

Fitness Centre on Campus

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which restricts him/her from participating in a regular fitness program.

Although the Rick Hansen Centre operates in much the same way as any other fitness facility, some special adaptations have been made so that the needs of physi-

cally disabled clients can be met. Minor adaptations, such as removable pads on Nautilus machines, allow easier access to equipment from a wheelchair. The Centre also has specialized equipment such as the Arm Ergometer, a bicycle for your hands, used primarily by clients in electric wheelchairs or

motorized scooters for whom a bicycle would not be appropriate. The Centre also has wheelchair rollers which enable athletes to wheel their chairs while remaining stationary.

Another very important and unique feature of the Centre is the fact that trained staff members are available to give clients individual assistance as needed. Newly introduced Aquazic and Aerobics programs now enable the Centre to offer its clients a variety of fitness alternatives.

As part of the Department of Physical Education, the Rick Hansen Centre maintains a very significant level of involvement with the university in a variety of ways. The Phys. Ed. Department has helped to support the Centre financially in the past, and the Centre in turn serves as a practicum placement for undergraduate students in adaptive physical education courses. The Centre has also previously worked on some research projects in conjunction with the

Phys. Ed. Department.

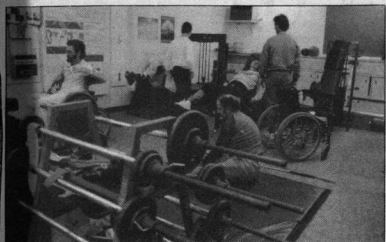
Although it has had some financial ups and downs in the past, the Centre's major source of funding at this time is a three-year grant from the provincial government awarded last year.

"Three years is the longest period of time that we've ever been funded," Holland stated. She went on to explain that the Centre had previously relied on short-term funding from organizations, such as the Paralympic Sports Association.

Last fall, the Young Executives' Club organized the First Annual Coleco Twist Hockey Challenge to raise money for the Centre. This tremendously successful event, which raised approximately \$6,200, gave the Centre a greatly appreciated financial and moral boost. The Young Executives' Club has decided to hold a second twist hockey tournament in November.

"All the financial assistance is well used in terms of programming and staff for the Centre," said Clifford.

Anyone interested in Adult Fitness and Lifestyles Program or the Athletes Program phone Laurie Clifford or Leona Holland at 432-3182.



Athletes take advantage of Rick Hansen Centre

Photo: Julie Kim

Gateway staff meeting

Thursday 4:00

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Revolt is in the air!

No frats on council

HALIFAX (CUP) — The judicial board of the Dalhousie Student Union has ruled that an umbrella organization of fraternities and sororities can not have a seat on student council because it promotes sexual discrimination.

However, the status of some societies may be in jeopardy following the ruling. Because the student union constitution prohibits discrimination based on race, colour, sexual or political orientation, and ethnic or national origin, groups such as the International Students Association may have membership requirements in contravention of the constitution, said board chair Glen Johnson.

Although the judicial board's report recommended that the constitution be amended to allow religious and cultural groups to maintain society status, law student Carolyn Zayid said councillors should first have decided if the Interfraternity Council (IFC) deserved a seat at all.

"They can always change the constitution after," Zayid said.

IFC president Mike Dunn said council should have handled the issue itself and not "passed the buck to the judicial board."

Johnson said he disagreed with the majority report because he does not consider fraternities to be discriminatory.

Dunn agreed, saying, "There's been no documented cases of females being refused entry into male fraternities."

Zayid said religious, cultural and women's groups need membership qualifications, and that "nothing distinguishes fraternities except that they're a social club."

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