



King Arthritis tries to think up yet another zinger for Dal med students Euphoria '85. Photo: Sean Kelly, Dal Photo

## Reviewer not euphoric

By COLLEEN MACKAY

DALHOUSIE'S MEDICAL students' *Euphoria* '85 provided the Dal community with an opportunity to view the varied talents of its med students. Unfortunately, their talents were channelled into acts that were so offensive it was difficult to sit through the entire show.

Anyone brave or foolish enough to attend would have witnessed doctors-to-be depicting homosexuals and sex-mad "flaming queens", career women as "strumpets", and a host of debilitating diseases (melanoma, arthritis, and Marfan's disease--to name a few) as hilariously funny. To the med students taking part, lawyers "have no scruples," nurses "cater to men's every need," and people who make things out of straw, clay, and mud are "overqualified" as dentists.

Some of the participants had good timing and obviously loved the stage. It is too bad these people wouldn't continue as comedians telling jokes that are neither sexist nor racist. Instead,

these people will be taking their attitudes into the doctor's office and the operating room where they can really hurt us.

The MED III's skit made cracks about menstruation, and one character went about flashing people with his "secret weapon."

Not all medical students enjoy the *Euphoria* series. Those who do object often refuse to speak out, fearing backlash from doctors and classmates.

"The purpose of these shows is not to be funny. The purpose is to put women in their place. They use humour to do that," said one medical student.

"I don't go to *Euphoria*, I never go to *Euphoria*--it's racist, sexist, and disgusting--and I knew it would be," said another student.

*Euphoria* '85 was judged by four Halifax doctors: Dr. Jim Holland--a respirologist, Dr. William McCormack--a psychiatrist, Dr. Sonia Salisbury--an endocrinologist, and Dr. Bob Clattenburg--an anatomy professor. These doctors decided the MED II skit "Comelot"--rape scene and degradation of career-women was the best of the evening.

## Students voting more

By CHARLENE SADLER

STUDENTS WILL BE making more marks on their ballots than ever in the DSU general election this spring.

A revision to the Dalhousie Student Union constitution means the DSU and the "A" society elections will be held at the same time.

The new DSU constitution outlines procedures for running elections concurrently and also sets limits on the amount of money students running in the society elections can spend on their campaigns.

"There have been calls of bad elections in the past," says Phil Doucette, arts rep on council. He says the change can be summed up in two words, "standardization and continuity."

Chief returning officer Kevin Drolet says the new election procedures will be easier for him to administrate.

"It's no big deal. The same people will be voting for the same

representatives," says Drolet.

Doucette says the rules will also help continuity on council. In past years representatives on council have often started their terms at different times, depending on when their society election took place.

"It will ensure the new council starts at the same time as it is difficult to train everyone on council about procedures," he says.

DSU treasurer Neil Ferguson says he does not see any major problems with the costs of the combined elections. He says \$3500 is budgeted towards all elections in the year but that much is not always spent.

"There will be an increase but after all the money spent on campaigning to avert the strike any increase would be small in comparison," says Ferguson.

The new procedures will affect only a few societies including medicine and dentistry that in the past held their elections separately from the DSU elections.

## U de M abuses political freedoms

FREDERICTON (CUP)—Universite de Moncton administrators who ordered police to quell a student occupation on the campus in 1982 have had little opportunity to forget the incident.

A draft report by Canada's nation-wide teachers' association says the administrators' tactics were excessive and violated the rights of the students who occupied the administration building from April 4 to 13, 1982.

Organized by a student group protesting proposed tuition fee hikes, the occupation attracted national media attention and culminated in an Easter morning raid by city and campus police.

The report, not yet officially released by the Canadian

Association of University Teachers, accuses the administration of abusing the personal freedoms of students and teachers by censoring the student newspaper, enforcing a vague expulsion policy and harassing professors who were active in the faculty union.

The administration says it considers the 54 page report confidential and refuses to comment on its allegations until it receives the final version.

Jim Hiller, head of CAUT's inquiry committee, says the draft may be subject to some revision but he does not expect the final report to be dramatically different.

Another investigation by Moncton faculty a year ago

produced a similar report slamming the administration for its actions in the same incident and against a student occupation of the university sports centre in 1979.

