

# Dal bands look forward to Campus Sound Explosion

## Flapjacks, freaks and a warm winter carnival

BY AVI LAMBERT

Among other things happening on Dal Campus in the next little while is next Wednesday's Campus Sound Explosion, along with the Burt Neilson Band this Friday night, the Diablo Freak Show and Big Wreck next weekend, and some *wild shit* going on during the Winter Carnival.

The Neilson Band opened for One Step Beyond last time they were here and they've said they want to make up for time lost and play a three hour set. Winter Carnival features free griddle cakes on the boulevard (whatever that is) next Thursday, and a velcro wall at noon. And Friday, the Diablo Sideshow is in the Grawood. People usually throw up at the 'wood, so the Sideshow might not be a total success.

But I don't want to get ahead of myself. The Campus Sound Explosion (CSE) is what we're talking about here.

The CSE is a battle of the bands for university students. Andrea Gagliardi, an Eastern member of the board of directors of the Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA), of which the CSE is a part, says the CSE is not designed to promote national touring acts, but to promote amateur student talent. This year an

inter-university competition on the East Coast will send the finalist from this battle of the bands, and the winner of the semi-finals between all the participating Eastern Universities, to the finals at the COCA conference here in Halifax in June. The winner who proceeds to a showcase spot in the COCA conference will be presented to an array of promoters, agents, programmers and buyers.

The bands playing at the CSE were selected on a first come, first serve basis. The prime criteria was that at least half of the band's members had to be Dalhousie students. So at first, taste wasn't a part of the selection and judging process. Yet the entrants must contend with the criterion for judging laid down by the CSE organizing committee — 60 percent talent, 25 percent stage presence, and 15 percent originality. To some, these criteria leave a lot to be desired — and to others this is a perfect mold to work from.

Paromita Adhikari, who is in the Interdisciplinary Science program at Dal, is the lead vocalist and guitarist of the band Veda, which means wisdom and vision in Sanskrit. Paromita said Veda was looking forward to getting on stage in front of the Grawood crowd.

"The music industry's going to be there and there's going to be a

lot of people there that listen to and buy music," she said.

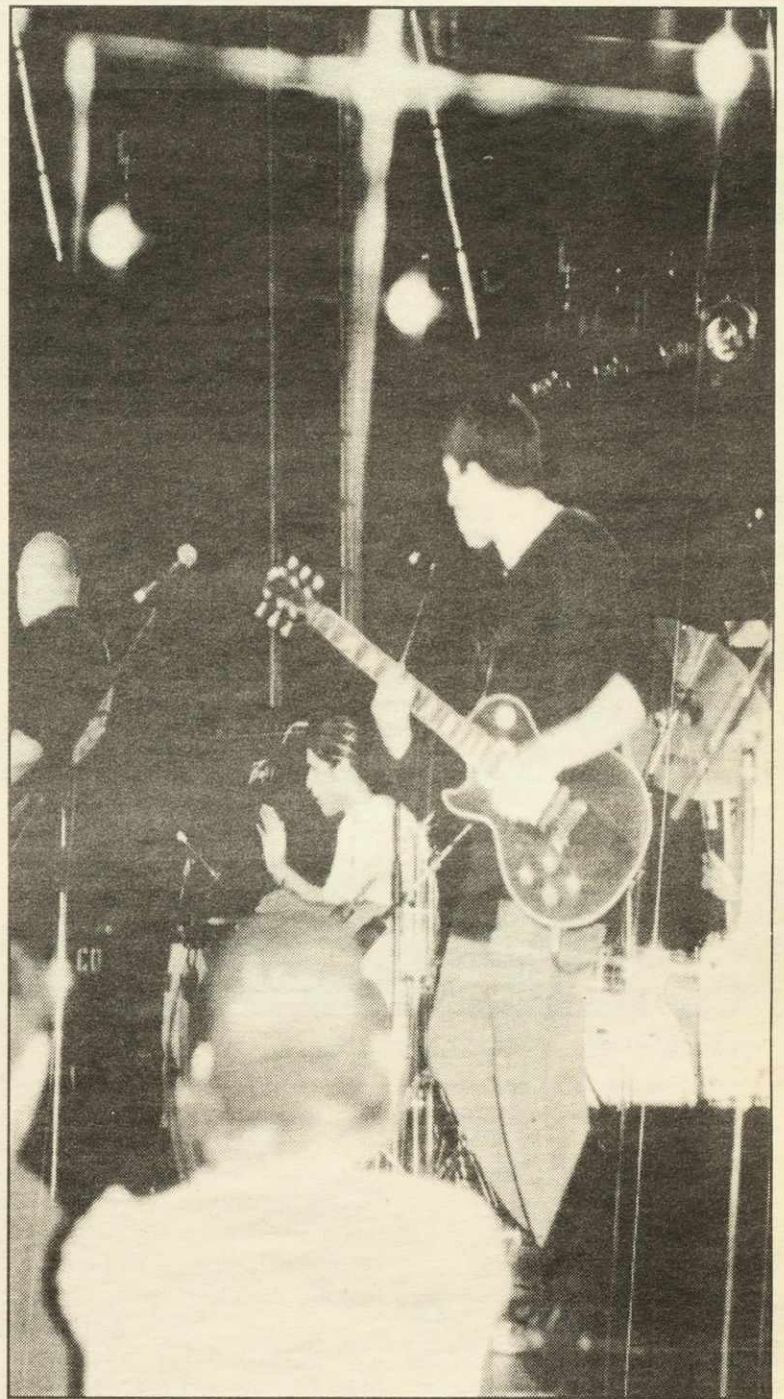
Besides that, Paromita said the fan base in Halifax is supportive and enthusiastic. The band's new drummer, Rob Eisan, will be playing with them for the first time at the CSE.

Another CSE entrant, Rob Ingram, from the band Silversuit, says the CSE is beneficial to bands because "amateurs are able to get out [on stage] and get some experience and exposure". Ingram, along with guitarist and lead vocalist Lloyd Smith and drummer Derrick Rudolph, are in the process of recording their next CD. Ingram told me they're on a temporary hiatus, looking for money.

As to the weight of talent, originality and stage presence, Ingram said stage presence is a big thing, but "talent and originality should be equally weighed... you've gotta write your own tunes and be good at what you do."

In the next two weeks, with the unseasonably warm temperatures brought to us by El Niño and his sister La Niña, students should revel outside, and groove to the delight of live music, free food, and ridiculous university activities. So get your readings done and free up your time.

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The January 20 issue of the Dalhousie News included an insert which contains a discussion paper and a questionnaire that faculty, staff and students can use to express their opinions.

An electronic version is available on the web. Click on "What's New" on the Dalhousie Home Page (www.dal.ca). You will be able to download the questionnaire and mail it to the Security Office or you will be able to submit your response electronically. Please note, you will be asked to include your name and Dalhousie ID number.

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