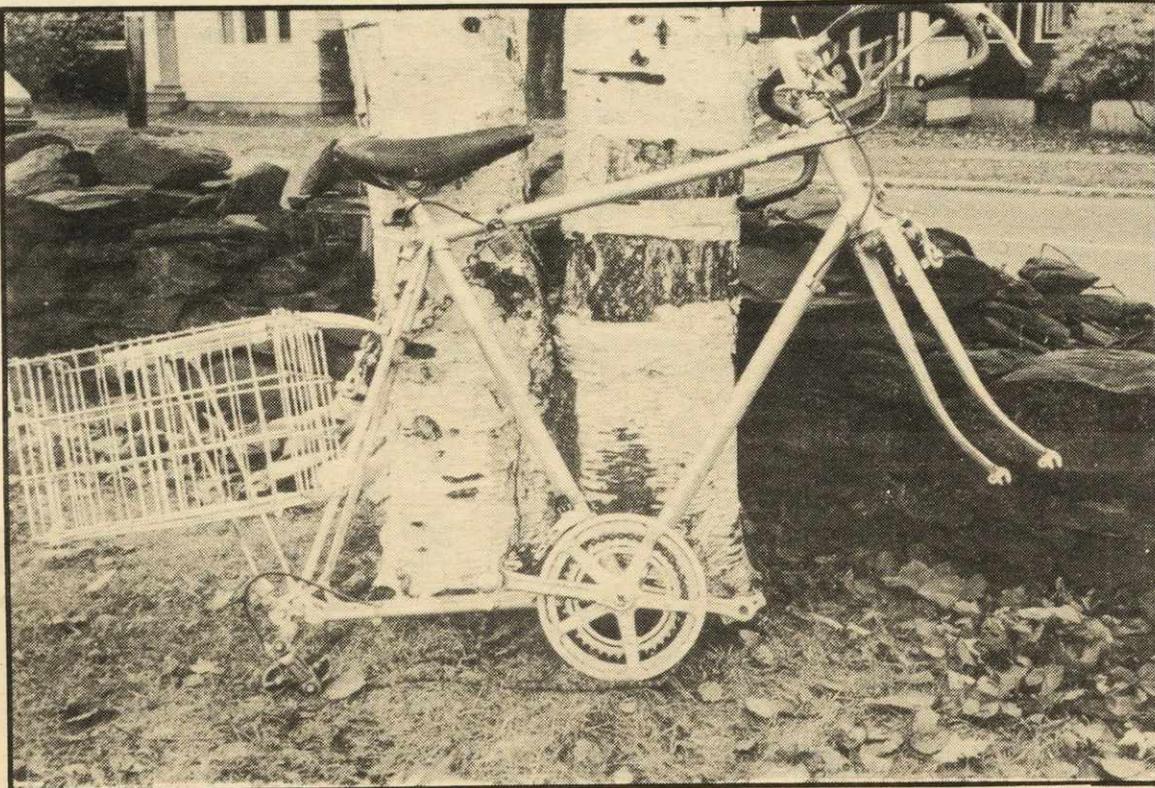


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Keep your bicycle theft-proof by taking the front wheel to class with you. Photo by Ed Hanrahan, Dal-Photo.

Lock it and pocket the key

By VALERIE MATHESON

THE INCIDENCE OF BICYCLE theft on Dal campus has not increased from last year, but it hasn't gotten any better.

There have been around twelve bicycles stolen this year since May. The problem is worst around the Chemistry buildings, Dalplex, the Killam library, the Tupper building and the Life Sciences building.

Max Keeping, Director of Security, says students can pre-

vent theft of their bicycles by buying better locks for them.

"I have no sympathy for people who tie their bikes up with some three dollar lock that can be broken with bolt-cutters," says Keeping.

The proper bicycle locks, which cost \$65.00 anywhere else, are available for \$35.00 in the Security building. "You can't get through these locks unless you use a torch," says Keeping.

This particular lock is big enough to hold both wheels of the bicycle if one wheel is taken off.

An automatic insurance policy is also included with the lock.

Jeff Patterson, a Dalhousie student, lost his bicycle because of a weak chain and combination lock. Patterson's bicycle and two others were stolen from the bicycle rack inside the Tupper building four weeks ago on a Thursday night.

The means are available for students to secure their bicycles, says Keeping.

"If I had a \$300.00 bicycle, I would spend the \$35.00 to make sure it wasn't stolen."

B.O.G. avoids disinvestment

By LOIS CORBETT

THE DALHOUSIE BOARD OF Governors won't talk about selling its stock in companies that invest in South Africa until next January.

Stephen Ellis, a student governor, gave notice of the January debate when he told the board on Monday that he planned to introduce a motion that "Dalhousie divest its stock in companies that choose to do business with South Africa."

Ellis said he is certain "none of us here want to support apartheid and we all abhor its practice." Ellis had said earlier that disinvestment will help pressure the government of South Africa to eliminate apartheid.

