

Students worry about post-strike situation

by James Hamilton

Fifteen students sat in on the Board of Governors meeting last Wednesday to press for a settlement of the Dalhousie Faculty strike and express their concern about issues brought up in the president's report to the board.

Before the meeting, students organized a reception line to express their concern to each board member as they entered the Board and Senate chambers.

The main point of interest was President Howard Clark's report to the Board of Governors on November 15, 1988. In it, Clark said the administration's greatest concern is for the students. He said information sheets and strike hotlines have been made available to all students.

The president of the Dalhousie Student Union and member of

the Board of Governors, Juanita Montalvo, raised points of concern for students during the strike. She asked that the administration make a greater effort to consult with students concerning various policies announced during the strike, such as the need for professors to repeat class material missed during the strike, the inability of students to obtain signatures on research applications, and the need for reinterpretation of the Senate's motion stating that no students will suffer an academic penalty due to the strike.

The board said there was no indication that course material would have to be given twice. V.P. Academic Dennis Stairs added that it would be unfair to the faculty who didn't strike to have to reteach course material taught during the strike. The

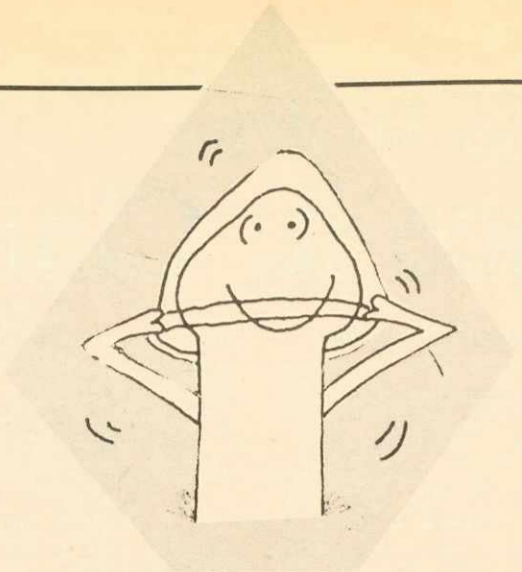
Board also said it is unfortunate that the D.F.A. has persistently offered a different interpretation of the Senate's motion.

In response to Montalvo's concern for signatures on students' research applications, Stairs responded saying that some application deadlines have been extended due to the strike. He added that professors' signatures are not necessary for the applications and that they certainly could be acquired following a settlement of the strike.

Senate Chair William Jones responded to Montalvo's request for a reinterpretation of the senate's statement "no academic penalty", saying it simply meant "no loss of marks".

Another issue raised by students present was concern for loss

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TORONTO (CUP) — Half of Canada's young people are worried about catching AIDS, but only a small minority use condoms regularly, a national study reveals.

"There are scary findings about the level of sexual activity among people," said Alan King, a professor at Queen's University and the principal author of the study about youth and AIDS, which will be released December 2.

The study is based on a survey of 38,000 12 to 21 year olds, including 6,000 university and college students.

The survey states that 75 per cent of first-year students have had sex within six months of starting university. Fifteen per cent have had anal sex at least once in their lives.

Only half of all the students surveyed were afraid of catching AIDS. Of those, only 12 per cent of males and 6 per cent of females regularly use or insist their partners use condoms, which can prevent transmission of the disease.

AIDS workers and educators said young people don't protect themselves from AIDS because they have misconceptions about condoms.

"There is an enormous contradiction between young people's worries and actions," said a counsellor at Toronto's AIDS hotline. "Men and women call up and say 'I'm afraid I'm at risk.' I ask them

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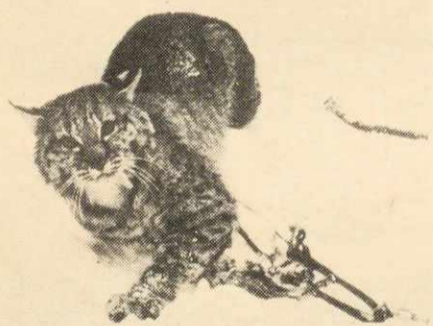


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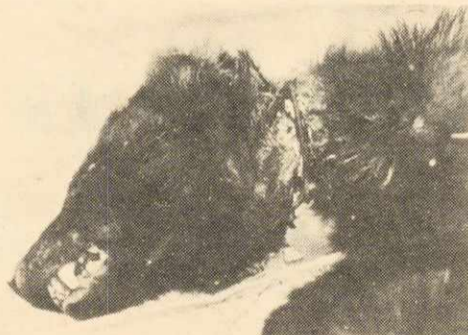


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