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Dal student shot by roommate

By Janice McConnell
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A missing cat seems to have prompted a Dalhousie student to shoot her roommate last Friday the 13th.

Nusya Campbell, a 28 year-old graduate student from Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, was nicked in the arm and face by gunshot.

The injuries were never considered life-threatening. Campbell was brushed by the shot, but was able to walk to get help. Witnesses said she appeared to be in shock.

Lisa Corra, a 26 year-old Dalhousie graduate student was arrested for the shooting.

The roommates had apparently been fighting over housing problems such as loud music and dishes, according to another tenant.

These problems escalated when Corra's cat, Cypress, disappeared over Christmas. Corra held Campbell responsible for the missing pet.

Corra's mother has revealed that Corra had been repeatedly seeking psychiatric care in the last few weeks but had been refused treatment. Corra had previously been diagnosed with a mental illness, according to the Dalhousie Gazette.

The shotgun used in the shooting was found a half a block away from the scene of the shooting, outside the Dalhousie Student Union Building. It appeared to have been carried in a hard-shell guitar case.

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Cellar pub gets \$11,000 loan from SU

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The Student Union lent the Cellar a further \$11,000 last month in order to replenish its liquor stock.

This loan is on top of an outstanding loan of \$30,000 last September for the Cellar's start-up costs.

"The amount is getting large, I must admit," said Paul Estabrooks, Student Union President at last Wednesday's Student Council meeting.

Estabrooks emphasized that the pub showed a loss for the first two months of operation but has shown a profit for the months of November and December.

He cautioned that the bar may not be able to pay its loans back this year. Estabrooks suggested, however, that with improved advertising he expected profits would increase.

Councillor Jeff Melanson had concerns that the Cellar is losing money and felt that advancing more cash could be like "throwing money on a fire".

"There is hardly any day when I haven't been to the Cellar," said Estabrooks, indicating that he is concerned about the business.

The Cellar was opened in September by the Student Union after the previous establishment, the Pub in the Sub, went bankrupt.

Friend says he was driving

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Kolarich jumped in the back seat of the car with keys in hand while Tomaklo was in the front.

During this time, said Kolarich, a police car circled the parking lot and pulled up beside them. Kolarich said an officer approached Tomaklo and asked to see his driver's license.

Tamaklo was then asked to step outside the car, which was when the officer read a statement that Tomaklo had been in care and control of the car and must take a breathalyser.

Kolarich states that Tomaklo kept insisting that he was not the driver

of the car.

"In retrospect, there were many instances that occurred that evening that leads one to believe that the police officer knew of Keli or at least the case," said Kolarich.

One such comment he refers to is while an officer allegedly handcuffed him, Tomaklo asked to speak to his friends. At this point, Kolarich says, the officer remarked, "You're not going for your coat this time."

To Kolarich this statement seemed like a direct reference to the April incident.

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Student support centre to open this week

By Mark Savoie
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At Tuesday noon the university will open its new Student Support Centre.

The Student Support Centre will serve as an information outlet and a referral centre for students having a variety of difficulties coping with university life.

The project will be headed by Daina Deby, under the auspices of the UNB Student Union.

"Students with any sort of concerns, whether it be academic, financial, or emotional can come in if they don't know where to start looking for the answers," commented Deby. "We try to point them in the right direction and eliminate the wild goose chase around campus."

The Support Centre currently employs eight volunteer consultants, all of whom have undergone extensive training at the hands of Deby and assistant Dean of Students Mary Williams. As a result, Deby feels that they are all more knowledgeable about the various options available than the average student would be.

Williams has considerable experience at establishing peer based program training, having started several programs in the past, including the one currently in place at Fredericton High School. The training includes such aspects as communication, listening, and questioning skills, as well as more diverse subjects such as confidentiality and ethics.

"Many students feel more comfortable going to their peers with

problems than they do with professionals," said Deby. "We're trying to reach students that maybe wouldn't otherwise be reached, or wouldn't be helped properly. Our student consultants are problems sorters, not problem solvers. The decision lies with the student. Our job is to let the student know of various alternatives."

The student consultants will work in pairs during the Centre's operating hours of 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday. Crisis numbers will be posted outside the door should any student feel the need for the Centre's services outside of these hours.

If it is found that there is sufficient interest and need, attempts will be made to extend the Centre's hours while maintaining a high standard of service.

National student strike day planned

By Janice McConnell
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A strike organized by the Canadian Federation of Students to protest Lloyd Axworthy's social policy funding reforms encourages students to walk out of class later this month.

The CFS has set up strike action committees at universities and high schools across the country towards a national student strike day on January 25.

"It will be a strong statement that we want to oppose the Liberals' plans to cut federal funding to universities," said Shawn Corey, a Strike Action Committee organizer.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers have also given their endorsement.

There will be a rally at 11:40 at Fredericton High School (the beginning of the high school lunch hour), where students will be met by workers from CUPE and CUPW.

The protesters plan to march at noon down to the Student Union Building where there will be "speak-outs", opportunities for individuals to voice their concerns about the social policy reforms to the crowd. At one o'clock, organizers plan to march from the university to MP Andy Scott's office downtown.

Similar actions will be taking place at other campuses across the country.

"In Edmunston, the entire college is walking out," said Corey.

"In Nova Scotia, people will be coming from many cities and towns and meeting in Halifax," he added.

"They are expecting a minimum of 100,000 people during the day."

Campuses in Ontario and Quebec also plan on walking out.

"We want to uncloak apathy," said Rodney Mowatt, an organizer with the Strike Action Committee. "We want people to care about what happens in our community."

"People should understand that these cuts affect us all," said Corey.

"These are the most massive cuts to educational funding that has ever happened in the history of Canada," he commented.

"We want to applaud everyone that is speaking out against the cuts and to encourage them to come to the protest," said Corey.

"We think that this strategy is a good one," Corey said. "Not that others are wrong."

The strike will represent a number of different groups. The

Fredericton Native Friendship Centre, the UNB Anthropology Society, the Third World Studies Students Association as well as the Fredericton and District Labour Council have all endorsed the strike action.

Social work students at STU have also been actively helping the effort.

"They are providing free photocopying and will have people at the demonstration," said Corey.

"A majority of the student unions across the country are on board," confirmed Corey.

The UNB SU and the New Brunswick Student Alliance do not support CFS's strike initiative.

Kelly Lamrock, chair of the NBSA and author of the position paper "No More Smoke and Mirrors" does not feel that the strike will achieve results.

"CFS has encouraged students to yell without ideas," said Lamrock. "It won't work."

He commented that people don't want to hear students simply saying "Don't cut us", that people want to hear ideas about what should be done instead. Students have to take responsibility for suggesting alternatives to the funding.

Lamrock mentioned that CFS had three organizational meetings on the strike but none for discussion of the issues. CFS has produced no alternative response, has done no research and has given no support to campuses who want to have meaningful participation in social policy reform debate, according to Lamrock.

"CFS is guilty of a complete lack of leadership on this issue," said Lamrock. "As a result students are going to have to pay a price."