

Summer volunteer fun

by Barb Müller

It's warm outside. The tulips are growing. The birds are singing.

Spring is here. Soon school will be out, and running out of time won't seem to be a problem. Throughout the year people have submitted articles to keep people informed about what is going on — social injustice, environmental problems, animal welfare... the list goes on.

Having been "so busy" this semester, maybe this summer would be a good time to catch up on some reading and some volunteer work. Find out what's going on in your community, and how you can help.

To start off, the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NSPIRG) will be publishing *Animal Talk in Perspective* and *G-7 in Perspective*. They have an information table with a lot of information, and a free booklet, called *Handy Dandy*, which is a directory of alternative resource centres and contacts in Metro — a great place to find the group you'd like to volunteer for. There are many great working groups who need all the help they can get.

The Nova Scotia Environmental Network (NSEN) is a group that links up all the environmental groups in Nova Scotia. They have working groups which are specifically focussed such as the native caucus, the forestry caucus, the agricultural caucus and the newly formed youth caucus.

The youth caucus' goal is to link up the high school and university

environmental groups in Nova Scotia. This will help high school groups which tend to have a high turn-over rate, making it difficult to keep a group going. Also, when big projects are underway, all the schools can get involved; and support the cause ("Power in Numbers"). The New Brunswick Environmental Network's youth caucus have been lobbying against the clearcutting of the Christmas Mountains, and made a peaceful road block last fall.

The NSEN's youth caucus has two projects lined up. One is to do a "beach sweep" on Earth Day, April 2 down by the rotary, at the bottom of Quinpool Road. Everyone is welcome to meet at 9 a.m. (low tide) on the little beach. For more info send email to cshaw@is.dal.ca. or contact NSPIRG.

The other project of NSEN's is to support the native caucus and their work. Twenty-seven years ago, when Chrétien was Indigenous Affairs Minister, the natives in Pictou County were asked if the Scott paper company could build their factory there, with their waste going into the river and out into Boat Harbour. Against their will, they signed the contract. Please get involved and find out more.

Today the harbour is so polluted that the fish are all dead and the people there are very sick. Asthma is very common, and the rate of cancer is very high. A 24-year old woman died of cancer this fall, leaving be-

hind two children and a husband. Her husband and father are organizing a campaign: during the G-7 in which people will be linking hands on the highway from the airport to Halifax in a peaceful protest. Please come out to encourage and support this protest. For more info call NSEN at 422-3314.

Spring is known as the time of love, and of regrowth. However, there is an overabundance of unwanted cats and dogs at shelters because people refuse to get their pets spayed/neutered. People who see puppies often say how cute they are and how quickly they'll get adopted. The fact is that there are simply not enough homes for them all. When people decide they want a pet, they go to a breeder or pet shop, and so animal shelters must put down many animals. For example the Montreal SPCA put down up to 100 cats and dogs daily. If you are unable to share your home with a homeless animal, maybe you could volunteer to walk, play, cuddle or feed some at your local shelter.

Also, some simple things you can do include recycling your school notes (bins are all over campus), starting a compost in your backyard, not going to the circus this summer (find out why you shouldn't), and supporting the People's Summit here this summer.

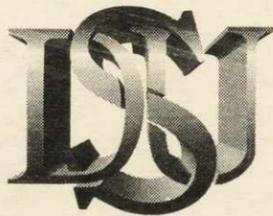
Remember that every little thing you do to help, does make a difference!

Ten tips for relieving exam **STRESS**

1. When crossing the street with a pack of people, be the first to reach the other side, then turn and face your vanquished foes, arms raised above your head: "Victory!"
2. Look at people through the tines of a fork and pretend they are in prison.
3. Invent your own cocktails.
4. Collect umbrellas from restaurant coat racks.
5. Have a "Bill and Ted" video party. While watching, try to imagine Keanu Reeves performing "Hamlet."
6. With three friends, form a barbershop quartet and busk on Spring Garden Road. Talent optional.
7. Go to the city library. Monopolize all the children's videos.
8. At the grocery store, accuse other people of eating out of the bulk food bins.
9. Preserve (cooked) Kraft Dinner, sell it as a commentary on the human condition. Use words such as "deconstruct" in your sales pitch to convince people that it is modern art.
10. Buy blue chalk and turn all the eggs in your fridge into robin's eggs. Tell your friends how expensive a delicacy they are.

