

DSU: If Administration wants our \$25, we want strike pay.

# Fee referendum heads for tough negotiations

by Lorna Irons

The \$25 athletic fee will once again be under scrutiny as the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) and University Administration head into negotiations. The controversial fee, implemented last year after a referendum, will go to ballot for a second time next month.

The athletic fee is part of the Dalhousie Student Union fees paid by every full time student.

DSU President, Juanita Montalvo, has some major concerns

before entering into talks. She believes that many things have changed as a result of the faculty strike last fall and thinks that students should receive some form of compensation for lost class time and tuition.

Another DSU concern is that the athletic fee compromises the DSU-Administration tuition agreement currently in place. This agreement limits tuition fee hikes in return for a DSU donation to the capital campaign. The Student Union says that all students should benefit from the fee,

rather than the few who regularly use the recreation facilities.

"Before going to ballot there will be serious negotiations. There has to be benefits for all students," Montalvo says. But the director of athletic and recreational services says a majority of students did benefit from the over \$200,000 spent to upgrade programs and services. "We feel we've provided exactly what (the DSU) asked for" says Tony Martin. The money is administered by the Athletic Advisory Committee and the DSU.

The DSU will be negotiating for a "package deal". One proposition submitted to the Administration in the fall called for an extension of the tuition agreement which expires in two years. The Student Union has also asked for a direct refund to students for services lost as a result of the strike. However, as of yet there has been no response from the University with regards to these requests.

To avoid many of the problems encountered last year the referendum will not be an election issue, and it will be held early in the semester. Montalvo says that largely due to the Administration's involvement in last year's referendum, "It wasn't clear what the issues were. The whole procedure wasn't one that reflected the opinion of the students."

# Male prostitutes need protection

by Stephen Jones

One may wonder why Donald Martin would be motivated to choose male prostitution as his topic for discussion on the university lecture circuit, and why it would provide the theme for his first novel, *One Out of Four*.

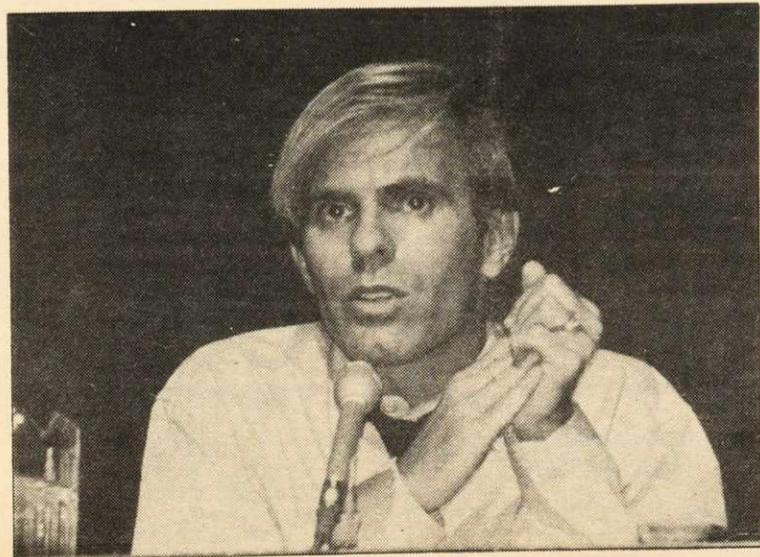
His reasons are personal. *One Out of Four* is the fictionalized account of Martin's four friends' involvement in male prostitution and organized crime, and about how three of them died because of it. Martin watched as one of the three put a gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger. The other two were murdered. Martin himself witnessed one killing.

Filled with remorse and frustration, Martin longed to write a book exposing the mobsters and their clients, who had exploited and murdered his friends. He was threatened, however, with at the very least having his legs broken if he did not fictionalize his story. *One Out of Four* is the result, Martin's attempt "to open peo-

ple's minds and hearts and souls" to an issue which is usually swept under the rug. Martin said he is not an expert on male prostitution, but has become well-informed on the subject, writing extensively on it while working as a journalist for various North American magazines and newspapers. His exposure to prostitution has led him to believe that it should be legalized. He also said prostitutes who are infected with AIDS can remain sexually active without posing a threat to anyone, as long as they practise safe sex. He stated that the concerned prostitute knows more about AIDS and safe sex than the average family doctor.

Martin said that if prostitution were legalized, mandatory standards such as blood testing could allow for a means of controlling the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, like AIDS. To Martin, AIDS is a challenge to everyone, for it "tests society's ability to be compassionate" to our fellow human beings afflicted with the

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Journalist Donald Martin speaks out on male prostitution.

