



## Ils ne passeront pas

Dalhousie Tiger defenceman Brian MacDonald stops a University of Moncton player from getting close to the net last Friday. The Tigers easily handled Moncton in their 8-3 win. For more on MacDonald turn to page 11.

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# Back from the brink: Art gallery to survive

by Crystal Levy

The Dalhousie Art Gallery has been rescued from budget cutbacks for at least five more years by a \$250,000 donation from alumnus John A. Scrymgeour.

Scrymgeour, who graduated in 1943 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Dalhousie, will donate \$50,000 a year for five years toward the operating costs of the gallery and the establishment of an endowment fund. Dalhousie has promised to donate another \$50,000 a year, for a "bare bones" minimum operating budget of \$100,000 for the gallery.

Home to over 600 pieces of artwork, the gallery had been slated to close this academic year as part of the cutbacks recommended in the university's third Budget Advisory Committee report in September.

The gallery's four staff members were given their termination notices in November. Three of the four positions have now been saved; only Susan Gibson Garvey's position of



Mern O'Brien

gallery curator is still uncertain, although as the funds become available, her position will also be reinstated.

Gallery director Mern O'Brien said one of the first things they did when they found out was to start booking exhibits again. "It feels wonderful to be out of the trenches and back to work," she said. "It's a wonderful, wonderful feeling to be

able to undertake this work again."

Despite the generous donation, gallery staff working with the university's Development Office must still continue their fundraising efforts to increase this basic sum and to further establish a large endowment fund which will be needed to provide basic operating funds by 1999. They say they hope Dr. Scrymgeour's donation will generate interest among students, faculty, and the community, and encourage others to come forward and consider making donations to the gallery's endowment fund. Their goal is to raise \$1 million in five years.

Garvey said the fundraising, on top of the donation, will help cover the day-to-day expenses. The gallery will continue operating much as before, and will be open the same hours as in the past.

O'Brien said Scrymgeour, who is now retired and living in Bermuda, has "been associated with the arts for many, many years," and has been a gallery benefactor since 1988.

# And they're off...

by Gazette staff

The posters are already going up. Hands are being shaken, babies kissed. It's election time again for the Dalhousie Student Union.

Tuesday was the closing day for nominations, and eighteen candidates declared themselves, including three teams of two for the positions of President and Vice-President Executive.

Besides these, however, most candidates will be running without an opponent. As well, no one came forward for the post of Vice-President Community Affairs or for the Dentistry and Health Sciences seats on Senate.

The following are the candidates students will be voting for or against, or simply ignoring, on February 15-17.

#### Board of Governors:

Adam Block  
James Connor  
Lisa Lachance  
Chris Whynacht

#### Senate:

Chris Lydon — Arts  
Jonathan Sunderland — Arts  
Natalia Archer — Science  
Drew Campbell — Science  
Nathan Laurie — Management Studies

#### Communications Coordinator:

John Yip

#### Vice-President External:

Hal Maclean

#### Vice-President Academic:

Beth Owen

#### President/V.-President Executive:

Patrick Keith/ Heather Gibson  
Jeannie MacDonald/ Nora Bednarski  
Rod MacLeod/ Tiffany Jay

Jennifer Hockey, the DSU's Elections Returning Officer, said by-elections for the unfilled posts will be held in March.