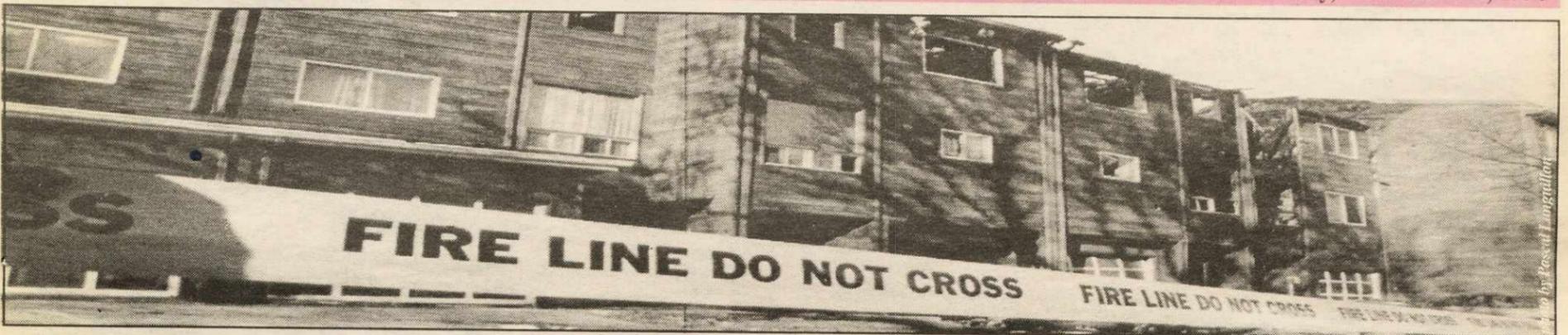


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Fire strips Duncan Street tenants of their homes

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

A fire on Duncan St. has left forty people, including many students, homeless and with not much to start over.

A nine-unit townhouse complex, home to many Halifax students, went up in flames early last Monday morning, and five of the houses sustained serious damage. All nine houses are being kept

empty. Fire inspector Tom Silver said the fire caused damage in the "hundreds of thousands of dollars." Silver says the fire was one of the past year's worst — especially

for having affected so many people. "If you're the person who lost everything but their life obviously it's pretty severe." The cause of the fire is still undetermined, but plays a big part

in the tenants' future. None of the tenants are reported to have had insurance which would cover their losses, but some students may be covered

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Dal may offer multi-media program

Dal, Sheridan partnership first of its kind in Canada

BY JANET FRENCH

Dalhousie is looking into a partnership with an Ontario community college which, if successful, will be the first of its kind in Canada.

Sheridan College, with campuses in Oakville and Toronto, is apparently interested in offering a version of their multi-media program to Dalhousie students.

The partnership might also allow Sheridan students who have earned a three year diploma in business to spend an additional year earning a Dalhousie business degree on their own campus.

The degree-granting proposal would be the first such arrangement between a college and a university in Canada.

But, as everyone involved is quick to point out, all the proposals are still in the preliminary stages.

Sheridan is recognized around the world for their computer graphics and animation programs, and students' animation projects include promotions shown on *MuchMusic*.

The potential deal was first introduced to the university Senate when university president Tom Traves said *Maclean's* magazine was doing an article on Sheridan and might mention a Dal partnership.

The May 8 *Maclean's* article is about Sheridan's growing reputation and the college's many new partnerships.

"Given [Dalhousie's] strength in computer science, it would make great sense for Dalhousie to host a world class computer animation and digital media program in Halifax," the article stated.

Sheldon Levy is the president of Sheridan College. He is also a

former colleague of Traves' from their days together as administrators at York University.

He says the combination of Dalhousie's reputation and Sheridan's highly recognized programs could yield positive results.

"There is real potential for an exciting partnership," he said.

Levy says he chose Dalhousie not only because of his personal relationship with Traves, but

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because of what he considers the harsh politics of Ontario. Ontario government policy is not open to the idea of universities granting degrees to college students, because universities are protective of their degree-granting powers.

"It's easier to work with Dalhousie than Ontario universities," says Levy. "[Dalhousie] has a great reputation. There are Ontario universities that have as good of a reputation, but working with [Traves] is good: you know where you stand."

Levy adds that there are lot of academic and financial details that need to be worked out to see if this idea is viable from an academic and financial perspective. But he also says many questions still need to be answered before program proposals can be made.

"We are asking 'is there an interest at Dalhousie to have Sheridan's programs added to the [current] curriculum?'"

Dalhousie president Tom Traves and vice-president academic and research Sam Scully could not be reached for comment.

Sheridan College already has, and is pursuing, other partnerships with many universities. Existing programs include a business,

marketing and accounting partnership with Northwood University in Midland, Michigan and a joint program in film studies with York University in Ontario.

When it came to the issue of tuition, everyone agrees it was too early to say.

Dalhousie Student Union president Ted Chiasson says it's too early to say much about the partnership because it would be implemented so far in the future.

"This is a fairly lengthy process," he said, adding that no firm proposals have hit the Senate for approval.

Chiasson also says that, although it would be nice if Dal could offer such programs without help, he thinks combining resources from both schools could be a good thing.

"It's just interesting to see new things going on at Dalhousie."



Dal campus was overrun by Hollywood wannabes during a Black Harbour taping session on Wednesday. With any luck, all those CBC employees will make the big time — even on their budget.

Run down facilities need help

Five on a bench for three not "fun and sexy" after all

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

Nova Scotia's university presidents are asking the government for \$380-million to fix their schools' leaky roofs and to help them build new buildings.

In a press conference Nov. 12 the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents released their demands to bring schools up-to-date while maintaining existing facilities.

Nova Scotia is at risk of falling behind other Canadian universities, they said, adding that

"Every politician loves cutting the ribbon and all that shit but the reality is unless the university is going to start issuing every student an umbrella... they're going to need to start fixing roofs."

without more funding, the province won't be able to attract incoming students and state-of-the-art

research.

All the presidents spoke about their school's ancient and cramped rooms, peeling paint and leaking lids.

"The universities in Nova Scotia are not asking for a handout," said St. Mary's University president Ken Ozmon. "We are already doing our part."

But what Ozmon and his

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