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## East Timor tales of horror

BY WAYNE GROSZKO

"How many of you have heard of East Timor?" asked Isabel Galhos, an East Timorese woman who spoke at Law Hour last Thursday, March 14.

Over half the people in the audience raised their hands.

"Good," said Galhos, "so I don't have to explain to you where is East Timor."

The former Portuguese colony of East Timor declared independence in November, 1975. Two weeks later, the country was invaded by the Indonesian military.

Galhos was three years old at the time. She said Indonesian troops entered her home and raped and killed several members of her family.

The killing of East Timorese people by the Indonesian military has continued unabated since that day, said Galhos, and one third of the East Timorese population has been killed through war and famine.

Galhos said she trained in the Indonesian army. She was judged politically safe enough to participate in a cultural exchange program called Canada World Youth.

She defected as soon as she reached Canada, and despite threats by the Indonesian army to her family still living in East Timor, she is telling her story.

"Here in Canada I can tell the truth about my country," said Galhos. "Because I tell the truth, I cannot go back to East Timor. They kill me."

She described some of the conditions in East Timor under the ongoing Indonesian occupation.

"We are not allowed to get together more than two people at a time, and not allowed to leave home after eight o'clock at night," she said. "Every pro-independence family is required to adopt two members of the Indonesian military to keep in their home."

"In school, one day, they took the men out of the class and lined up the women and gave them an injection, without any explanation," said Galhos.

She later discovered that she had been subjected to sterilization.

Bill Owen, of the East Timor Alert Network (ETAN), provided background information about the situation in East Timor and showed a short video clip on the Dili massacre of 1991.

On Oct. 28, 1991, an unarmed East Timorese student was shot dead by the Indonesian military. A few weeks later, several thousand East Timorese people walked to the Santa Cruz cemetery in the capital city of Dili to mourn and protest his death.

Indonesian soldiers opened fire on the unarmed crowd, killing an estimated 300 people. Indonesian

## Tuition going up...again

BY DANIEL CLARK

The motion concerning next year's fee increase passed with little opposition at the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting on Tuesday, March 19.

John Risley, the BOG's honorary treasurer, made the presentation. Contrary to numbers published in previous reports of the president's Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), next year's financial shortfall will be 7% of the total budget, or approximately

### Board of Governors passes fee hike

\$11 million.

To combat this, and to help maximize profits from tuition, Risley proposed that tuition fees be increased by 12% for arts students and by 9.7% for science students. Fee hikes for the other faculties will vary, however none will exceed a 12% increase, he said.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) president David Cox voiced

his opposition.

"As an arts student, I find it very aggravating that arts students are charged a lot more than students in other programs which cost considerably more to run," he said. "Especially seeing as these people [science students] will go out into the world and later earn that much more."

Joan Crawford, a Senate rep-

resentative on the BOG, defended the increases.

"The students are our customers... and as much as I hate to see tuition go up, I realize that it is impossible to cut any deeper into departmental budgets," she said. "In my own department, we have seen fewer electives, and larger classes, and soon it will be difficult to offer a viable education."

The tuition increase means that the average arts student will be paying almost \$375 more next year, bringing their total fee to almost \$3,700. For science students, the cost will jump from below \$3,800 to over \$4,100. And if classes start earlier next year, summer jobs may be cut short.

"It really worries me that with them moving next year's start date forward, that more than just Frosh week is being sacrificed," said Howe Hall President John Killam. "This is time that the student needs to earn this extra money."

Fee increases will make Dalhousie one of the three most expensive universities in the country.

"This decision [how much to increase fees] may be premature," said Colin Stuttard, Chair of the Senate and a BOG representative. "With Ontario changing their fee structure, we might want to see if the rest of the country will follow."

Dalhousie president Dr. Tom Traves disagreed.

"We have to make a decision at some point, and I think we have as much information as we are going to get," he said.

Also at the meeting, Dr. Traves gave the president's report to the BOG. In it, he congratulated Dalhousie's sports teams.

"We would like to express our appreciation and congratulations to all of the sports teams at Dalhousie," he said.

"As most of you probably know, our basketball team was recently in the national championships. In addition, of the 13 teams we have playing at the inter-collegiate level, 11 [were] regional champions, which is probably a record for the university."

Dr. Traves also offered his congratulations to those students who participated in last week's elections.

"We had an excellent turnout, I believe, of over 2,000 students," he said. "I think this is a significant increase in the level of participation over past years, and I think credit is due to you [President Cox] and the other members of the DSU who have made this avenue available to students."

Traves acknowledged that the student's capital campaign contribution of \$1.3 million is still the highest of any individual organization. This was a point that Cox later reiterated in his own presentation to the BOG.

The capital campaign program is a new fundraising program which involves the alumni and the current Dalhousie community.



GAZETTE PHOTO BY DANIELLE BOUDREAU

### Springtime, and the living's easy... well, not quite yet.

Students here take time out to enjoy the balmy weather that swept over Hallowtown last week. One energetic student was even seen sporting shorts. The vegetarian hot dog guy from in front of the SUB, seen here at right, was reportedly doing brisk business.

## A case for anti-censorship

BY KATHARINE DUNN

**S**O what does he look like?" Jane asks, fervently tugging at Karen's sleeve. Karen hesitates and sighs, visibly frustrated. "Well? It's not a difficult question."

She's right, the question is not a tough one. However, Karen is uncertain of how to answer. The man she attempts to describe is black. Or is he African-American? Or Afro-Canadian? Or coloured?

Karen searches for the correct response — the politically correct response, that is. But when it comes to political correctness, the answers to such questions are usually obsolete by the time people get around to using them.

"He's tall, dark, and handsome," Karen finally concedes, successfully dodging a reference to his "colour."

Originally, it was due to good intentions that people were conscious of the language they used. However, this language is ephemeral, and our choice of words which may be acceptable today might not be tomorrow. In a democratic society where individuals of every class, race, sex, and ability are deemed equal, we have espoused terminology which we believe best accommodates each others' "societal status."

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