

The trials and tribulations of nursing commitments

by Donna Daley

The nine representatives from Dalhousie's chapter of the Canadian Universities Student Nurses Association (CUNSA) have just recently returned from the National CUNSA Conference held at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The theme of the conference was "Nursing: A Female Dominated Profession." The guest speakers included Dr. Josephine Flaherty, Principal Nursing Officer of Canada, Rhonda Howard, Ph.D.,

Professor of Sociology, McMaster University, Dr. Susan French, Associate Dean of Health Sciences (Nursing), McMaster University, and a panel of four male nurses from various fields. The talks dealt with the issue of sex discrimination in the nursing field and the view that nursing, at present, is regarded as a semi-profession and not a true profession.

The attendance at the conference included 465 university

nursing students from across Canada. Dalhousie's delegation included both the official and unofficial delegates and elected representatives from each of the nursing classes, both basic and post-basic degree programs.

During the course of the meetings, motions were presented, discussed, and passed regarding the inclusion of CPR and First Aid courses into the basic and post-basic nursing programs in universities across

Canada. The groundwork was also established to make CUNSA a corporation to be known as the CUNSA Foundation.

Also during the conference, the first ever Johnson & Johnson "Nursing Leadership Award" was presented. The winner of this award was Linda Barber of the University of Calgary, with Honorable Mention going to Chuck Baker, a fourth year basic student from Dalhousie.

Elections were held to determine the 1982-1983 National and Regional Executive bodies. Elected from Dalhousie were Nancy Lea Lewis, a third year basic student, to the position of Atlantic Chairperson, and Karen E. MacRury, a third year post-basic student, to the Atlantic Regional Research post.

Much appreciation is extended to all students, nursing and non-nursing, for all their support in our fund-raising efforts and especially for their much needed moral support.

Winnipeg apartheid

WINNIPEG (CUP) The peaceful flood of protest against Winnipeg MP Dan McKenzie's favourable comments towards South African apartheid erupted into violence at the annual Progressive Conservative Association meeting in McKenzie's constituency.

Steve September, a University of Winnipeg student from South Africa and a member of the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM), was assaulted by two men while folding up a banner as the meeting was coming to a

close.

The banner, "Anti-Apartheid Movement," was unveiled for CBC cameras when it became obvious that questions from the floor would not be permitted from observers.

September said he was grabbed from behind, then assaulted when "someone came in front of me and gouged at my face."

"They weren't trying to remove the banner, they were trying to inflict physical damage on myself," he said.

Another member of the AAM accompanying September was also injured when he was hit in the jaw. September said some people at the scene shouted "black bastards" and "go back where you came from."

September said "the violence in conjunction with their opinion disturbs me more than their opinion."

McKenzie recently returned from a tour of South Africa, sponsored by the white minority-controlled government. He has generated national con-

troversy since then by saying things like, "Blacks in South Africa are still too primitive for self-rule."

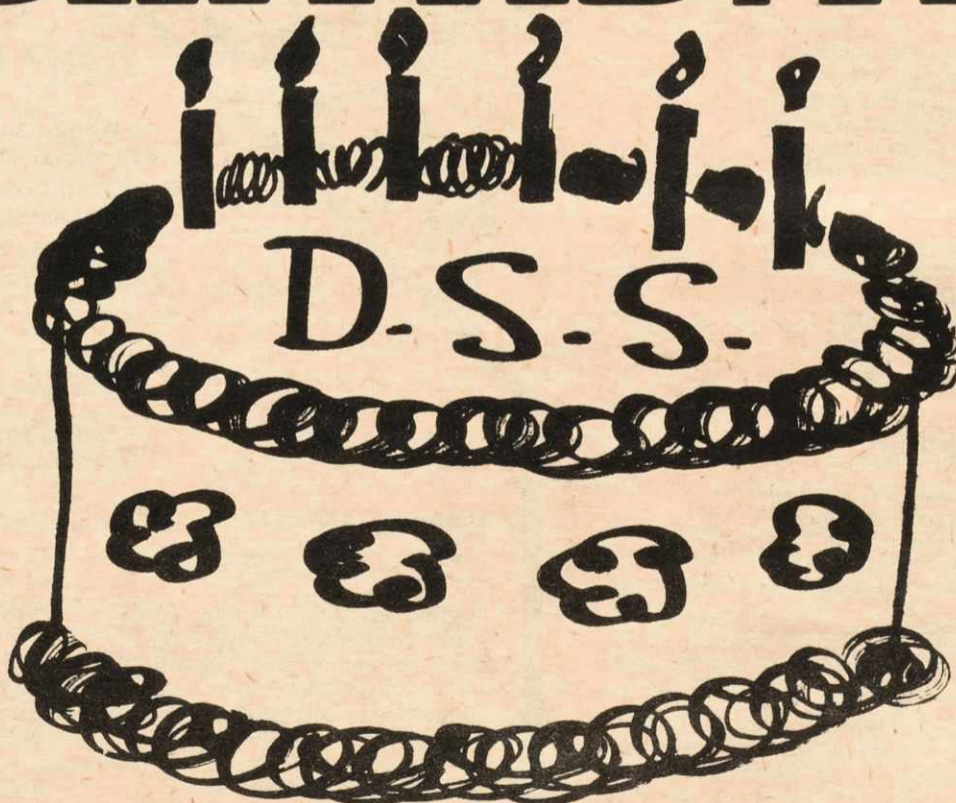
Also at the meeting was University of Winnipeg student Drew Fenwick, vice-president of the Manitoba PC Youth Federation. He said most constituency members were surprised at the attack.

"The majority of the people I talked to after the incident were shocked and could not understand the attacker's actions, as Mr. September's banner was in line with the same thinking of the Conservative party," said Fenwick.

Fenwick explained that the chairperson of the meeting had stated at its onset that, although questions from the floor about McKenzie would not be permitted, McKenzie would answer questions after the meeting ended.

September's assailant was apparently sitting in the area reserved for association members. But Fenwick said he was not necessarily an association member. "When the meeting room doors closed, there were empty seats in the member section, and some were filled up by observers," said Fenwick.

CELEBRATE The SCIENCE SOCIETY'S BIRTHDAY



Schedule of Events

Friday, March 12
11:30 am

Birthday Party. Life Sciences Centre lobby, 2nd floor. Free Cake.

9:00 pm

Pub in the Green Room with live entertainment by Tom Evans. Admission free.

Saturday, March 13

7 pm

Team Drinking contests in the 5th floor Biology lounge. Get ready for the Super Sub!

Sunday, March 14

9 pm

Movie night: "Stripes" and "The Changeling." Life Sciences Centre, Rm. 2805 and 2815. Admission free.

Tuesday, March 16

7 pm

Faculty & Student Wine and Cheeze reception in the Green Room. Admission by invitation available from any science club executive. Give bar.

See you there!