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## Dal discloses relations with Indonesia

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

Dalhousie's official involvement with Indonesia is being made public after a motion passed by the university's highest academic body.

But just what is meant by 'involvement' is being disputed.

Prof. Andy Wainwright drafted the Senate motion which called for the information's release.

"Given the seriousness of the situation in East Timor, the evidence that points to Indonesian government funding and training of the militias, and the denial of movement towards independence in East Timor there [should] be immediate disclosure of all university dealings with government, business and academia in Indonesia," the motion stated.

Wainwright says it's an attempt to open up discussion.

"These are very important human issues and we're all involved in it," he said. "I don't want to accept what I don't know."

Professor Ismet Ugursal disagrees.

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"If the Senate is going to look at Indonesia... it should look at everything else."

But Wainwright says if people know Dal has contacts

with other places like Indonesia then maybe they should be looking at those too.

"The university is not an ivory tower

separated from politics," he said.

In the end, Sam Scully, vice-president academic and research, says he only found three projects with Dal-Indonesian co-operation.

All three were funded and approved by the government's Canadian International Development Assistance program. Dal professors offer their expertise on the projects.

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## Walking for a cause

11th annual AIDS Walk met with good weather and lots of support

KATIE TINKER

Like everyone else at Sunday's AIDS walk, Wendy Dutton is thankful for the clear skies and crisp air. Thanks to AIDS research, she is able to enjoy the walk with her brother.

"Originally, my brother was given five to eighteen months to live," said Dutton after the walk.

"And because of the research, because of the new medication, he's here six and a half years later."

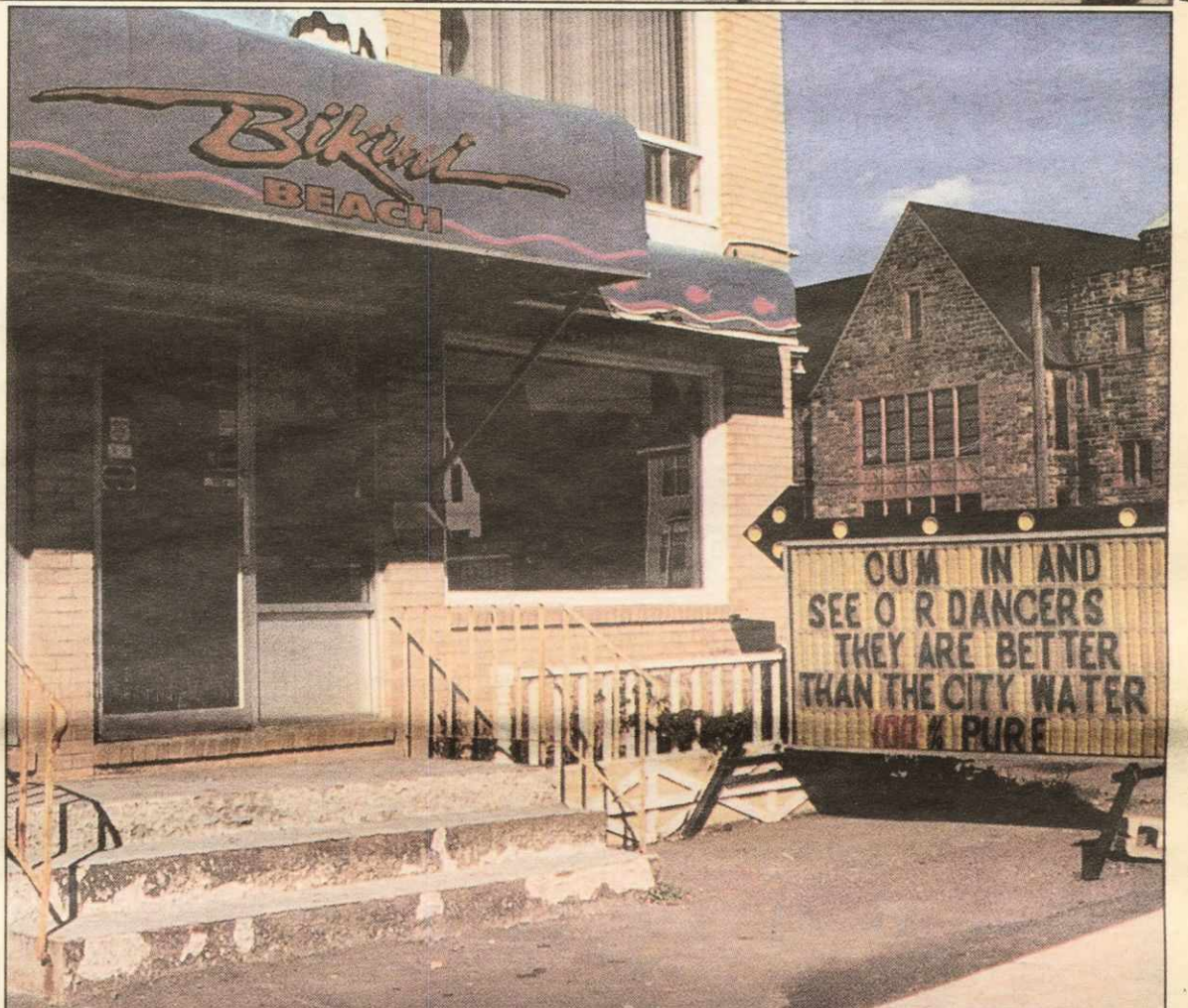
Dutton said support from

the community is incredibly important in the fight against AIDS.

"I just hope that more people come out next year. It's fun, it's a good time, the people are lovely—and it all helps."

The annual AIDS walk is the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia's (ACNS) biggest fundraiser—and it's more important than ever, according to Robert Allen, a spokesperson for the organization, who says despite

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Moncton's water supply may be depleted but strippers are abundant.

photo by Robin Kuniski

## Religious activist asked to leave SUB

Student union says literature was 'hateful'

BY GREG MCFARLANE

The controversial tactics of a Halifax religious group has caught the ire of the Dalhousie Student Union.

The Halifax Bible Church has been accused of spreading offensive messages by the Dalhousie Student Union [DSU], and the group's pastor, David Brown, has been asked by Brian Kellow, the DSU Executive Vice-President, to stay away from the Student Union Building [SUB].

Kellow said the controversy began when Brown posted the SUB with signs he says were insensitive to Dalhousie's Catholic students. Kellow removed the posters and informed Brown that if he wanted to put up any more posters, he would have to run them by Kellow first.

Later, on September 22, Brown began handing out pamphlets that Kellow deemed to be

"hateful", and was asked to leave. It is standard policy of the DSU to not allow groups to hand out pamphlets in the SUB, unless that group reserves a table in the

union disagrees with its message. "It is impossible to present the truth claims of Christianity without offending people, so whether people are offended or

not is irrelevant," Brown said, adding that "the DSU has no right to say how a [religious organization] expresses themselves."

Kellow disagrees. He says that because the student union is an inclusive organization, all groups that use the SUB to advertise or distribute literature have to be sensitive to the beliefs of all students.

"In our building, if you want to invite people to a church, that's fine," Kellow said. "If you want to

**"That shouldn't be an opportunity for a [religious] group to say to [students], 'if you don't believe in our beliefs, you're gonna go to hell.'" — DSU Executive Vice-President Brian Kellow**

lobby.

However, Brown says he was standing in a public space, on the sidewalk in front of the SUB, and the DSU had no right to ask him to leave.

"We're very familiar with the local police, and we know what the law says," Brown said.

Instead, Brown says the DSU is trying to suppress the views of his church because the

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