

WELCOME WEEK

Volunteer organizations

Making a positive community difference

BY MARY JANE HAMILTON

Many of the active and worthwhile organizations in Halifax rely on volunteers — that means you! Everyone has a couple of hours a week to dedicate his or her expertise to something he or she feels strongly about. Do you care about the environment, peace, battered women, runaways, people with disabilities? Do you feel like making a difference? Well, there is an organization for you.

• Dalhousie Public Interest Research Group (Dal-PIRG) is a student-funded, student-directed organization addressing social justice and environmental issues. Volunteers are needed

for research, writing, radio production, event planning, promotion and special projects (such as the upcoming supermarket tour). Call 494-6662.

• Public Legal Education Society (PLE) is a non-profit organization which provides general legal information to the public. They need volunteers to answer telephones, represent the Society at displays and general office duties. You may even be able to join a committee. This might be of special interest to Law students as you will find out what sorts of questions people have about the law. Call Anne Marie Kent at 423-7154.

• The Dalhousie Gazette is Cana-

da's oldest student newspaper. The Gazette needs volunteers to write, edit, lay out the paper, take up an editorial position (be an Arts or a News editor), or run for Editor. If you have an issue you think should be covered by the Gazette, come up to the office and discuss it, or find out how to cover the story yourself. Call 494-2507.

• CKDU is the only alternative (that is, to commercial) radio. CKDU plays all kinds of great music that is not heard on regular stations and there are no commercials! CKDU needs volunteers to read the news, to do their own show, to do tech-

nical stuff, or help catalogue the library. Call 494-6479.

• Sir Frederick Fraser School (The Atlantic Provinces Resource Centre for the Visually Impaired) has students from all over the Atlantic Provinces. Most of the students are not from Halifax and need volunteers to take them out and around. Volunteers are also needed to teach Braille. Call Shelley Chappell at 424-8500.

• The Metro Peace Centre is a resource centre dedicated to broadening awareness about the peace and social action initiatives of local individuals and

organizations. Volunteers are needed to run the Centre, clip articles for files, and get involved in peace initiatives. Call 422-1931.

• The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is primarily a lobby and public education group for environmental issues. Volunteers are needed to perform general office duties, work on the newsletter (*Between the Issues* — write stories, layout and distribution), do research, library duties, and act on various committees (such as, Harbour

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Join PIRG free food tour

BY YVONNE HANSON

Who is UNILEVER? Why is it that apples often lie in their grocery store bins shining with glossy temptation and after buying them you find out that they have impossible-to-wash-off wax coatings? Are there alternatives to buying over-packaged, herbicide/pesticide-laden food and produce grown elsewhere?

If any of these questions probe into your eating queries, Dal-PIRG has a solution. On the dates of September 14 and 18, Dal-PIRG will hold "The Supermarket Tour". Stressing the fact that 'food is political', organizers hope

to provide basic information on a variety of food issues and point out the links among them. The discussion will include topics of food quality, ecological destruction, impacts on the Third World, rise of agribusiness (as opposed to agriculture) and consumer manipulation.

On these days, enlightened facilitators will take small groups of interested individuals into the local grocery stores and literally 'tour' the store, pointing out products and concepts inside the store that denote some aspect of the mentioned topics. Groups will then reconvene at Dalhousie for discussion.

The Supermarket Tour handbook, designed by OPIRG/GRIPO, states that, "As North Americans, many of us take for granted the food on our table. Yet the food system has undergone tremendous changes in the past 50 years - changes that affect our health, our environment, our politics and even our social values."

For those interested in attending the Supermarket Tour, Dal-PIRG is asking people to pre-register. A PIRG table will be set up in the SUB during welcome week or you can phone the office at 494-6662 to register or to inquire further about the Tour.



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