



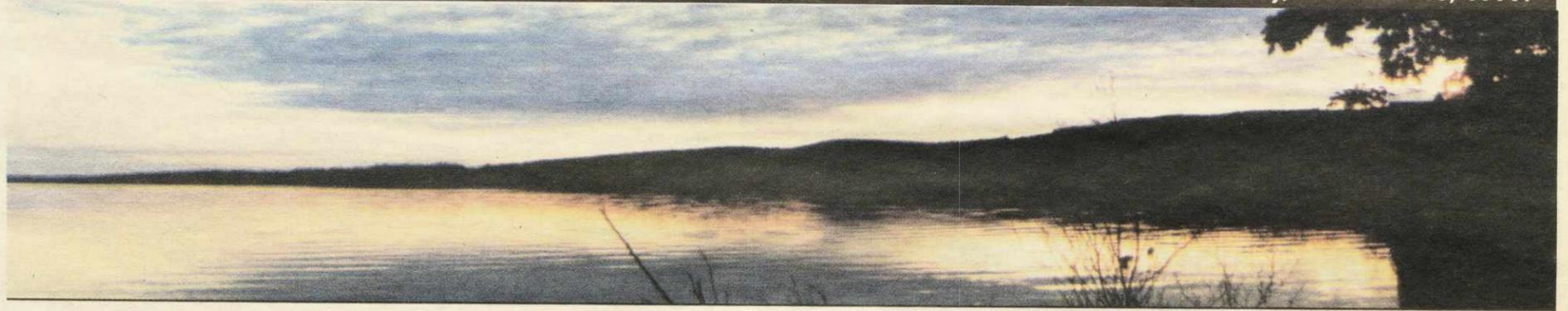
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Water, plus clouds, plus trees, equals one good picture.

photo by Jon (the animal) Elmer

## Maclean's releases its annual ranking Dalhousie University ranked eighth overall

BY ALEJANDRO BUSTOS

Montreal (CUP) — Maclean's magazine has completed their ninth annual University ranking.

The Maclean's ranking, the only one of its kind in Canada, was launched in 1991 as a way to

inform prospective university students about the quality of education at various institutions across the country.

The survey measures such things as class sizes, high school graduation grades for entering university students, library holdings and faculty credentials. It

also divides universities into three categories: medical/doctoral, comprehensive and primarily undergraduate.

Dalhousie ranked eighth overall in the medical/doctoral category, and remain in the same position as last year. University of Toronto leads this category,

followed by UBC and Queen's. The magazine ranks Dalhousie 16th of the top 20 schools in terms of reputation.

Many members of the academic community say the Maclean's rankings is misleading.

"Trying to rank complex organizations like universities is

always somewhat arbitrary," said Bernard Shapiro, the principal of McGill University. "I don't use [Maclean's] as a source of planning policy for McGill's future."

Shapiro has reason to be dismissive — McGill dropped to

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## Woman assaulted on campus No arrests made

BY AMY DURANT

A 19 year old woman was assaulted Friday, November 12, while walking across the Dalhousie campus.

The victim was approached by her attacker near the Studley Gym while she was on her way to the Student Union Building.

There were no witnesses.

The assailant punched and pushed his 19 year old victim and demanded money. The victim was

pushed to the ground but managed to stand up, punch her attacker and run to a nearby residence.

The attack occurred at about 10:15 Friday evening and was reported to Halifax Regional Police at 11:20.

"As soon as we got the call, officers responded," said Frank Bowes, an officer with the Halifax police department. [We] interviewed the victim, searched areas the suspect could have fled from, and talked to Dalhousie security." The officers didn't come

across anything, and no arrests were made.

The attacker is described as a white male in his early twenties, about 6'2, with a medium build and short dark hair. At the time of the assault he was wearing a dark blue jacket and jeans.

Police are still investigating the case.

"It's hard to say [if any arrests will be made]," said Bowes. "Hopefully we'll be able to identify someone in this case. Only time will tell."

## UNB resident student evicted for drugs Says it wasn't 'the chronic'

BY GORDON LOANE

FREDERICTON (CUP) Derek Stapleton, a former University of New Brunswick residence student, plans to launch an appeal with UNB's University Secretary after being evicted from residence for alleging using marijuana in his dorm room.

Stapleton maintains his innocence and insists neither he nor his eight friends who were partying in his room the night of October 30 were smoking marijuana.

The student says a friend of a friend was visiting his room and was smoking a brand of American cigarette tobacco that when smoked did smell somewhat like marijuana.

