

# Murder sparks rage

by Stephen Jones

At 2:15 a.m. on November 1st, 1989, Halifax police received a call from a resident that shots had been fired somewhere in Uniacke Square. Upon responding to the report, police found Bernard Langley Johnson lying at the foot of a cement staircase just off of Cragg Avenue, wounded by a gunshot. According to the Halifax Police Media Relations Department, officers speculate the shooting most likely took place on nearby Gottingen Street, and Johnson had either staggered or fallen down the stairs to the spot where he was found.

Two men, Joseph Harold Scallion, 41, and Michael Timothy

Waite, 31, have since been charged with first-degree murder for the shooting, which police say is drug-related.

The dissatisfaction of North End Halifax residents with the quality of police protection and the amount of police presence in their neighbourhoods was vented last Tuesday night at the North Branch Library in an emotional public meeting. The forum was organized by the Concerned Citizens Against Drugs (CCAD), and it attracted about 300 area residents whom Wayne Johnson described as angry, frustrated and "determined to win their community back from drugs". Wayne Johnson is the director of CCAD

and is no relation to the murder victim.

Halifax Police Chief Blair Jackson and Mayor Ron Wallace attended the meeting and fielded questions about what should be done in combatting crime in the area where the shooting took place. Jackson was asked why police visibility has declined since the summer months, when police were paying special attention to deterring drug-related crime in the Uniacke Square area. Jackson said such intensive drug deterrence methods "burned up resources and people", and were subsequently given less priority so officers could "recharge their batteries".

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the Student Union. The handbook itself tells us that the "Stu-

dent Union is recognized ... as the single voice of Dalhousie Students. All student activities on campus are organized through the Student Union, and the Student Union is the focus of all student representation."

Only those seeking an abortion will find detailed guidance in this section. Indeed, one gets the distinct impression from this article, especially because of the third paragraph, that abortion counselling is the only form of pregnancy counselling that exists. This ignores the simple fact that many of the students who become pregnant do not support abortion, and will look for guidance to help bring their child to birth.

Our recommendation is clear and simple; eliminate the third paragraph entirely; and add the phone numbers of agencies which will provide counselling for those seeking to bring the child to

birth. In this way, the Student Union can not be accused of favouring one group of students to the exclusion of others, and the guidance itself will be consistent with the Student Union's mandate to be "the focus of all student representation."

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Richmond Bridge  
Anglican Chaplain

Rev. Jim Anderson  
Lutheran Chaplain

Fr. Gary MacPherson  
Roman Catholic Chaplain

Rev. Grace Caines-Corkum  
United Church Chaplain

## Ecochoice?

The Editor  
Dalhousie Gazette:

I very much enjoyed your "green issue" (October 12). It's past time that thoughtless humans showed consideration for the earth they live upon.

However, is it consistent to be concerned about the environment but not about the people who live in it? Some of the most ardent environmentalists are at the same time pro-abortion. Does this make sense?

The ecosystem, with its myriad lifeforms, is (or is meant to be) a unified whole. If all life is not valuable, then none is.

Sincerely,  
Charmaine Wood

## Division?

To the Editor, Sir

Re: Lara Morris' letter in the Nov. 9th issue of the *Gazette*.

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It is Miss Morris' opinion that the Dalhousie Student Union Council has no "guts" because it did not take a stand on the new CFS abortion policy. Surely Miss Morris realizes that we have all

## CUP Briefs

### VIA cuts hit students hard

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Post-secondary students — who use the train three times more often than other Canadians — will be hit hard by Via Rail service cutbacks, the Canadian Federation of Students says.

Federation chair Jane Arnold said the cuts will hurt students' ability to move around cheaply and will seriously affect students who depend on Via Rail to get home.

About 11 per cent of Canadian post-secondary students use the train, compared to about three per cent of all Canadians, according to a survey conducted by Campus Plus.

"It is important to factor in the cost students are faced with today as they attend post-secondary institutions," Arnold said. "In recognition that students use the train extensively, Via Rail has offered a student discount of a third in savings on a ticket."

Deborah Boardman, a Via employee and coordinator of 'Keep Via Moving,' said more students will end up taking the bus.

"[The train] is good because we have the facilities. We get people who come on with canoes, showshoes, backpacks. There's no limit to what you can bring onto the baggage car.

"Most of what we get are students who take their bicycles and they take bicycling expeditions. Now, if you have 100 students on a bus, there's no way you're going to get bicycles on a bus."

More people will likely travel by air, but Boardman said they shouldn't expect cheaper rates. She said over the last few years Canadian airlines have been reducing their available capacity — the Via cutbacks will mean a higher demand for air travel which will push prices higher.

### Self-defense works

TORONTO (CUP) — A twenty-year-old woman was assaulted on Wednesday, October 25 on a University of Toronto suburban campus.

The student was walking alone at dusk along a fairly densely wooded area leading from the residences at the Erindale campus in Mississauga.

Residence director Mike Lavelle said she was grabbed from behind and groped as her assailant attempted to steal her knapsack. But the woman fought back.

"She had taken a course in self-defense," said Bud Taggart, an Erindale official. "She seemed very confident in terms of warding off her attacker."

The attacker ran away, and the victim went to class.

The woman did not report the incident until the next day, when campus police said they made an official report, and posted a security alert.

### Acadia axes grads

WOLFVILLE (CUP) — Acadia's Long Term Planning Committee says most of the university's graduate programs should be cancelled next year.

Acadia vice president academic Calvin Ogilvie agreed 11 of 15 graduate programs at Acadia should be cut to make Acadia a predominantly undergraduate institution.

Critics of the committee's report say the quality of education would decline if the programs were cut.

"The best faculty are attracted by graduate programs," said Davis Baron, a member of a university committee on graduate studies and research.

The lack of interesting research and advanced academic issues will mean the best qualified professors will look elsewhere for work Baron said.

has been elected by a constituency which is (as is the rest of the Country) seriously divided on the issue. As the Dalhousie Student Union is allotted only one vote at the CFS plenary, would it not, then, have been irresponsible for the Council to pretend there is agreement on the matter? While it would have been my personal position to support the new pol-

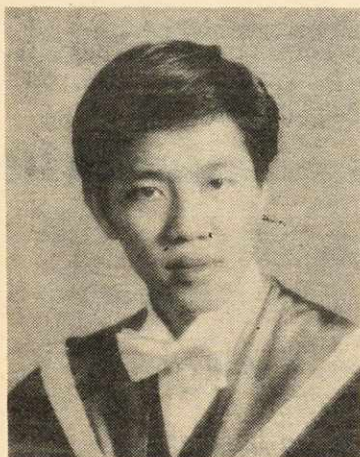
icy, I could not in good conscience support the Council taking a position on abortion when the campus is so divided.

Obviously Miss Morris does not care to represent her entire constituency, but only those who share her personal views.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Murphy  
Senator — Management Studies

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