations be known through the DSU or Student Services.

Other students disagreed. "It's a great way to get students' attention," said Alex Burton, Dalhousie Arts student.

Bill Lord, Director of Physical Plant and Planning, looks at the vandalism as a political statement.

He's more worried about other student nasties. "It's more expensive to the university to pick up posters off sidewalks, windows and walls. I'm more concerned about that, especially in an age of environmental concern," he said.

"There are no witnesses and no suspects at this point in time," said MacDonald, "but if someone were apprehended they'd be turned over to the Halifax Police and charged. They'd be looking at mischief or

damage to property."

McKee agreed that any suspect(s) would be charged by the Halifax Police. Dalhousie University does not take disciplinary action in such circumstances.

MacDonald thinks the joint Dalhousie Student Union — Dal Security "Tiger Patrol" will help reduce vandalism on campus. He points out personal security is the first priority, but property loss and damage should also be reduced.

Science steps out

BY LILLI JU

The Dalhousie Science Society (DSS) is preparing for a more unifying and progressive year, said Dennis MacNeil, DSS President.

When asked what objectives he has for the DSS — the largest student society at Dalhousie — he said he "would like to unify the member 'B' societies and be able to discuss problems together rather than as separate entities."

"A lot of our concerns are similar and affect all students in all science departments," said MacNeil. "Our voice is a lot stronger that way and hopefully, we will be able to make more effective use of this voice on behalf of science students," he said.

MacNeil expressed concern over the increasing number of science students and the alarming decrease in availability of required courses. He indicated the DSS has a representative on the Senate, relations with the (Science) Dean's Office, as well as three representatives on the Student Union, and they plan on using these means to "raise a stink" about the situation. He stressed again that it is imperative for the "B" societies to work collectively in order to get their point across.

In this year's tuition hike, there was an additional increase in fees for all B.Sc. students. MacNeil said the DSS wants to make sure that "everybody's money is going to the right place." The additional money paid by science students should be going to the faculty of science and its member departments. However, there appears to be uncertainty if that is really the case.

As well as striving to maintain and improve academic standards, MacNeil would like to see social improvements among member 'B' societies. Plans for science crawls and a first ever DSS Ball, slated for late November, are currently underway.

On external matters, MacNeil indicated an interest in working with other 'A' societies on "general concerns for all students, what

[with administration, students, faculty, etc]."

He is also hoping to have DSS work with other science societies at other maritime universities. "Right now, we're looking at a possible conference at Mount Allison and/or Dal to discuss issues and problems faced uniquely by science students, opportunities for science students after they graduate, bringing in special speakers, and working with administrations and student unions."

There are many other matters on the DSS mandate. MacNeil mentions security in the Life Sciences Centre (LSC) at night. "I believe that there is need for security for students. There's not enough people working in the LSC at night to ensure a safe study environment." He suggests the newly-formed Tiger Patrol consider including going into the LSC as part of their patrol on campus.

The DSS encompasses member 'B' societies from all the science departments. Anyone that is registered as a B.Sc. student is considered a DSS member. However, membership in 'B' societies differs in that any student taking a science course is also considered a member of that department's 'B' society.

Where funding for 'A' societies from the Student Union is based on the number of students in the society, clarification of the definition of who is a member of the DSS is warranted, especially with the growing number of B.A. students taking science majors. (It doesn't work the other way around — i.e. B.Sc. students cannot major in a subject in the Arts.)

The DSS posts notices of all meetings, and minutes of past meetings, as well as bulletins from the DSS and member 'B' societies on the bulletin board across the hall from the cafeteria on the 2nd floor of the LSC. In addition, biweekly newsletters will be put out starting in a couple of weeks. Further information can be obtained by calling 494-6710 or by getting in touch with any executive member of the DSS or its member 'B' societies.