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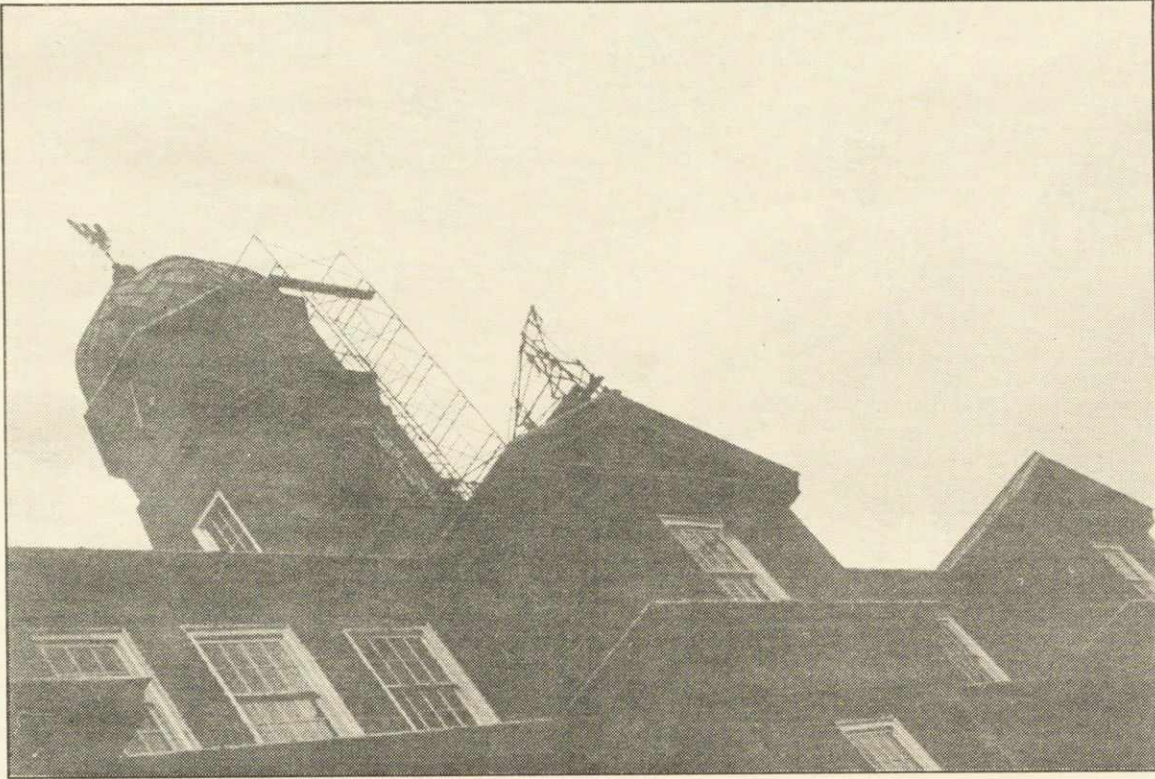


PHOTO: DANIELLE BOUDREAU

Old face gets lift

by Sean Rooney

If you look up, way up, you may have seen some scaffolding and repair men on top of the Dalhousie Arts & Administration building. What are they doing, you might ask? Well the repair crew are fixing Dal's clock tower.

The clock tower on top of the A & A building has been the symbol of Dal since its construction in the 1940s. If you look real closely at the very top, you'll notice Dal's official crest.

The tower sits among the ivy-covered buildings of upper campus on University Avenue. It not only symbolizes Dal but often guides lost first-year students through the maze of Dal's buildings.

After years of weathering, the tower needed some necessary repairs. So Dal's masons set about to fix the old clock tower. Peter Howitt from Dal's Physical Plant said repairs were needed not only to make the tower look better but to prevent water from leaking into the A & A building.

The repair crew are to replace shingles around the edge of the tower and to use specially formulated caulking to seal it tight. They'll also be fixing the crumbling mortar and painting the window panes.

Also while they're up there, they'll be applying a coat of gold paint to the arms and numbers on the clock. The Physical Plant had specialists' help to find the best paint for the job. The original coating was gold but has since worn away. There are four faces to the clock and each one has become tarnished over time.

The clock itself is electric and must be reset after a power outage. A central motor drives all four clocks simultaneously. One problem which comes up twice a year is changing the clock to and from daylight savings time.

The project began a month ago and is expected to take another two to three weeks. Peter Howitt of the Physical Plant said that it's taking this long because the repairs are second priority to other projects going on around campus at the same time.

The Physical Plant is the department responsible for the upkeep of Dal's campus. The cost of the repairs is \$40,000.

Another concern to the Physical Plant is the deterioration of the roof as a whole, on the A & A building. The roof is flat and uses copper flashing which is expensive to replace. But the resources aren't available this year to do this job.

Maybe someday we won't see announcements like this:

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

SECURITY BULLETIN

Dalhousie Security has been informed that at approximately 8:00 pm, on Friday evening, September 30, 1994, a woman was assaulted on South Street, near Eliza Ritchie Hall, while waiting for a Metro Transit Bus.

Her assailant was described as a white male, about 25 years of age. He is about five feet ten inches in height, with dark shaggy hair. At the time of the offence he was wearing a green jacket, which appeared to be too large for him, and he seemed to be growing a beard. No further description available.

The assailant, who was not known to the victim, approached her and attempted to engage her in conversation. When she ignored him and commenced to walk away, he became visibly enraged and grabbed her arm. However, she was able to escape without serious physical harm.

Any person(s) who witnessed this incident, or may possess information which may be of assistance to investigators, is requested to contact Halifax Police at 421-6841, or Dalhousie Security at 494-6400, as soon as possible.

G.A. MacDonald
Chief of Security

October 3, 1994

AIDS week

by Robyn Reed

The Canadian AIDS Society, in cooperation with the Canadian Health Association and the Canadian Hemophilia Society, has chosen "youth" as its focus for this year's outreach program in conjunction with National AIDS Awareness Week (October 3 to 10).

Activities throughout the week have been designed to promote healthy attitudes about youth and sexuality. As well, many of the organizations involved are addressing the need for a positive social environment for HIV positive youth.

Half of the people who are HIV positive today began developing symptoms 10 years after they'd been infected. What this boils down to is the fact that current HIV positive people became infected when they were teenagers.

Amani Wassef, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic, feels that "Part of the problem has been that adults have been sending out this message to youth.

Wassef continues to emphasize in her counselling that "you can't judge by looking at someone if they're safe. As well, it's important to understand that symptoms of AIDS don't show up sometimes until 10 or 12 years later."

Although AIDS Awareness Week is a concentrated effort on a national scale to educate the public about AIDS, the learning process for the public and the commitment of the organizations involved does not stop once the week is over.

On October 7, there will be a youth and AIDS information forum taking place at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia Theatre. This event is an opportunity for youth to talk about their own issues and for some public dialogue to happen. It takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Rick Gilbert at 424-6485 for more information.

From October 7-9, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Conference will be taking place at the Dalhousie SUB. For information on workshops and events, contact James at 429-7922.

ARTS SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING October 6th, 6:30 p.m. at Council Chambers

Elections for the following Positions:

Treasurer
Secretary
Arts Representative

Appointments to the following Committees:

Finance
Promotions and Entertainment
Constitution
Environment

Election for the First Year Representative

will be held on October 20th.

Nominations are available at the SUB Enquiry Desk from
September 22 to October 4.