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### Brock gets a beer it can call its own

OTTAWA (CUP) — Brock University beer lovers will soon have a beer they can call their own.

Niagara Brewing Company, famous for its Trapper brand beer, has made a deal with Brock University Students' Union to produce special suds to be sold at Brock in St. Catharines only.

The beer is named Isaac's Premium Light in honour of the school's namesake, Sir Isaac Brock. Brock was the general in charge of all Canadian and British forces in Upper and Lower Canada during the War of 1812. He was killed just outside of Niagara Falls at the Battle of Queenston Heights.

Chris Thompson, student union entertainment co-ordinator, says the beer was first sold Oct. 20 during the school's Oktoberfest weekend.

He also says that Isaac's, Brock's campus pub, will begin selling the beer regularly as of Nov. 4.

### Suspended U of T prof now in jail

TORONTO (CUP) — Suspended University of Toronto professor Robert O'Driscoll is in jail in Guelph after being arrested in connection with an assault near his Arthur, Ontario home.

O'Driscoll, who was suspended from teaching this summer, was arrested after unidentified persons in a residence in the village of Damascus, near Arthur, reported that a man broke into their house, smashed several windows and doors, and assaulted an occupant.

Police officers were called to the scene, but the man fled the residence in his vehicle before they could arrive, according to the Mount Forest detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

O'Driscoll is being charged with one count each of break and enter, mischief, driving while intoxicated, and breach of bail conditions.

The latter charge refers to an earlier incident, where O'Driscoll was charged by police with making death threats against then-estranged spouse Elizabeth Elliott.

In the interim, O'Driscoll continues to receive his \$90,000 a year salary, but is not allowed on campus without close supervision.

O'Driscoll is well known for his belief that a Jewish-Mormon-Masonic-Communist-Catholic conspiracy is out to rule the world. His two recent books outlining that belief, have been condemned by the League of Human Rights as anti-Semitic hate literature.

### Gillette in uproar over sticky goo in bottle

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Gillette Company says it will "vigorously pursue" legal action after two student newspapers ran a graphic that parodied Liquid Paper and appeared to insult Catholics.

The graphic, run Sept. 8 by The Fulcrum, the English-language student newspaper at the University of Ottawa, and the Guelph University Peak in 1993, depicted a bottle of a product resembling Gillette's Liquid Paper with the label Liquid Pope.

It contained comments like, "You are applying every partner the Pope ever had" and "Contains 100% papal semen."

After the paper refused to apologize, Michael Collins, a third year law student, sent a letter to the legal department of Gillette Canada.

He also sent a copy of the letter to Robert Eady of the Catholic Civil Rights League, the archbishop of Ottawa, and director general of student affairs at the U of O.

He asked in his letter that Gillette take action for the use of the "distinctive design of the Liquid Paper bottle [that] has been used as a vehicle for anti-Catholic propaganda."

He also wrote that he stopped using the product and wants others to do the same.

President Brian MacFarland of Gillette wrote in a letter to Collins and Eady that Gillette would take action "to vigorously pursue the author and both The Fulcrum and the Canadian University Press and hope to put an abrupt end to this offensive material."

The letter also said: "We are concerned that you have decided to stop purchasing our product and wish to assure you of our corporate commitment to seek the termination of this material. We appreciate your having taken the time to alert us to your concern and look forward to having you as a valued customer again."

Canadian University Press, a national student newspaper co-operative of which The Peak and The Fulcrum are members, distributed the graphic in 1993.

Copyright laws are not all that cut and dry when it comes to parody," David Matthews, CUP president, said. "If anything, Gillette has been getting a lot of free publicity because of this."

Canadian University Press (CUP) is a national organization made up of over 40 student papers from St. John's to Victoria. CUP enables student papers to exchange stories and ideas through the wire service, regional and national conferences. As a founding member of CUP, the Dalhousie Gazette makes sure that our university news becomes national news.

## news

# New tuition fee structure proposed

by Crystal Joy Levy

A special task force at Dalhousie is looking at the possibility of changing the present tuition fee system to one that better reflects the actual number of credits a student takes.

Eric McKee, Vice-President of Student Services and the chair of the task force, says the present mixed system of some per-class fees and some program fees is causing "a fairly high level of dissatisfaction among students."

Currently in most undergraduate programs, the fee charged to part-time students varies directly with the number of classes taken. For example, for a student in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences taking three credits, the fee is \$300 per half-credit class. But if that student adds another half-credit of more, regardless of the number taken, he or she will have to pay the fixed, full-time, "program fee." In arts, that effectively adds up to \$1120 more for that half-class.

McKee says this doesn't seem fair. "In particular, this [per-class tuition system] will eliminate those arguments from people who are charged very high fees for taking on an extra half-class beyond 3.0," he says. "And who's to blame them? This is the kind of discrepancy we want to resolve."

McKee says another area of concern for the task force is Dalhousie's policy of charging different tuition fees for students in different facul-

ties. He says this has actually resulted in students sitting in the same classroom paying very different amounts for that course.