Fifty fun things to do in an elevator

1. Make race car noises when anyone gets on or off.
2. Draw a little square on the floor with chalk and announce to the other passengers that this is your "personal space."
3. Grimace painfully while smacking your forehead and muttering: "Shut up, dammit, all of you just shut UP!"
4. Whistle the first seven notes of "It's a Small World" incessantly.
5. Sell Girl Scout cookies.
6. On a long ride, sway side to side at the natural frequency of the elevator.
7. Shave.
8. Crack open your briefcase or purse, and while peering inside ask: "Got enough air in there?"
9. Offer name tags to everyone getting on the elevator. Wear yours upside-down.
10. Stand silent and motionless in the corner, facing the wall. Don't get off.
11. When arriving at your floor, grunt and strain to yank the doors open, then act embarrassed when they open by themselves.
12. Lean over to another passenger and whisper: "Noogie patrol coming!"
13. Greet everyone getting on the elevator with a warm handshake and ask them to call you Admiral.
14. One word: Flatulence!
15. On the highest floor, hold the door open and demand that it stay open until you hear the penny you dropped down the shaft go "plink" at the bottom.
16. Do Tai Chi exercises.
17. Stare, grinning, at another passenger for a while, and then announce: "I've got new socks on!"
18. When at least 8 people have boarded, moan from the back: "Oh, not now, damn motion sickness!"
19. Give religious tracts to each passenger.
20. Meow occasionally.
21. Bet the other passengers you can fit a quarter in your nose.
22. Frown and mutter "gotta go, gotta go" then sigh and say "oops!"
23. Show other passengers a wound and ask if it looks infected.
24. Sing "Mary had a little lamb" while continually pushing buttons.
25. Holler "Chutes away!" whenever the elevator descends.
26. Walk on with a cooler that says "human head" on the side.
27. Stare at another passenger for a while, then announce "You're one of THEM!" and move to the far corner of the elevator.
28. Burp, and then say "mmmm... tasty!"
29. Leave a box between the doors.
30. Ask each passenger getting on if you can push the button for them.
31. Wear a puppet on your hand and talk to other passengers "through" it.
32. Start a sing-along.
33. When the elevator is silent, look around and ask "is that your beeper?"
34. Play the harmonica.
35. Shadow box.
36. Say "Ding!" at each floor.
37. Lean against the button panel.
38. Say "I wonder what all these do" and push the red buttons.
39. Listen to the elevator walls with a stethoscope.
40. Blow your nose and offer to show the contents of your kleenex to other passengers.
41. Bring a chair along.
42. Take a bite of a sandwich and ask another passenger: "Wanna see wha in muh mouf?"
43. Blow spit bubbles.
44. Pull your gum out of your mouth in long strings.
45. Announce in a demonic voice: "I must find a more suitable host body."
46. Carry a blanket and clutch it protectively.
47. Make explosion noises when anyone presses a button.
48. Wear "X-Ray Specs" and leer suggestively at other passengers.
49. Stare at your thumb and say "I think it's getting larger."
50. If anyone brushes against you, recoil and holler "Bad touch!"



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Have a great summer! Monthly DSU Council meetings will be held during the summer. All students are welcome to attend!

ATTENTION ALL SOCIETIES

It is very important that all societies leave a summer contact name and address/phone number with the DSU in order to receive summer society mail-outs and Fall Orientation Week information. ALSO: if your society has a representative on the DSU Council, make sure that s/he contacts the DSU for summer and fall council information.

THE NEXT DSU COUNCIL MEETING IS 8 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 17, 1995, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, SUB.

For more information, please contact any of the executive members, drop by the Council Office (Room 222, SUB) or call 494-1106.

Interested in getting involved with Frosh Week?

FALL ORIENTATION 1995 MEETING

for all students interested in being a frosh squad leader or organizing committee member
Friday, April 14, 1995, 2 p.m., Green Room
For more information, contact Paul Larkin at 494-1106.