The second report says the campus security compiled files on a number of students dating back several years and the calls the administration's surveillance of the students involved "police style practises."

Two students were expelled from the university after the occupation in April 1979, seven more in July of the same year, and 15 in April 1982. The report is critical of the administration's use of a regulation allowing it to deny re-admission to any student whose conduct it deems prejudicial to the university.

In the last 15 years, the administration has expelled 26 students—more than any other Canadian University, according to the CAUT report. Most of these students are politically active on campus.

## Councils take Carling from shelves

SASKATOON (CUP)—The student councils at the Universities of Saskatchewan and Regina have vowed to boycott Carling O'Keefe and Rothmans products at council-sponsored events on campus.

The councils will sever all ties with the two companies, which are controlled by a South African corporation, take steps to prevent the sale and distribution of their products at council-sponsored events and urge student societies, campus clubs and other student groups to do the same.

Carling O'Keefe and Rothmans hand over some of their profits to the Rembrandt Group, one of seven South African corporations which control 80 per cent of shares on the

apartheid regime's Johannesburg exchange. South Africa virtually denies all freedoms to its black citizens.

The councils will also make the boycott an issue at board of governors' meetings and will notify their administrations of their actions. Students in Regina will vote on the issue in a March referendum and students in Saskatchewan at a yet to be determined date.

At the council meetings in Saskatoon and Regina, held Nov. 29 and Jan. 15 respectively, students pointed out the links between the two companies and the South African government.

"There is and can be shown (that) economic ties exist between

Carling's and Rothman's, and South Africa," said Al Shyph, Saskatchewan's student president. "I would interpret that there is student support for the boycott."

Nicole Karwacki, Saskatchewan's student external vice-president, said large corporations designated as "key industries" are required by legislation to help South African defense forces stamp out black unrest. Carling's and Rothmans may be considered "key industries" but Karwacki did not explicitly say so. She said these industries are offered financial incentives to buy weapons and train security guards.

In Regina, the city's South African solidarity committee said Carling's and Rothmans support the status quo in South Africa, meaning non-whites receive smaller wages than whites and their labor is exploited for profit by large corporations.

Several Saskatoon student politicians opposed the move, while few in Regina voiced any dissent. Commerce representative Dane Wall said the council should not boycott Carling O'Keefe because it is a Canadian company run by Canadians who do not decide its investors.

Other councillors said they thought the move would be hypocritical, considering many of the university's colleges are sponsored by Carling's.

Boycott tactics to be employed by both councils include encouraging students not to buy the products, urging student groups to refuse sponsorship or funding from the two companies and eventually removing Carling beers from the shelves of student lounges.

Partial boycotts are already in place at several Canadian universities, including McGill, Queen's, and the University of Victoria.

Students Against Apartheid, organized by Saskatoon students Mike Fisher and Mark Nicholson, presented the idea to the two councils.

## Ecology Action Center

By DAVID OLIE

AFTER A TWO AND A HALF year tenancy in the old provincial archives building, the Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is going to have to move.

The future of the building, located between the Dunn Science building and the MacDonald Library, has been up in the air for years. Recently, however, Dalhousie has decided to allocate it to the Match department. The move will begin in one month's time.

The decision leaves the EAC out in the cold, but there are no hard feelings on the part of its staff.

"We're not complaining about being badly treated," says Liz Archibald-Calders, EAC staffperson. "Dalhousie has been very helpful and generous."

Since leaving the Forestry building in 1982, EAC has been using the space in the Archives building free of charge. The Centre consists of office space and a resource room.

Jim Sykes, director of planning and space management for the university, says he hopes

something can be done for the EAC. "If a space (on campus) is found I'll be open-minded again," he says.

Sykes says he knows of no other available space on campus at present.

Calder hopes the Centre will be able to stay near the university.

"We feel we'd do the most good on a campus," she says. In the two weeks since the decision was announced, there has been no news of available space, and Calder admits they have to increase their efforts. "We have to go around and put the word out," she says.

The EAC, now in its fourteenth year of operation, is an independent, non-profit organization devoted to preserving the ecology of Nova Scotia. The Centre acts chiefly as an information source for interested groups, and an advocate when ecological concerns are the subject of public debate.

EAC made headlines during the 1982 provincial uranium inquiry, and is now preparing to address the recent provincial royal commission report on forestry.