



College shop selective

by C. McLean

You will never see a Harlequin Romance in the SUB College Shop.

At least not while Paula MacNeill is trade buyer for the establishment. She recognizes the store's responsibility as a student service and feels that works of this calibre are not in keeping with the standards of the store or the tastes of its customers.

It is this same concern which prompts her insistence on carrying certain items despite their low demand. These include several women's publications like **Room of One's Own**, **Atlantis** and **Branching Out**. One will also find regional magazines such as **Cape Breton Magazine**, **Atlantic Advocate** and **Axiom**. Of mention are also **L'actualité**, a québécois publication and **Old Mole**, a marxist group publication.

Non-text items comprise 20% of the total book volume of Dalhousie's main book store. Unlike the College Shop, it caters principally to faculty demands. Margaret White, manager of the store, selects books as specified by individual requests and periodic faculty surveys. Consequently, the majority of works are modern ones from Britain and the U.S. Although there is no strict policy regarding Canadian content, there is a large selection from the New Canadian

Library. Ms. White makes a special effort to purchase any Dalhousie publications.

The paperback selection in the College Shop is, in general, more 'trendy'. Offering a much smaller number of Canadian works, but more science fiction, popular biography, and non-fiction the stock reflects its essential mass-market concern. It has been set up to appeal solely to the Dalhousie student publication.

Profit, the Gazette has been assured, is not the sole concern when purchasing books. However, the domination of the magazine selection by men's pornographic publications remains a tribute to this best-selling category. A minimum of eight different selections can be found. A variety of tastes may be satisfied, though, by the availability of sports, news, science, music, and entertainment publications.

Margaret White and her staff welcomes any suggestions as to stock additions. Special ordering has also been a long-standing service of both the College Shop and the main book store. So if you are looking for reading to supplement your courses or for leisure and cannot find what you are looking for, don't go hunting off campus - ask for it.

AFS restructures

Student leaders to canvas opinion

Sackville (CUP)--The Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) will be holding referenda on campuses across the Atlantic this spring. This is part of a larger re-structuring of the organization that was initiated by student leaders at the federation's conference in Sackville on October 31.

AFS had been suffering from financial and organizational problems when the executive recommended complete re-working and re-evaluating of the federation.

Delegates to the conference reaffirmed their belief in the need for the federation. College of Cape Breton (CCB) representative Richard Doucette reminded the other delegates that AFS was necessary in order to "protect the rights of students in our region. We have to work on the common issues of student aid, rising tuition, the question of international students and fees, and we must prepare ourselves to confront our governments with student positions of all of these issues".

There had been some fear that this AFS conference would be the last if delegates did not pull together to revitalize the organization. However, delegates voted unanimously to continue the organization and they endorsed the need for AFS as a lobby group protecting student's rights.

Having done that, the delegates

went on to consider the re-organization of the federation in order to make it a more viable body. The federation had been plagued by resignations of key people and a complete lack of direction from students in the region. To remedy these problems, the delegates decided to elect AFS co-ordinators on each member campus and to increase the executive. The executive now consists of a co-ordinating secretary, a treasurer and one representative from each province. This body will direct policy of the federation between general meetings, and act as official spokespeople for the federation.

Funding for the revitalized federation remains unclear. The past executive recommended to the conference that a one-dollar-per-student fee be considered, to be initiated by campus referenda. Delegates bought the concept of campus referenda but balked at the move to the dollar.

University of New Brunswick representative Jim Smith summed up the feelings of the majority of the delegates when he explained: "we agree that a per capita fee is important. We will probably agree to the dollar per student at the next meeting, but right now we don't know what the dollar is going towards. The research needs to be done first". On his recommenda-

tion, the delegates agreed to waive discussion of the dollar until research and some monitoring of campus feelings could be done. A special meeting of AFS to deal with the question of the dollar fee is slated to take place in Sackville on November 27.

Delegates from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) and from the College of Cape Breton (CCB) expressed concern about waiting one month before deciding the issue of the funding. Don Soucey, from NSCAD, said: "we must have the confidence in the organization. We know we need this money--there can be no question of that. How can we operate with next to nothing and expect to produce any results? I'm afraid that waiting this extra month is going to mean that we will, in fact, lose more than the month. December will be a lost month as well. That means no work until next term, and that may be too late".

Nevertheless, the consensus of the conference was that the one month was essential for research into possible budgets and of student feelings about AFS.

Meanwhile, AFS will be funded

by the regular fees paid by member institutions. These fees were doubled at the conference to more realistically meet the need of the federation. Fees due are, for members with less than one thousand students--\$100, one to three thousand students--\$150, three to five thousand students--\$400 and more than five thousand students--\$600.

An interim executive for the organization was also formed at the conference. The secretary is Don Soucey from NSCAD, the treasurer is Ronnie MacNeil from CCB and the Nova Scotia representative to the executive is Richard Doucette from CCB. New Brunswick was unable to elect a representative at the conference but will do so before the next meeting. There was no representation at the conference from Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland, so these positions remain unfilled.

This partial executive has been mandated to develop a detailed proposal for the one dollar fee for discussion at the November 27 meeting. As well, they have been instructed to work for a good attendance at this next meeting.

Women's newspaper

by Valerie Mansour

Forum, a new women's newspaper will soon be appearing in Halifax.

Brenda Byran, a Cape Breton native, who has been working as a communications designer in Halifax for the last three years, is the publisher of the paper. She sees the purpose of such a paper as "an opportunity for a forum for women organizations across the province".

It should consist of sixteen pages and be an all-round information guide.

Interest in the area seems keen, and at a women's workshop at Mount Saint Vincent University November 11 to 14, more enthusiasm should be generated. Support from the **Institute of Women**, and **Friends of Status of Women** is anticipated.

The main work on the issues will be done at 1518 Robie Street with printing of the monthly or bi-monthly paper in Kentville.

If all continues to go well, we should be seeing copies of **The Forum** on Halifax newstands by January.

Gazette staff workshops

Friday

12-2 News writing and CUP

2-4 Production and office organization

Everyone welcome