

DSU votes down pesky \$20 penalty on yearbook pick-up

Dalhousie Student Union Council voted to accept a motion last Sunday which abolished the twenty dollar penalty applied to alumni who do not pick up their yearbooks within a year after graduation.

All graduates are sent a card urging them to pick up their yearbook "within a year without penalty", a caution VP Academic

Kim Vance said was not sufficiently clear.

DSU president Juanita Montalvo said the penalty was implemented two years ago to stop people from walking in a picking up extra copies. VP Executive Terry Crawley said that problem should be solved now that yearbook staff are keeping tabs on which alumni have received copies.

SUNS launches anti-AIDS drive

by Erin Goodman

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia is taking an educational approach to preventing the spread of AIDS — through a national program aimed at post-secondary students.

The National Post Secondary AIDS Education and Sexuality Research Project recently received federal approval in the form of \$239,500 over a 16-month period. The project is being co-sponsored by the Department of Health and Welfare and the Federal Centre for AIDS.

Project co-ordinator Sid Tobias, a third-year psychology student at Acadia University, developed the proposal for a national project after spending the summer creating an AIDS information kit for Nova Scotia students.

"In some instances it's said that AIDS has replaced nuclear war as public enemy number one, the prime concern for post-secondary students in the nation," says Tobias. A recent Canada Youth and AIDS survey of the sexual behaviour and attitudes of university students identifies students as a high risk group. "The problem lies with a semi-closed university setting," he says. "It's impossible to know who's infected and who is not — until no one has AIDS everyone has AIDS."

Tobias will be working with a number of different sectors to implement AIDS policies and strategies for low-risk lifestyles; government bodies, medical bodies, community organizations and groups which work directly with students. A starting point for the project could be the development of an educational manual for university residence assistants. Another approach to AIDS education would involve the development of university policies to ensure the confidentiality of staff and students testing HIV positive.

"Canada is just touching on the epidemic now," says Tobias. "Little of nothing is being done,

not only regionally and nationally, but internationally as well." He believes a heightened awareness of AIDS within the university community will benefit society by provoking a more rapid response to the epidemic — universities will be encouraged to share their knowledge through public forums and research projects.

"Atlantic university" virus strikes again

MUN profs will stay on job

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Newfoundland's Tory government coughed up \$6 million just one day before the final strike deadline set by Memorial University's 900-member faculty association.

The union set February 10 at noon as the last chance for a settlement. But that morning both sides announced that a walk-out had been averted after spending a few hours discussing the cash windfall.

No details were released, although it is expected that the \$6 million was somehow split into this year's paycheques.

The faculty association was demanding parity with salaries at comparably-sized mainland Canadian universities — an approximate 26 per cent increase, to be phased in over three years.

Recent Statistics Canada figures reveal that in 1987-88, faculty at Memorial pocketed an average of \$42,750, compared to the national average of \$53,800. This excludes the faculties of medicine and dentistry.

Faculty association president Catherine Penney said she believes that if disparities in salary are not reduced, the quality of instruction that the university provides will be hurt.

"If this continues, what we will get are professors who can't get a job elsewhere, and a handful of dedicated Newfoundlanders who remain in the province because of family ties," said Penney. "We need people of national and inter-

Ozone threat vaporized

No need to ban Beaver

by Alison Auld

With the formation of the Campus Ozone Action Group two weeks ago, Dal students were able to discuss the detriments of products manufactured with chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs. Questions were raised as to whether they were being used on campus, especially the disposable foam cups found in the SUB.

Lisa Hemon, District Manager of the SUB's caterer, Beaver Foods, states that they do not use suppliers whose cups contain CFCs. Beaver Foods discontinued their use of foam cups manufactured with CFCs. A couple of years ago, Beaver began to use CFC-free cups made by Dart, an American container corporation.

In a recent report, Dart outlined the benefits of the use of foam cups as opposed to those made of paper. Producers of non-degradable polystyrene (foam) cups argue that the degradation of paper cups may be environmentally dangerous because the transformation that the cup undergoes has the potential to produce harmful gases and/or

liquids. They advocate disposal by means of landfill or incineration as recycling is not yet economically feasible. In their report, Dart concludes that CFC-free cups are environmentally sound and are more cost efficient than those made of paper, which also cannot be recycled.

The future of the problem concerning the manufacture of CFC's and the disposal of products containing the compound remains unclear. Tom McMillan, the former Minister of the Environment, banned goods containing CFC's last year and stated that by 1992 there should be a reduction of 50% in the processing of CFCs. However, according to the Ecology Action Centre in Halifax, scientists who participated in the International Conference on Global Atmosphere held in May 1988, warned that a reduction of 80% is needed immediately to be effective.

Roxanne Deavy, the Campus Ozone Action group member quoted in a February 2 *Gazette* story could not be reached for comment.



Shades of Dal! Memorial students almost went through the same 21 days of fun we had last term.

\$18 million to grow cucumbers without blinking, but we have to wait 10 years for \$6 million," referring to the Newfoundland government's continued funding

of the failed Sprung cucumber greenhouse.

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