Struan Robertson, chair of the board of governors, thanks Ellis for "bringing that very difficult question before the board. We discussed it here a few years ago."

Robertson said he wants the disinvestment move "duly and properly considered."

On Monday, McGill became the first Canadian university to adopt disinvestment, a policy

that will lead to the sale of all its South Africa-linked stock.

Unlike Dalhousie, there is a strong student movement against apartheid at McGill. About 600 McGill students crowded outside the university's administration building when the board of governors met, chanting "divest now."

By LOIS CORBETT

IF CANADIAN UNIVERSITY students want to help dismantle apartheid, they must pressure their universities to disinvest, says a South African economist.

Stephen Gelb, lecturer at Johannesburg's Witwatersrand University, said disinvestment by businesses and universities is a "signal to the South African government that there is a limit to the support in the West for apartheid."

Gelb, a soft-spoken economist who has studied apartheid as an economic policy, anti-apartheid sanctions and disinvestment, and the black labour movement in

McGill will disinvest its \$45 million in securities, stocks and bonds in companies that are owned or controlled by South Africans.

Dalhousie has about \$5 million invested in companies that do business in South Africa.

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"S.A. economy based on apartheid"

South Africa, finished a cross-Canada tour last week in Halifax.

Brought to Canada by Oxfam, Gelb talked to student unions and small student audiences about disinvestment.

"(Disinvestment) puts pressure on business and government that was never there before. It's part of the larger process of mobilizing against apartheid," he said.

The entire South African economy is based on apartheid, said Gelb.

"Apartheid is an economic policy that depends on the blacks' low standard of living. It's essential that employers keep blacks' wages low. Black families must have small incomes. Basic items, like milk, bread and gas take up

DSU chooses charity

By NAA DEI NIKOI

AFFIRMING THE UNIVERSITY's commitment to the community the Dalhousie Student Union has officially adopted a local transition house as its charity of the year.

Bryony House, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, will benefit from fund-raising efforts this year.

Bryony House offers women shelter for six weeks and provides them with counselling, educational, employment, childcare and legal aid programs.

Last year, the DSU helped to raise \$10,000 for OXFAM, an organization with mainly overseas programs.

Reza Rizvi, DSU executive vice-president, is pleased with the choice of a local charity this year.

"The problem with adopting a national organization such as OXFAM is that you do not get a feeling of where your money goes."

DSU community affairs coordinator Nancy Cameron, who recommended the adoption of

Bryony House, cites the recent threat to its confidentiality.

Incidents following the publication of the shelter's address in the phone book by Maritime Tel and Tel have caused some concern.

"It was an error, one we've admitted and one over which we are deeply concerned," says Larry Hines, public service manager for MT&T. The management, says Hines, is monitoring the situation and is prepared to help in any way.

The DSU is soliciting clothes and household items to be used at Bryony House and hopes to raise \$5,000 through various events planned for next term. Fraternities and other groups such as Dal Women in Medicine have pledged their support.

Norma Profitit, Bryony House executive director, feels the DSU's effort will heighten awareness of the problems of domestic violence and especially wife-battering in the community.

"There is a tendency for students to tune out the unpleasant things in their communities and live in their own worlds," says Profitit.

Mayors want housing

By DAVID OLIE

"IT IS A CRISIS" SAYS JOHN Savage, mayor of Dartmouth, in regard to the housing shortage facing residents of Metro.

Savage has joined with the mayors of Halifax and Bedford, the warden of Halifax County, Archbishop James Hayes, and the People for Housing Coalition to ask the provincial and federal governments for assistance in constructing more low-rent accommodations in the region.

The Metro leaders met on Nov. 7 at the request of Hayes and produced a communique calling for assistance in meeting "a serious (housing) crisis" in the area.

Savage says the problem goes even farther. "We believe there is a problem across the province

with housing," he says.

But the provincial government has not reacted favourably to the initiatives of the Metro mayors.

"The Metro area has no more a God-given right to cry 'housing crisis' than any other part of the province," said provincial Housing minister Mike Laffin in response to the communique.

"You show me the names of the people who called it a crisis, and I'll get them a home in Cape Breton or somewhere," Laffin said in an interview with *The Daily News*. "A lot of people have homes and they're not interested in all this."

Premier John Buchanan defended Laffin's remarks by saying the "crisis is in the eyes of the beholder," and added, "the minister has always done an able job."

Savage says he is disappointed with the government's response.

"We were hoping to bring home this problem and make governments and people in general aware of it," says Savage. "The last thing in the world I want to get into is an argy-bargy fight with the province over it."

"If enough people can't find a place to live, there *must* be a crisis," Savage says. "This includes numbers of students who cannot find affordable housing."

Savage says the group of mayors has yet to hear very much from the federal government, and says they realize their main lobby efforts must be directed there.

"Federal funds are key to affordable housing," he says.

The Mayors plan to meet with Laffin as soon as possible.

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