

11th annual AIDS Walk

continued from page 1

increasing awareness of the disease, government funding for research and patient care is becoming harder and harder to come by.

"I think politically it's still pretty difficult to support AIDS," said Allan, but he adds that funding cuts are a reality for most non-profit community organizations.

"We're seeing less funding available, and more people going after it. There's just so many needs, in general, within health and education."

Allen says for every new person diagnosed with AIDS, the long term costs are about a million dollars.

"It tends to hit a younger

generation, so the costs are quite high," said Allan.

The 11th annual AIDS walk owes its success to more than just the good weather. Gwen Atkinson of ACNS said the event is made possible because of a huge volunteer effort, which means most of the money raised will go directly to the people who need it the most.

"We've been keeping track, and it will be well over eight or nine hundred hours [of volunteer labour]," said Atkinson. "And that's not including the people who go around collecting pledges. There were probably 70 volunteers here between yesterday and today."

Atkinson said there's a lot of different people who get involved with the AIDS walk, people with the virus and people without.

"We have a number of people here that came out to walk that are some of the people that we actually deal with, so it's really good to see the people that use the services supporting the awareness that we're trying to raise."

People said they come out because they feel like what they're doing is making a real difference.

"It's a nice way to get out and show support with the community," said Maggie, an AIDS walk participant. "And to be a part of something that's not just putting money in an envelope, but actually going out and being part of something that people can see."

Paul has been an AIDS patient for thirteen years. Among other things, the disease has cost him the sight of his left eye. He speaks frankly about his condition.

"I'm not shy about the disease any more—you know, I've got to face it."

Perhaps better than anyone, Paul realizes the importance of public contribution for people like himself, who depend on support from the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia.

"They've spent thousands and thousands of dollars on me, just to keep me alive," he said.

"All these people that are helping here are great. I'd be a dead man if it wasn't for them."

'Hateful' literature

continued from page 1

do it by saying something negative about another church, that's not fine.

"18-year-olds are vulnerable [in their first year], they're questioning their faith, doing all that stuff, and we don't think that should be an opportunity for a religious group to capitalize or take advantage. That shouldn't be an opportunity for a [religious] group to say to [students], 'if you don't believe in our beliefs, you're gonna go to hell.'"

Dr. Paul Freisen is the Anglican chaplain with the Dalhousie Chaplaincy service. He has a Ph.D in history, and says the posters are "misinformed".

But Freisen says a measured response is needed for the situation.

"I think we should look at it in terms of the laws on the books. If they're breaking hate laws, then they certainly shouldn't be allowed on campus," Freisen said. "But if they're riding down the edge of them, I hope we can give a reasoned response, rather than just feeding the sense that they're

being attacked and that there is a big conspiracy against them.

"It would be very easy to just fan the flames of his own particular little group."

Freisen also does not want students to think that Brown's views are reflective of the larger Christian community.

"Obviously his views are extreme, and shouldn't be seen to be anything typical of Christianity," he said.

David Brown, however, is unfazed by such criticism. He says the Halifax Bible Church is planning "open-air preaching" in front of the SUB.

"We have a policy where if one poster goes down, ten go up," he said. "We will not be pushed out. We live in a post-Christian North America and we're gonna stand our ground legally."

Kellow, for his part, is unconcerned, even though he says there's "not a damn thing" he could do if Brown stands on public property.

"The students of Dalhousie will have a lot to say about it," said Kellow.

Dal and Indonesia

continued from page 1

spoke to direct dealings with the [Indonesian] government," Scully said.

And Prof. Ugursal says the projects are intended to help the people of Indonesia — not the government.

"I haven't heard of any project at the university level that shows how governments can exploit their people better," he said.

Scully says he didn't, however, look at the university's investment portfolio.

"If that's what the motion is trying to illicit that would be an enormously difficult task," he said. "I don't think we could even find out fully what our involvement anywhere was."

"How many removes would you have to go through? Multinationals are layered corporations."

But Ben Hirtle, who researched corporate-involvement at Dal for the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG), says that's not enough.

"Of course they didn't look," he said. "If they were to do that I'm sure they'd find all kinds of things."

"If you are buying a company's stock you are profiting off of what they do and if that company happens to be profiting off a military dictatorship [that violates human rights] so are you."

But Scully says one incident should not change everything.

"Indonesia is very much in the news, East Timor is very much in the news," he said. "[But] this is something that should not be sparked by one country or part of the world."

"At the end of the day you need a general principle."

10 years ago this week

CKDU MANAGER RESIGNS

Mark McLeod, CKDU's manager for three years resigned on September 30 and replaced by Paul Shields.

McLeod resigned in response to a non-confidence vote by the board of directors. He said it's unfortunate the board felt the way it did, but he said they disagreed on a number of issues.

McLeod said he did a good job and thought the board should have been able to work issues through with him instead of asking him to resign.

The chair of the board, Libby Baxter, said McLeod has done a lot of things for the station, but thinks it's time for him to move on. She said they want someone fresh and new and the station wants to try a new style of management.

TYP NEEDS TO CHANGE

A task force that studied the usefulness of the Transition Year Program to the students it serves, showed that many Blacks and Mi'kmacs see the program as a marginal

one.

The Transition Year Program was set up to help Black and Mi'kmac students adjust to university.

The report also criticized the education system in Nova Scotia for not helping students. The report also says TYP perpetuates discrimination within the school system.

The report suggested the TYP go back to being a program for mature students at Henson College.

BLACK STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COULDN'T FIND ANYONE

The Black Canadian Students Association (BSCA) couldn't find any new members. The publicist for the group said some people saw the group as a mini-Black Panthers. But the group said its members don't see the world in that way.

The publicist said some people aren't joining because they're apathetic, or they fear they will isolate themselves from the larger

population.

The BSCA says it doesn't want members to give up friends, habits and lifestyles for the group. It said it's a place for people to get together, have fun, and discuss problems that plague the black community.

WILL PAY CASH FOR DROPPED COURSE

Ray Thapar, a student at York University, had offered to pay a hundred bucks for someone to drop the course he needs to graduate. He needs to enroll in two core sociology courses in order to graduate this year.

To get the cash, the student who drops must call York's voice-enrollment system just before Thapar does. That way Thapar gets into the course.

Thapar warned the associate Dean of Arts about his plans. The dean says Thapar's being tacky.

Thapar warned the voice-enrollment system will lead to a black market in courses.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE ONE DAY CLOSURE ON OCT. 1

The Registrar's Office will be closed to the public on Friday, October 1, 1999. The switch from the ARIS system to the BANNER Student Information System will occur on Friday, October 1; therefore, we will close for one day to ensure this transition goes smoothly, and to prepare for operation on October 4. We appreciate your patience and support as we make this transition.

Discover the MBA program that's right for you!

► October 4, 1999

4:00 – 7:00 pm

World Trade & Convention Centre

1800 Argyle Street

Halifax

Meet MBA

Program

Representatives

from: Alberta,

Calgary, Clarkson,

Dalhousie, Ivey,

Manitoba, McGill,

McMaster, Queen's,

St. Mary's, Schulich,

Toronto, Victoria,

Wilfrid Laurier,

Windsor...


CANADIAN MBA FAIRS

Comments?

email your comments to:
gazette@is2.dal.ca

