

# ED/OP

increase one's knowledge and skills. But at Dal, T.A.s are often reduced to nothing short of low-paid clerks for professors. In some instances, duties include filing and photocopying for as low as \$6 an hour.

How does that help our fellow students who work so hard to make it to grad school?

T.A.s at other universities are treated far better. They get assigned responsibilities much more suited to their education, and they get paid more fairly. Often they make as much as ten times more than their counterparts at Dal!

Dal is quickly losing many good grad students who can't afford not to go to other universities. As a result, the quality of our Dalhousie education continues to decrease.

All students should be concerned about this. In one way or another, we are all being badly hurt by it. I encourage students to find out more about the situation, perhaps by asking your T.A.s about it.

Write letters of support to the Administration — and stop letting them step all over students!

**Scott McCrossin**  
Chair, SUNS

## Why the silence?

To the editors:

Are we professing to live in a democratic country? Then, why not stand up and speak out on the recent developments in Algeria. Why is democracy being promoted in all cases, except in the case dealing with Islam? We are tired of the media depicting Muslims as either fanatics or extremists, in other words, Muslims are unreasonable people. It should be stated that Muslims are one-fifth of humanity. They are scattered all over the world and what unites them is the concept of brotherhood. To appeal to your senses, have you seen more gentle people than the Malaysians or the Indonesians? We are averse to labels and we want fair representation.

It stands to reason that the recent developments in Algeria is nothing short of the culminating the hatred towards the Muslims. Here is why, the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was only short 28 seats for absolute majority to form a new government in Algeria, after the first round of election, before the second round was held off by the intervention of the army. The intervention was clearly to prevent FIS from winning the remaining seats, in the second round of the election. It also led to the resignation of President Chadli Benjedid because of his plan to share power with FIS. Boudiaf, an unknown figure to the new generation, was brought back to Algeria after spending thirty years in exile. He was appointed as the new President without approvals from the vast majority of Algerian people.

We have seen so many changes towards democracy which took place in Eastern Europe, in ex-Soviet Union and all over the world. These changes were all given full support from the what is so-called civilised nations in the west, particularly the United States and Canada. Full coverage were given by the media even on a very small event over there. But when the Algerian people are not given their rights to decide their own fate, not a single nation from these nations expressed any disap-

proval. The media started to label FIS as a fundamentalist group, who will only bring inequalities and injustice to their own people, if they were given the chance to govern Algeria. Not any of these media focused on the great injustice done to the Algerian people, namely their right to decide who should govern them, not to mention the killings of the innocent victims in a recent gathering outside a mosque.

Here again we call upon those who are concerned and aware of the basic human rights, to stand up and speak out about the great injustice done to the Algerians. We believe that, this humanity will survive in harmony and peace, only after justice is done for all, regardless of who they are or where they come from.

**Razif**  
MMSA

## Help!

To the editors:

As a supposed leader within the community of Dalhousie I feel compelled to recognize a recent article published in the *Dalhousie News*, Feb. 12, 1992 by Martin Willison, Chair of the Dalhousie Biology Department. Willison speaks of "unforeseen" reductions occurring within the Biology Department which have led to a rapid decrease in the quality of courses which can be offered by the department. As a biology student, I sympathize with the position the Biology Department is faced with. I experienced firsthand the "tightening" which is now being felt, not solely by the students who have to put up with overcrowded, unintellectually stimulating classes, but with a department being pushed into offering these "facsimiles" of a university education. As Willison notes, it is no longer possible for a student to graduate from Dalhousie in 1992 while majoring in Biology to have experienced a class with fewer than 100 students. I myself have escaped such indignities by enrolling in a few obscure upper level courses in Microbiology which will count towards my Biology degree, yet as more students flock towards these alternatives, they too will soon be in the same overcrowded state. As a

graduating student, somewhat involved within the politics of the department, it scares me to think of the possibilities for the future of Biology at Dalhousie. Will it simply become a cross-listed reference in the archives of the Killam library? I sincerely hope this is not the case. The administration, the government, someone, must soon recognize that no matter how many fancy additions or football stadiums we build, the quality of a university and its integrity as an environment of learning must at some point be based on the quality of its educators. If the size of a faculty continues to decrease while the size of its enrolling students continues to increase a point will sooner or later be achieved when the rubber band is stretched to a point of no return, a point which may be unmendable. Aldous Huxley once wrote, "men have always attached more importance to the inscape than to objective existents, have felt that what they saw with their eyes shut possessed a spiritually higher significance than what they saw with their eyes open. The reason? Familiarity breeds contempt, and how to survive is a problem ranging in urgency from the chronically tedious to the excruciating." Perhaps it is time to see things with eyes open, before that rubber band becomes stretched to an unmendable length.

**Jeffery A. Arsenault**  
President, Dal Assoc. of Biology Students

## Majority rules

To the editors:

Re: Illiterate Homophobic  
One would have to be illiterate to still have such a narrow-minded attitude about creating a positive "promotion" of Homosexuals. Has this individual not read (or been able to read) some of the intellectual papers on subject?

Darren Costain's attitude reflects that of one who probably at one time did not believe in the "promotion" of women's or Black issues, etc. Contrary to the religious fundamentalists preachings, there is nothing wrong with Homosexuality, therefore what is the problem with equal

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## Alumni Association - Life Class Officers

Nominations for Life Class Officers are now being accepted at the Alumni Office. Senior Students are invited to nominate other Seniors for the following positions:

- 1992 Life Class President**
- 1992 Life Class Vice President**
- 1992 Life Class Secretary**

Life Class Officers will oversee the events during graduation week and will be responsible for maintaining contact with class members through the assistance of the Alumni Office. They will be instrumental in developing the ties and contacts of their classmates and in future years they will continue the link between the Alumni and the University. They will help develop Reunion programs and other activities.

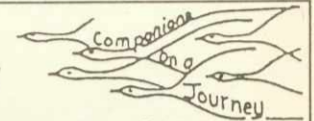
- Nominations must be received by Friday, March 20, 1992
- Signatures and student numbers of 3 graduating students for 1992, who support the nominations
- Reasons for your choice must accompany each nomination

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**Marian Gray at the Alumni Office 494-2071**

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