

# Misguided waste

by Geoff Stone

The Dalhousie submission to the provincial task force on hazardous wastes, released in October, calls for definite guidelines on waste disposal from the commission.

The four-page report, submitted by the University health and safety committees, proposes responsibility for the finances of waste disposal be put on the wholesale and retail users of the chemicals.

At Dalhousie, the report said there are problems with storage of hazardous wastes on campus, but it was not specific about amounts of wastes used or collected.

The submission recommends that the task force look at the storage methods of the various Metro area institutions that use and store hazardous wastes.

According to Ray Cote, a member of the safety committee, the storage of wastes at Dal is not up to national standards. "Right now, they (the chemicals) are stored in some storage facilities that might not be entirely appropriate."

Much of the cause for inadequate facilities is that responsibility for the handling of wastes at Dalhousie has not yet been resolved. The last disposal was financed by the university. But the next disposal has not yet been organized.

Gordon Owen, the safety committee chair, says the task force report should set some specific guidelines as to who must provide the money for proper safety.

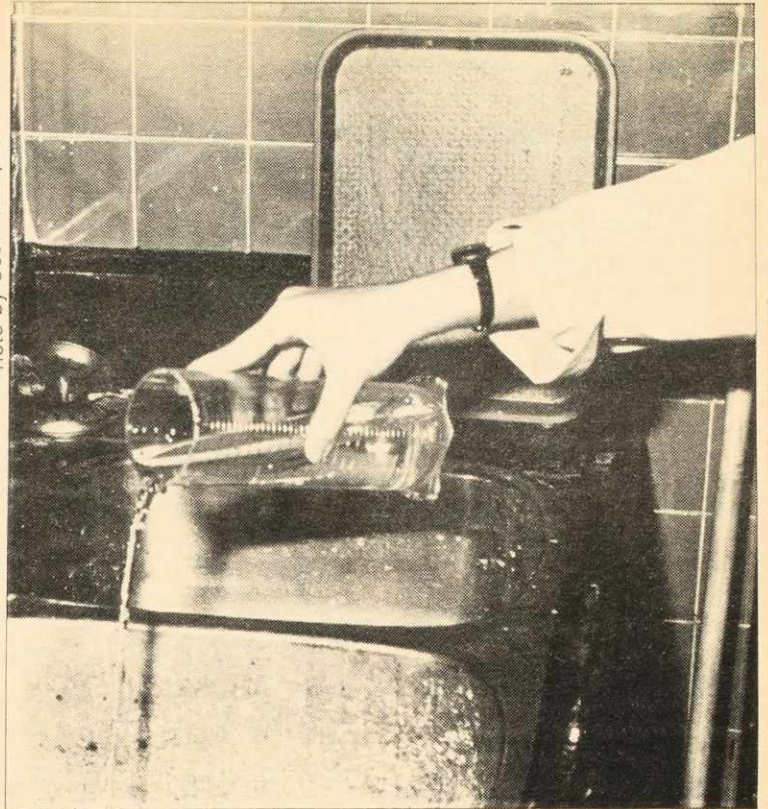
Disposal of a few of the wastes at an Ontario disposal site took place around two years ago during a University-wide collection of the waste by the Canchem dis-

posal company. Wastes await disposal alongside new chemicals in the Chemistry building, but the two are kept well separated.

Though regulations seem to be upheld, according to students, the disposal of chemicals in some Dalhousie labs seems to conflict with the safety committee regulations on disposal. But Owen said that with proper disposal, "when that does happen, they (the researchers) get a strong and stern warning." He has not noted any cases where such measures have been required.

With the new chemistry annex due this year, there should be increased safety practice throughout all undergraduate labs. The new lab space will supply individual fume hoods for students, instead of the current system of makeshift suction devices. There should also be up-to-date safety equipment available next year.

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## Paper ditched at Lakehead

THUNDER BAY (CUP) — A student council committee at Lakehead University has suspended publication and fired the staff of the student newspaper *The Argus*.

*Argus* editor John King said he returned to classes Nov. 10 to find the office door padlocked, and received a note from the council's Judicial committee explaining that the three member committee would appoint a board to hire a new staff.