For example, under the current system, arts and social sciences, science, and commerce students in the same introductory economics course would pay \$584, \$645 and \$674 respectively for that class.

McKee says in the process of making the fee system more equitable, some students will end up paying

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more and some less. But he says the task force is aiming for any changes in the tuition fee system to be "revenue neutral."

"This is not an attempt to raise more money for the university," he says. "It's an attempt to distribute the tuition fee costs more equitably and fairly than they are right now."

A first-year commerce student, who asked to remain anonymous, says she already pays \$3920 in tuition and co-op fees. As part of the first-year program requirements, she has to take 6.0 credits rather than the usual 5.0. She's afraid if they start charging per class, first-year commerce students especially could end

up paying even more.

"It just wouldn't be fair to charge us more for a course we have no choice but to take," she says. "We pay more than the full-time arts or science students already. This doesn't affect them in the same way."

Another student thought the proposal is a good idea, but with some reservations.

"Right now, I'm taking only 3.0 [full-credit] courses," said one arts student. "I wanted to take another half credit second term, but I'd have to pay the same as someone taking 5.0 [full-credit] courses just for going from 3.0 to 3.5 credits. It's just not feasible for me... but on the other hand, if I was taking 5.0 credits and wanted to do an overload, this new system would probably prevent me from doing that if I was required to pay even more."

McKee says the objective of the task force is to produce a report and a tentative fee schedule for January. Any changes or decisions would be implemented in May or September of 1996.

"We want basically to present this proposal to the campus community [in January] so people can see how it would work, react to it, and give their views before any actions are taken towards implementing it," he says. "We're being very open and we're trying to let people know this is what we are thinking about. If you have views, we'd like to hear them."

# Help line goes provincial

by Sean Sweet

Let your fingers do the walking with the Help Line and Youth Help Line's 24 hour phone counseling service. These lines provide lay counseling services — meaning that the counselors are not professionals — and referral services to youth, young adults, and parents. The lines answer calls from over 100 Nova Scotians a day.

Though not defined as professionals, all the volunteer counselors at the Help Line and Youth Help Line (YHL) are trained in communications, sexuality, suicide intervention, drug and alcohol abuse, and family violence. The training period for a counselor is about 40 hours.

Janet Kenny, Youth Help Line Coordinator, told the Gazette that the main concerns of callers are personal relationship complexes. "Callers express frustrations and fears about their relationships with friends, boy/girl friends, and parents," Kenny explained.

In addition to the interpersonal crisis calls, Kenny said that the lines get a lot of callers touched by teen pregnancies. In these cases, she says, counselors refer callers to "open-minded agencies that will not impose any ideal or philosophy on child-birth or abortion."

You need not be a teen to call the YHL. In fact, parents of teens are not uncommon callers. Kenny suggests that many parents take advantage of the peer counseling element (teens talking to teens) to get an unbiased 'teen perspective' of an issue that is currently plaguing their household.

The YHL is not a government service, nor is it part of a political mandate. Funding for the line comes from several municipalities and a number of corporate sponsors — the primary one being Maritime Telegraph and Telephone.

The Help Line administration office hails community involvement as a significant factor in their success. Kenny stated that local resi-

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dents offer both monetary support and contributions of time. There are over 150 volunteers involved in the two service lines.

On Oct. 25, the YHL expanded its services to cover all of Nova Scotia with a toll-free number. The idea of the expansion is to cover the gaps in the provision of services of the many local lines around the province.

In a press release, Kirsten Kelly, Public Relations Officer at the Help Line office, clarified that the new toll-free number is designed to complement the local lines, not replace them.

The various community lines around the province generally run for only a few hours each night. Callers can now gain access to a live counselor any time — day or night. In addition to restricted offerings of local lines, Kenny hinted at a confidentiality conflict in many of the province's smaller communities and

townships.

"Confidentiality is the main concern in small towns," said Kenny, explaining that callers in rural areas are often afraid that counselors will recognize their voice or problems.

Back in Metro, where the provincial lines are headquartered, counselors are frequently affected by the calls they receive. It is not uncommon for a counselor to require some 'counseling' and comfort after an especially emotional call. Calls can last for up to three hours. Some volunteers have gone through similar experiences as their callers, and can deeply empathize with them. Nonetheless, the "social worker syndrome" pattern of previously troubled souls turning to assist current sufferers is carefully watched for at the Help Line.

"If they're in the midst of dealing with their own problems, we put off an individual's training," said Kenny.

Kenny added that counselors must be free of personal worry to offer clear and objective counseling. The goal of all counseling offered through the lines is to empower callers to make changes that will affect their lives in a positive way.

The toll-free number for the Youth Help Line is 1-800-420-TEEN (8336). Peer counseling is available each night from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Calls outside these times will be transferred to the 24 hour Help Line. In the greater metro area, you can reach either line at 420-TEEN. Callers need not reveal their identity, and don't worry — the call won't even show up on your (or your parents') monthly phone bill!