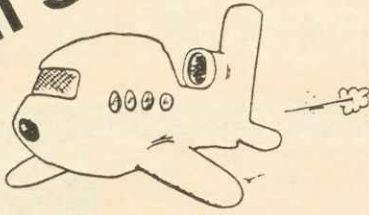


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# Soviet insurrection fails

BY BORIS NIKOLOVSKY

Left in the wake of the recent coup in the Soviet Union are the hardliners, now under arrest except former Interior Minister Boris Pugo, who committed suicide, the memory of several defiant people killed by soldiers, and a country teetering on the brink of political chaos.

For three days, last week, the world held its breath awaiting news about the fate of Gorbachov. His sudden return to the Kremlin, with the help of Boris Yeltsin, marked the end of a short lived dictatorship in the Soviet Union and the beginning of the demise of the Communist Party and Gorbachov himself.

Although throwing the whole future of the U.S.S.R into question, the events following the coup left a positive impact. Professor Yeva Vitins, of the Department of Russian at Dalhousie University says that, "psychologically, the latest events are incredible." For a long time the people of the Soviet Union have been dispirited and unable to exert direct influence shaping the political agenda of the country. Vitins notes that Professor Yuri Glazov of Dalhousie University is presently attending a conference for emigres in the Soviet Union, a fact which demonstrates the desire, after the coup, to

continue using ideas and expertise lost with the emigres.

Professor Vitins adds, that without the demonstrations in Moscow and in the Baltic Republics the coup may have lasted longer or resulted in a bloody civil war. The Soviet Parliament was totally silent except one member who spoke out during the coup. Vitins says, "It was really the swelling of popular sentiment and the focus that Yeltsin provided that brought it all down." Vitins adds, "I am very hopeful because the K.G.B and the Communist Party are now the underdogs."

Immediately following the coup, activity by the notorious Black Berets was curtailed, and an order for 250,000 pairs of handcuffs placed by the coup leaders, was cancelled. Russian President Boris Yeltsin banned activities by the Communist Party on the Russian Republic's soil, clearly emerging the strongest figure of the opposition. Gorbachov, visibly distressed, asked the Central Committee to virtually vote itself out of power, which for a lifetime communist is similar to having his/her teeth drilled without anaesthetic.

Eastern Europe breathed a sigh of relief, and any possibility of a return to cold war rhetoric vanished with the arrest of Yannayev, Gorbachov's former vice-president turned conspirator. After be-

ing temporarily slammed, the door for western aid, business, and joint ventures opened up to their previous shaky arrangements, except for one major change - Every one is that much less certain who, if anybody, is in charge.

As Prof. Vitins notes, "To whom are the people going to turn to?" The old order is crumbling. The communists are the only ones with administrative experience, with control over the capital, and lines of communication. "This has all ground suddenly to a halt", says Vitins.

The situation is equally confusing for western companies who conclude business contracts with individual firms and republics. The Kremlin often declares these contracts void with the result of total confusion.

A criminal element plays a growing part in an economy left in shambles. "The mafia", reportedly supported by and connected to hardline communists, steals imported goods directly out of trains coming from the west, and often whole warehouses full of butter and meat sit rotting while the cities go hungry. Says Vitins, "the potential for chaos is definitely there. It's just a question of whether the people will be determined enough, unafraid enough, to overcome all these problems. I'm optimistic."

# Orientation Week Schedule

## Monday, September 2

**MOVE IN**  
Welcome to your new home away from home — be it your new apartment or room in a university residence.

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. **ON-CAMPUS DANCE**  
Exciting "Toga" party for all residence students.

**OFF-CAMPUS**  
Settle in and rest up for a great week.

1 p.m. **OPENING CEREMONIES**  
An exciting, big screen sneak preview of the week long events. Then you can buy your tickets, check out the rest of Downtown Dalhousie and finish anything you have to do at the registrar's office.

8 p.m. to 10 p.m. **PLAYFAIR**  
The ultimate icebreaker to meet other Frosh. Meet at Dalplex Fieldhouse.

10 p.m. to 1 a.m. **PUB CRAWL**  
Following Playfair everyone is invited to visit our campus bar, THE GRAWOOD. The bar will be open to all ages, so come and dance to the DJ, enjoy some mocktails and party up with your new friends.

the SUB McInnes Room and see what Dal has to offer you.

Shinerama kicks off with a pancake breakfast with President Howard Clark and Dr. Joy Clark. Then all Frosh and Frosh leaders are taken out into the city to shine shoes, bumpers, bald heads, anything. Something for everyone and great prizes for the top shiners.