But council president Wayne Ivey says the committee had no

jurisdiction to take such action, as it was expected "to investigate irregularities in *Argus* editorial elections and report back (to council)." Ivey added "no one was consulted" by the committee before the shutdown.

Many of the disputes arose from a Sept. 18 *Argus* article about a fight that took place in the council-managed pub. Councillors had asked King not to publish the article, and subsequently tried to dismiss *Argus* staff.

Shelley Lundquist, the chief justice of the Judicial Committee,

is a councillor who was also an unsuccessful candidate in last spring's *Argus* editorial board elections.

Alleged improprieties in board elections concerned proxy voting and the election of non-student Daryl MacArthur is entertainment editor. MacArthur has since become a student.

"I've been hired and fired four times since March," said MacArthur. He said Lundquist has repeatedly harassed him about the possibility of losing his job.

## Stronach says: sweat hard for profits

by Toby Sanger

Canada's highest-paid executive told Dalhousie commerce students Monday they should go out into the fields, fisheries, factories and finance industries as part of their education.

Frank Stronach, chairperson and chief executive officer of Magna International, encouraged students to spend one third to one half of their time at university working at more practical, menial jobs.

"Education, especially higher education, is a bit out of balance these days," said the auto-parts magnate in an address to the Commerce Society's Annual Business Luncheon.

"We concentrate too much on one-sided academia. We would benefit a lot more if we exposed students to more practical things.

"It's crucial, very important, to learn how to sweat," Stronach told the well-dressed crowd of students, professors and finance company executives.

Stronach said the free enterprise system is doomed and must be replaced by a "fair enterprise" system in which economic rewards are determined by corporate charters of rights.

Magna is billed by Stronach as the only company in the world with such a corporate charter of

rights. Under the plan, ten per cent of the company's profits are set aside for workers, six per cent for management and 20 per cent for shareholders.

"With the corporate charter, we've tried to create a balance between the three forces — labour, capital and management. We call it fair enterprise."

"I see no reason why we as a society cannot apply these principles," said Stronach, who says his experience as a worker gave him enough insight and sympathy to draw up his company's charter of rights all by himself.

Stronach owns 53 per cent of Magna's voting shares himself, ensuring that he gets virtually the same amount under the profit-sharing scheme as all of Magna's 12,000 workers combined.

When asked when Magna will make its long-promised move to Cape Breton, Stronach said in a nervous voice that they would be moving there soon to make a \$65 million investment in two auto-parts factories. He later told the Halifax Board of Trade that construction would begin next spring.

Stronach, whose companies received over \$30 million in federal handouts over the last five years and who has appeared in the public inquiry into conflict-of-interest allegations against Sinclair Stevens, denied Magna

was getting money from the federal government for its Cape Breton venture.

Instead, he says, Magna is putting money in a government venture.

## Blair signs off at CKDU

By T. SANGER

The resignation of CKDU station manager Charlie Blair has caught many of the staff members at Dalhousie's FM radio station by surprise.

Blair, who has been station manager for over a year and a half, announced his resignation at a meeting of the station's board October 31, giving them until January to find a replacement.

Many CKDU staff didn't know about Blair's decision until a week ago. "It came as a surprise to me. I'll be sorry to see him go because he was doing a good job," says Phil Doucette, a DJ with CKDU.

A possible reason put forward for his departure by some staff members is that he felt the station needed a change in order to keep growing. Blair may have seen himself stagnating in the posi-

tion along with the station.

Blair didn't want to make any comments to the *Gazette*.

The station manager's job is to be responsible to the CKDU eight member board of directors for the entire operations of the station, involving mostly administrative and financial work. Revenue for the station has been below projected levels, forcing the station to seek an extension on their loan from the student union.

A hiring committee set up by the board will review applications for the \$16,000 position. The station will be advertising across the country but CKDU public affairs director Ken Burke says he hopes they will find someone at CKDU to fill the position.

"We may redefine the position and salary," says Burke. "We've come this far, we need to keep gaining listeners to become more visible, err... more audible."

