



Dalhousie professor Toni Laidlaw and science student Nancy Cameron link arms in the International Women's Day march held Saturday, March 9. Women Photo: John Davie, Dal Photo

wearing buttons and carrying signs — "Real Witches Don't Need Radar" and "Still Ain't Satisfied" — paraded through downtown Halifax in celebration

Dal student dies

By DAVID OLIE

A TRAGIC ACCIDENT THE night of a Howe Hall party has claimed the life of a Dalhousie student.

Michael David McAuliffe, 19, a second year biology student, died early the morning of March 9 as the result of a three-storey fall through a stairwell near his Cameron House room.

The accident occurred at about 1:30 a.m. McAuliffe was rushed to hospital, but died on the operating table a short time afterward. The cause of death is believed to have been cerebral haemorrhage.

"It was a real shock to Cameron House," says Jean LeBlanc, a fellow resident. "It could have happened to anybody."

McAuliffe was attending a party hosted by residents of Smith House.

Although McAuliffe was attending the party, test results released afterwards showed that he was sober at the time of the accident.

According to witnesses he was talking to a woman when he fell over a railing and into the stairwell. He was unconscious when reached. Two students with lifeguard experience gave first-aid to McAuliffe until an ambulance arrived.

"It's one of those horrible, stupid, senseless accidents. Those stairs have been there 20 years without incident," said Pat Donahoe, the dean of men, to *The Chronicle-Herald*.

DSU president Alex Gigeroff says the student council is shocked by the tragedy.

"Council has asked me to write a letter expressing our condolences to the family," he says.

Gigeroff says he expects an investigation of the accident, but is unsure if any action will be taken to restrict the use of alcohol on campus — a measure taken at other universities after alcohol-related deaths or injuries.

A funeral service for McAuliffe was held March 12 in his home town of Saint John, N.B. There will also be a memorial service Mar. 14 in the study hall at Howe Hall.

McAuliffe worked in the production department of *The Gazette* in last spring term.

McAuliffe's is the latest in a string of deaths on Canadian campuses this year but these other accidents were alcohol-related.

Shawn Reineke, 18, of Hodgeville, Saskatchewan, died in hospital on Sept. 29 after a residence party at the University of Saskatchewan. He was found the morning after the party in a garbage bin, after having fallen

seven storeys down a garbage chute. His body was covered with mustard, whipped cream and fire extinguisher foam. (See story this page.)

University officials revoked liquor permits for residence parties for one month as a result of the incident.

Wouter Van Stralen of the University of Guelph was struck by an impaired driver who was being pursued by police on Sept. 16.

On Sept. 5 Jeff NeMarsh fell off a ferry on Lake Ontario and drowned during a frosh picnic for students of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. Police said

alcohol consumption contributed to his death.

Student council support for drinking contests was withdrawn at Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ont., following the death of Greg McEvoy, a second year student. McEvoy was killed when the car in which he was a passenger crashed into a telephone pole. He and the driver were returning from a drinking spree at an off-campus bar.

In Canada, an alcohol-related accident occurs on average every 17 minutes and results in 57 deaths each week.

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Inquiry reveals details of U of S death

SASKATOON (CUP) — The 18-year-old man who died in a University of Saskatchewan residence last Sept. 28 underwent a bizarre mock funeral before being stuffed into a garbage chute by unknown persons, a coroner's inquest has revealed.

A number of students and experts were called to testify before the inquiry in hopes of reconstructing the night's events, which culminated in Shawn Reineke's violent death.

Reineke died after plummeting 20 metres and, in the words of pathologist Dr. Fergus Murphy, sustaining "severe skull fractures, fractures in the pelvis, thigh and ankle areas, lacerations on the forehead, abrasions and scratches."

Murphy said Reineke went down the chute feet first, while Corporal Arnie Mainland of the Saskatoon police said it is unlikely Reineke climbed into the chute himself.

Several witnesses testified Reineke was extremely drunk and passed out on the twelfth floor couch.

Two residents, Carey Barrett and Timothy Wall, doused Reineke with wine, shaving cream and mustard, covered him with newspapers and put a pickle on him.

No explanation was given for this strange behavior.

"I don't know what made Carey and I do what we did," Wall said. "I had no intention of harming him in any way."

Feds say less meds

OTTAWA (CUP) — First-year enrolment in medical schools across Canada should be cut by 20 per cent next fall, a new federal-provincial report says.

The report, obtained by the *Globe and Mail* last week, says the supply of doctors in Canada doubled between 1961 and 1980, while the population increased by only 33 per cent.

More than 300 doctors who are not needed enter the medical system each year, and if nothing is done, there will be a surplus of 6000 doctors by the year 2000, according to the two year study.

The report also recommends reducing post-graduate training in general practice and medical specialties, lowering the number of foreign medical school graduates accepted and the number of doctors practicing in Canada with work visas, and ensuring doctors practice only where they are needed.

Dr. Jean Dupong, the director of health manpower at Health and Welfare Canada, who worked on the study, said it had "been presented to the provinces in November and they have to decide what to do with it."

The provinces will decide whether to make the report public, he said.

In a recent interview, John Bennett, director of professional affairs at the Canadian Medical Association, disputed the numbers the governments used in the report.

"Lots of physicians are on doctoral lists as doctors but are in administration or research," Bennett said. "A surgeon could be listed as a surgeon but only doing surgery 10 per cent of the time."

Bennett said the CMA has established a committee on medical manpower which is putting together a new, accurate employment data bank of doctors in Canada.

Barrett wrote a mock death tag for Reineke and taped it to his toe. Another unidentified student performed "last rites", and another took a picture of him.

Wall and Barrett then carried Reineke to the elevator, hoping security would find him.

One hour later, the two went searching for him. "Like an unseen force, we decided to go looking for him," Wall said.

When Reineke was not found on the elevator, the two followed a trail of shaving cream to the ninth floor garbage chute, into which they assumed Reineke had thrown up.

Barrett said he thought Reineke had fallen down the chute, and they went to the

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