

# Dal model UN team drumming up money

by Margaret Little

Dalhousie University's first delegation to the Model United Nations is drumming up the dough to go.

Due to generous donations from the federal Department of External Affairs, the provincial government, Maritime Tel and Tel, Tower Jewelers, Dalhousie's Student Union, Judique-Cregnish High School, Cregnish Youth Club and other local companies, the ten students have received \$1,800 of the \$3,000 they need in order to go.

Originally 25 students planned to go to New York April 15 to 20 to represent Dalhousie University, but the number was cut when funds became scarce. The group would have needed to raise \$9,000 in order for all to go.

The students raised some of their own money by a raffle for a watch and a michi.

The students expected more support from various groups because they are one of two Canadian universities and 99 American universities attending the annual Model UN, but they have been warmed by the recent contributions from local companies and small Nova Scotian communities which are supporting their home town boy or girl.

"As the only participants from Atlantic Canada, we intend to raise their awareness of the Maritimes," said Sue Whitney, student co-ordinator.

The students meet weekly for six hours to study the policy of their country and understand the formal UN process.

It is hoped that this experience will become an annual one for Dalhousie students interested in understanding diplomacy and world relations.

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and care for the agency's clients. Far from being unskilled, all BIRTHRIGHT volunteers undergo a rigorous training regime to help them cope with situations they can expect to face in their day-to-day dealings with callers and clients. Meetings are held every six weeks to allow volunteers to further their training and to discuss any difficulties encountered in the

course of their work. Also, newsletters are published throughout the year and distributed to all BIRTHRIGHT functionaries and other interested persons to keep them informed and up to date on BIRTHRIGHT activities. In each case, the BIRTHRIGHT volunteer takes a personal interest in the caller and will make follow-up calls for moral support. Sometimes the person seeking guidance requires only an understanding lis-

tener.

BIRTHRIGHT's services are formulated to meet the needs of its clients. A free and confidential pregnancy test is offered to any caller who desires one; then each woman is counseled on a one-to-one basis according to her needs. Assistance is provided in such areas as accommodation, continuing education, job placement, legal advice, medical help, maternity clothes, baby furniture and layettes. Social



The Masked Avenger challenges Pretty Boy Sluggo in this rare photo of the thirteenth annual Polar Bear Wrestling Championship. This year's contest took place despite foul weather and dangerous ice conditions.

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## Errata . . . or more on the polar bears

by Maura Green

If you are a person with an eye for detail you might have noticed something amiss on page twelve of last week's Gazette.

Here was the only picture known to exist of two polar bears wrestling in a snowstorm on an ice cap and we used the wrong caption!

As production manager, I take full responsibility for this error and would like to express my sincere apologies to the photographer, who risked life and limb for the photo, C.U.P. Arsons.

The caption that did appear last week was meant to go with this week's photo (by

Chris Hartt) of dressmakers preparing for the play "The Government Inspector" by Nicholai Gogol, presented by the Dalhousie Theatre Department.

To clear up any confusion that may remain and to be fair to both Hartt and Arsons we are printing this week's photo with last week's caption.

workers from adoption agencies are available to provide professional advice on various means of child care; however, each mother must make her own decision on this and every other matter. In so far as is possible, existing community resources are utilized and the caller is often acquainted with local services, the availability of which she might not have been previously aware.

People of all ages and from all parts of the province call BIRTHRIGHT seeking help. The caller is usually the pregnant woman herself, but often it is a friend, a concerned parent, or a boyfriend. Statistics show that about two-thirds of all the calls to BIRTHRIGHT are from teenagers, and about one-fifth are from married or previously married women.

The Halifax Chapter Office of BIRTHRIGHT is located at 5211 Blowers Street, the telephone number is 422-4408. Women from all over Nova Scotia are now able to call the office toll free at Zenith 27350.

BIRTHRIGHT has made a conscious decision not to participate in the abortion debate, nor does it attempt in any way to affect political decisions on this very contentious issue. However, BIRTHRIGHT does declare that it cares for all human life; it affirms that it makes no judgements as to the 'quality' or circumstance of a pregnancy. Its stated mission is to find a loving solution to a human problem.

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