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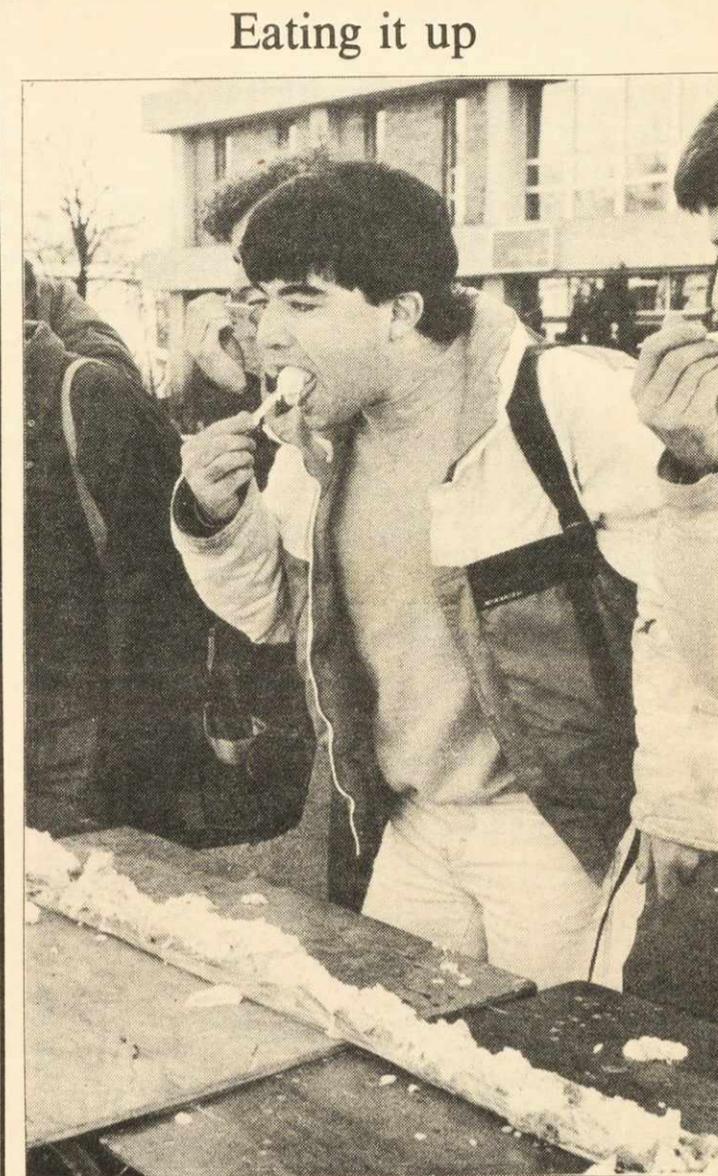
WINDSOR, Ont. (CUP) — First-year students at the University of Windsor say they had to answer personal questions about abortion, premarital sex and their parents' income before they were allowed to register in September.

The students were asked to fill out the "Incoming Student Information Form" as part of a program intended to help them adapt to university life.

According to John Hoffman, an administrator with the University of Windsor Student Liason office, the form is adapted from a survey distributed to students at American universities for the last 20 years. He says that about 10 Canadian schools are now using it.

The form, which includes basic questions on the student's academic past and future, also includes questions such as parents' income, religious preference and parents' occupations. It also asks how students feel about statements such as the following:

\*"If two people really like each other, it's alright for them to have sex even if they've only known each other for a very short time;



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Dal students dig into the first event of the winter carnival — a giant sundae. The money raised will be used to sponsor a foster child.

# Nosy U. Windsor forces students to reveal all

\*"Abortion should be abolished;

\*"It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships."

\*The first question requests the student's name, address and student number.

"I don't understand why they'd ask questions like how popular we are with the opposite sex," said Andrea Garside, a first year student.

"They told us that we had to have them done before we would be allowed to register," she added, saying she filled out the form for this reason only.

Secondary School Liason official Diane Huber, however, insisted that it was up to the student to decide which questions they answered.

"Students were asked to do it," she said, "and the implication was that we wanted them to do it before they registered."

"My parents were not pleased at all," said Terry Forbes. "In fact they were really pissed off."

The form asks students to mark off their parents' income within

\$4,000 and also fill in professional titles.

Huber said the form "was never intended to find anything other than a profile of first-year students."

"We will be continually striving to develop a program where we can do various types of research to find out who our students are, to what extent the university is meeting their expectations, and whether or not their expectations are realistic," said Hoffman.

No data from the survey is available yet said Hoffman, though he said it will be helpful, for instance, in determining why students decide to drop out of college and university.

"One of the things we have to do is distinguish the men from the women because some things are going to be more significant," said Hoffman. "Like if a female student took chemistry for instance in high school, it is a significant factor, whereas if men did, it is not a significant factor because most guys do take sciences."