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Summer is almost here. Just try to relax.

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Conference on hate's impact on youth

BY KATHY REID

A conference held at Dartmouth High School this past Saturday focused on hate in activities, literature and marketing to youth.

Organized by the Community Advocates for Rights with Responsibilities (CARR), the conference was a way for the community to debate these ideas as well as an opportunity to develop tools to help youth and adults respond to hate.

CARR is made up of parents, students, professionals, community groups and government agencies.

In the opening session, Jackie Barkley, chair of the conference organizing committee discussed a number of violent images present in today's media outlets — including advertisements for brand name products.

Barkley pointed out that these were the kinds of subtle messages media sends people at a very young age.

Another part of the conference included a panel on hate in culture and marketing.

The speakers in this panel included Halifax West High School english teacher Augie Jones, Kings journalism Professor Bruce Wark, rap artist Gary James (Papa Grand),

and Stop, Look and Listen participant Bridget Perrin.

The panel members all shared a concern of the decimation of hate in our culture.

Bruce Wark says that "hate is rooted in violence — the liberal, easy to recognize kind that leads to murder, assault and war and the more subtle kind that brutalizes, desensitizes or oppresses human beings by reducing complex reali-

ties to simple stereotypes."

The second panelist, Bridget Perrin spoke about how people of African descent are often excluded from the media.

"If they are represented they are seen mostly as criminals, poor or successful, through sports or entertainment."

James suggested that these

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Library to change Alterations likely to be expensive

BY AMY DURANT

Library administration is changing the face of Dal's library system — changes they say will improve the overall structure.

Alterations to the system include creating an information com-

mons with a focus on technology. A major aspect of the new system includes an implementation of approximately 300 to 350 computers for the entire Dal library system.

The new system has a number of phases.

The first phase includes im-

plementing the equipment for the "information commons" on a renovated first floor of the Killam Library. Librarian Bill Maes says this location is important because it is situated in the middle of the undergraduate campus buildings — the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Building, Management building, LSC, A&A, and Student Union Building.

The next phase will implement another information commons on the Carleton (Dal Med School) and DalTech campuses.

The changes, however convenient or ideal, hold financial implications.

Similar changes at the University of Calgary cost a total of \$2.2 million in renovations and equipment.

Maes says the current plan for financing these changes includes approaching corporations and government.

Yet university administration insist this change is simply the way of the future.

Among other things, Maes says the purpose of the changes is to "provide an up-to-date facility for students and faculty to access and use digital resources, located on and off campus, in an unrestricted environment."

The changes come in response to what library administration consider is their deteriorating position on campus.

They want to reclaim their title as the "information hub" of Dal.

"There's a great need for technological, physical and organizational change in the libraries," said Maes. "This is necessary if they are to remain relevant to the needs of students and faculty in both the print



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Kung-Fu student Nathan Stever and his pummeled opponent catch their breath. Story page 25.

Arts and Social Sciences hiring Seven new positions pending

BY DANIEL MCKILLOP

The faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are looking to hire seven new tenure positions for the 2001 academic year.

"We have a full year to carry out the appointment process," said Marian Binkley, the Dean of the Arts and Social Sciences Faculty. "We are a fairly conservative faculty, in that we will try to arrive at a consensus."

Dalhousie faculty approved the procedure of appointing the new members last spring.

Departments seeking appointments were later asked to complete questionnaires in support of why they should receive one or more of the new staff.

Several faculty members and panels will influence the decision process.

One such delegation is the Academic Development Committee (ADC). The ADC is composed of a number elected faculty, along

with the Associate Dean, the Dean and a student representative.

The Dean will take suggestions made by the ADC into account before determining which departments will receive the new appointments.

Each department says they deserve the new positions.

"We are very, very desperate," said Dr. Oore, chair of the French Department. "We have gone below our critical mass."

While the french department needs new faculty, the history department also finds itself in a similar position.

"[The decision] will be done fairly, and there is a lot of support within the faculty for the process used at arriving at the decision," said Dr. Michael Cross, Chair of the History Department. "As far as the departmental applicants go, they are all core activities that we don't have people to fill. Our own [departmental] situation is a typical one."

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Buck 65 masters the decks at the Khyber last weekend. Teaser page 15.