9 p.m. **ON-CAMPUS**  
Residence students go out of their minds with a spectacular hypnotist show. Come out to the McInnes room to see "The Amazing Santini".  
TICKET REQUIRED - \$7.00

11:30 p.m. **OFF-CAMPUS**  
Off-campus students top off a great day of shining with an evening BOAT CRUISE.  
TICKET REQUIRED - \$7.00

## Tuesday, September 3

**TICKETS FOR WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**  
Tue. 2-4 p.m. Frosh ticket sales only. 1. to General Sales: Wed. to Sat. 9-4 p.m.

10 a.m. **ORIENTATION SIGN-IN**  
Off-campus Frosh can meet in the SUB lobby. Buy your Frosh Pack and T-shirt and meet up with your group leader.

12 noon to 4 p.m. **DOWNTOWN DALHOUSIE**  
Check out the different society displays in

## Wednesday, September 4

10 a.m. **FIRST YEAR CONVOCATION / WELCOME SHOW**  
Your official welcome to Dalhousie including a welcoming address by university officials and a student musical review that takes a light hearted look at university. See some important people who will be helping you through the years. See that being a Frosh is not terminal.

12 noon **LUNCH ON THE BOULEVARD**  
The Alumni Association hosts a dinner catered by Beaver Foods.

1:30 p.m. **STUDLEY FIELD GAMES**  
Over 1000 students on Studley Field playing all kinds of great games.

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. **CONCERT**  
Come see the first of Dalhousie's amazing concert series.  
TICKET REQUIRED - \$9.00  
**DOUG AND THE SLUGS**

## Thursday, September 5

9:30 a.m. **SHINERAMA**  
Help in the battle against Cystic Fibrosis

## Friday, September 6

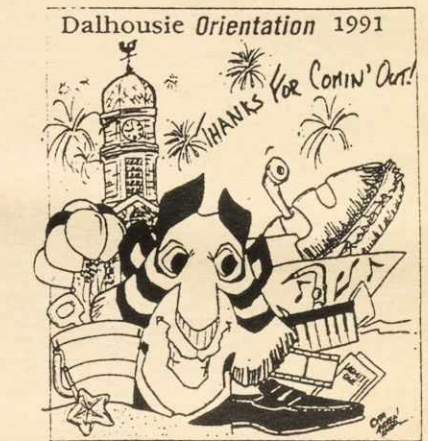
All Day **BEACH PARTY**  
This will be the best beach party all summer. Buses will shuttle everyone to and from the beach for an action packed day of volleyball and games. Buses leave the SUB at 10 a.m.  
TICKET REQUIRED - \$8.00

9 p.m. **MOVIE SLUMBER PARTY**  
Great movies all night in the SUB. Come see some new releases and a few golden oldies.

## Saturday, September 7

10 a.m. **FLEA MARKET**  
Pick up some novel things for your room or apartment. Located on the boulevard in front of the SUB. Posters, T-shirts and all the odds and ends that you forgot.

9 p.m. **SUPER SUB**  
A traditional favorite of the week. Three great bands in one great building. Keep your eyes and ears open for the entertainment.  
TICKET REQUIRED - \$11.00  
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## Sunday, September 8

5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. **FROSH TO FRESHMEN BANQUETS**  
On-campus: Banquet at Shirreff Hall  
Off-campus: Barbecue on Studley Field

Dusk **CLOSING CEREMONIES**  
Fireworks extravaganza displayed at Studley Field. Say goodbye to a week you will never forget.

## Learn to Play Again — at the Playfair (Playfair?)

During past Orientation Weeks students were surveyed about their experiences. They reported that the most fun event was not a party or a dance but oddly enough an event called Playfair. Playfair is a new experience for most frosh and it integrates co-operative play as opposed to competitive play. Learning to meet new people and having fun while doing it is an ability that we tend to lose as we get older. Playfair shows people how to bring that quality back into society. It is a new, unique, exciting and supportive event which will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Dalplex. Don't miss the Playfair experience — be there.

## Take a Shine to Metro

Shinerama is shoe shining made fun! Shinerama is guaranteed to be the largest fund raising campaign that Dalhousie's Student Union has ever seen — and you're going to be a part of it. Shinerama is scheduled for Thursday, September 5. This is when all you frosh, together with your leaders, will hit the streets to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis.

Shoes, cars, tires (or even a few bald heads) will be shining as the group works toward the goal of \$25,000 for the foundation.

We will start the day right with breakfast on the boulevard with Dalhousie's President Howard Clark and Dr. Joy Clark before we hit the streets.

Shinerama is the best way to meet new people and get to know the city. So be prepared for the best day of your life. Who knows? You might even win a trip to Florida!

So have a great summer. See you at the Shinerama.