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# Dear Peter:



**Dear Peter:**

It's evident that choosing Mount Allan for an Olympic downhill site was a lame-brained idea. The place is a disaster, with warm temperatures, high winds, and barely any snow. Why didn't your old boys see the puddle at the end of the tunnel?

**Told you so**

**Dear Told you so,**

Sounds ideal for windsurfing! I'll just drop the Magical Mystery Mall brothers a line, and we should be ready for the '92 summer games.

**Dear Peter:**

So, seatbelt legislation is finally coming home to roost. What did it take, a best of seven billiards match at Don's place?

**Lib Left**

**Dear Lib,**

Not at all! This was a serious, well-thought-out government decision. Bumper cars at Calaway Park, of course.

**Dear Peter:**

I'm a student looking for a job this summer. Do you have a caddy yet? Who cleans your clubs and balls?

**I'll do anything for money**

**Dear Anything,**

Remember those commercials where Jimmy Connors has a whole team of professional investment brokers playing tennis on his side? Guess where they got the idea! A caddy? Hah, that's a good one!

**Dear Peter:**

I've been hearing a big racket about privatization of some medicare services in Alberta. What does it mean to me?

**Downwardly mobile**

**Dear Downward,**

How do you spell relief? You better hope it's not D-O-C-T-O-R, 'cause you won't be able to afford them soon.

**Dear Peter:**

Got some nasty caviar stains on my linen the other day. What do you recommend?

**Peter Puck**

**Dear Puck,**

Dom Perignon. Definitely, only Dom works on Beluga caviar. Unless of course, you were hosting Brian Mulroney at the time. Diet Sprite works great on jackfish eggs.

Problems you don't dare discuss in private? Dear Peter would be pleased to answer them in public. No topic is too hot, nor too mundane. For sharp insight and straight answers, direct your questions to Dear Peter, c/o The Gateway, rm. 282 SUB.

## Cuts upset Dalhousie prof

**HALIFAX (CUP)** — The head of Dalhousie University's physiology and biophysics department has resigned his position to protest department funding cuts.

Dr. Kurt Ruf, who will remain on staff as professor, resigned after he was told to cut eight per cent from the department's budget. "I didn't feel I could administer properly" under such conditions, he says.

A total of 25 per cent has been cut from the department's budget since 1980, said Ruf. During that same time, "we have lost one-quarter of our academic manpower and several qualified technicians through attrition."

Ruf said the department of physiology recently lost a specialist in respiratory medicine who won't be replaced because of Dalhousie's hiring freeze.

"The morale in the department

is at an all-time low," Ruf said.

Although Dal's physiology department has an "international reputation in research," faculty have recently had to spend much of their time teaching students instead of performing research, said Ruf.

Because of faculty shortage, Ruf said the department is "not always qualified to teach in certain areas."

"The students are being short-changed," he said, adding more than 200 students are enrolled in classes which should be limited to 50 students.

As well, Ruf said classroom lab equipment is "totally obsolete." Spare parts are hard to find, and equipment is usually beyond repair. Ruf also fears the technician who maintains the equipment will not be replaced when he retires shortly.

Faculty and staff are not being

paid adequately, said Ruf, who lost \$20,000 a year in salary when he left a research coordinator's position at McGill University to head up Dalhousie's physiology department in 1983.

Ruf said a job offer from another university is all he needs to move. "My bags are packed," he said.

Ruf doesn't blame the university administration for making budget cuts, however. "The administration is powerless," he says. "Dalhousie can't muddle through anymore. It has to put its books in order."

The provincial government should also "get its priorities in order," Ruf said. "It must realize that the delivery of health care is in jeopardy in this province and that in the end there will be no medical school at Dalhousie."

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