

Our thanks

To the Editor:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express appreciation to the graduating class of Dalhousie University School of Nursing for their excellent organization and presentation of the 3rd annual nursing job fair held in the Student Union's Green Room on Friday, March 2, 1990.

Both students and graduates from various parts of Nova Scotia were able to speak with representatives from over twenty-two agencies in Canada and the United States who are interested in recruiting nursing graduates from our university and this province.

The fact that this endeavour flowed smoothly and was well received did not occur by chance. Planning this event required a large effort by students who are already carrying a full load. On behalf of all those who attended the job fair, I want to say "Hats off" to this group and many thanks for a job well done.

H. Lynn Bourgeois
Dalhousie Nursing Student

Christian fellowship

Dear Editor,

You may have seen our logo around campus. You may remember our 'Welcome' brochure in the frosh pack, and you may still be wondering who we are. Let me tell you. Dalhousie Christian Fellowship is a student-led group of Christians from many denominations who share the desire to know God and make Him known to the Dalhousie community. We are a chapter of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (Canada) which, in turn, is a member of the International Federation of Evangelical Students. We are also a recognized society of the Dalhousie Student Union. This doesn't really tell you what sort of people make up our ranks. Our membership is varied and comprised of students from all spheres of Dal; from the lowly undergraduate, to the struggling doctorate student. We enjoy the presence of international students as well as those born and bred in the Maritimes. Some are from a 'church' background and some are not. We struggle with issues and try to understand how Jesus Christ would view our world today, and how, together with Him we may influence the community around us. We meet every Friday night and usually have a speaker and enjoy a time of worship together. Topics covered vary from "faith"

to "sexuality." We also have several small groups of students meeting at various places and times for discussion about the Bible.

Keep an eye out for our booktable in March, every Friday from 11:30 - 1:30 in the SUB lobby, feel free to contact us through the chairman's office.

Helen Craig,
President, DCF

Double standard

Dear Gazette:

Over the years we have seen many articles and issues come and go that make us shake our heads. We have never written in, but this was the one straw that broke the camel's back.

About a month ago, a Hollywood Jeans supplement was included in an issue of the Dalhousie Gazette. Contained in the next issue of the Gazette was an apology. This apology made by your newspaper centred around the advertisement being sexist towards women. Our point is not to dispute this. The point we would like to make is in regards to the Feb. 15 Gazette featuring the GLAD supplement. Before we proceed we would like to make it clear that we are not homophobic. Our criticisms are directed towards the Gazette themselves for their apparent inconsistencies. As we were flipping through this particular issue we came to the first page of the GLAD article which displayed two women arm and arm with one woman's breast exposed with something apparently pierced through the nipple. This was not a pleasant sight to see first thing in the morning as we chewed on our cornflakes. We were shocked to see this printed in a school newspaper which to our understanding would like to be seen as being non-sexist. Can this not be seen as a contradiction to your beliefs? It does not make sense. How can you apologize for the Hollywood Jeans advertisement and then print this picture? This picture is very degrading towards women not for its gay overtones but for its appearance. This view is supported by many

The "Cages" photo was wrongly credited last week. It was taken by Marie Patriquin. We did the same to this "Tigers" photo. It was taken by Michael Currie.



of our female friends. It simply looks as though you are using double-standards.

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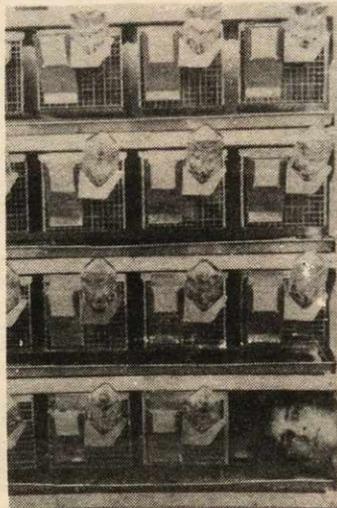
Class camPAIN

Dear Gazette:

On Thursday, March 1, 1990, I was in my Education 4312B class, taught by Dr. S. Sodhi. Before class began Dr. Sodhi introduced Lara Morris and Beth Beattie who are running in the current DSU elections and gave them a few minutes to speak. They then answered a couple of questions. In the brief question period the topic of faculty strikes came up and Dr. Sodhi assisted in the answers, although unsolicited by the candidates. I felt very uncomfortable and annoyed and I have decided to lodge a complaint about the practice of campaigning in classes for the following reasons:

- Equal opportunity may not be apparent or exercised when students campaign in classes. If professors want these people in class they should invite all candidates or none.
- Any given professor may show favouritism towards candidates by not allowing equal opportunity. Candidates may not be informed about which professors will allow this practice.
- The practice is an intrusion on class time paid for by the attending students who are there for class, not campaigns.
- It involves professors in DSU elections which are not their affair and may constitute interference in the process. The DFA would probably not want students interfering in their elections.
- This practice may imply that future student leaders are too close to certain members of the DFA and may "owe" something in return.

I realize that other teams will be seen in classes as well, and if there is no rule against this there should be. Professors should have to post which classes they are



using for this purpose with an impartial authority such as yourself. This is not a complaint against a particular team. It is merely the dubious practice of campaigning in classes that I question.

I have informed other candidates of my position and I am sending a copy of this letter to the Gazette and Dr. Sodhi.

Ian MacLeod

plement my academic endeavours with public interest activities at a level not possible through most student clubs.

Ontario PIRG exists as a network of seven chapters at universities across southern Ontario. Being able to network with these other groups and with PIRGs in Quebec, British Columbia and the United States offers the chance to work on community issues of concern to students on a local, provincial and national level. I am sure that there are as many issues in Nova Scotia awaiting concerted student action as PIRGs in other provinces and states have discovered since they were first set up in 1971.

I urge you, as Dalhousie students, to ensure the Dal-PIRG's upcoming referendum is successful. And next year, as the chapter is established, I hope you'll get involved in the PIRG's activities.

Duff Conacher

PIRG

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my support of the efforts to organize a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) at Dalhousie University. As a student at the University of Toronto, and a member of the local chapter of Ontario PIRG for the past two years, I have been offered the opportunity to sup-

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