Thinking residence authorities might get the wrong impres-

sion, Stapleton says he and his friends tried to clear the air in his dorm room by spraying air freshener.

A first application did not seem to work, so Stapleton and friends used the freshener a second time. Shortly thereafter, the trouble began.

Stephen Sharp, a residence proctor, smelled what he thought might be marijuana and alerted University Security.

When Sharp and an unnamed security person showed up at Stapleton's room, they apparently had to knock on the door at least three times before gaining admittance.

"I told them to come in and they were allowed to look around my room and look anywhere they wanted," said Stapleton, less than 24 hours after being kicked out of

residence. "They went through the room, looked at the ash trays and that and did not find anything."

A friend of Stapleton's, Jason Ross, was in the residence room in question the night when the proctor and a UNB security person went through the room.

"The campus security guy said I don't really know what it is but it could be a marijuana cigarette," said Ross. "The security guy said 'I'm not saying it is or is not, I'm not quite sure.'"

Since the October 30 incident, Stapleton set up a meeting with UNB's Associate Director Residential Life, John Craighead.

After launching an investigation, Craighead decided to evict Stapleton.

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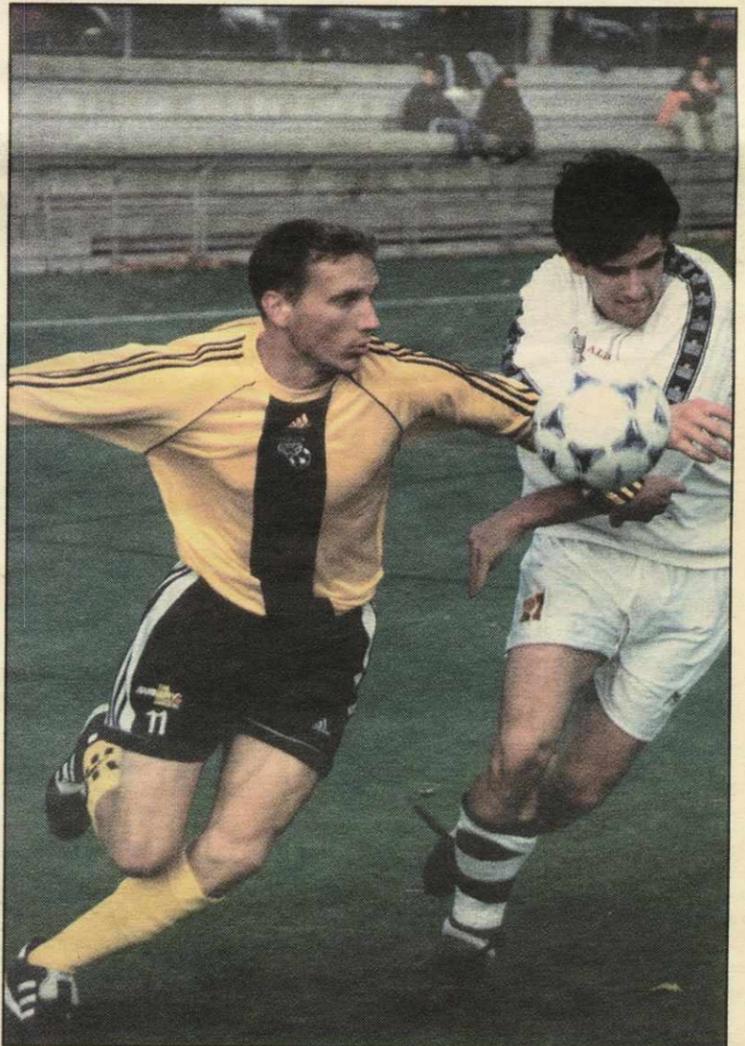


photo by Christian Laforce

Dal AUAA MVP Jeff Hibberts kicks the ball. The men took AUAA honours, while the women CIAU gold.

## Man offering dubious rides

BY AMY DURANT

Dalhousie Security and Halifax Police are investigating a suspect who has been hanging around Shirreff Hall and Fenwick Place offering female residents rides. While he indicates he is operating a courier and taxi service, the man has been unable to produce any evidence for this.

Women decline his services, and the man leaves without any

trouble.

He is a white male, in his late thirties, about 5'10, and weighing approximately 250 pounds. He has short brown hair and has a noticeable scar on the right side of his neck.

The man drives a blue Mazda pick up truck with Nova Scotia licence plate DFB 576.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Dalhousie Security.