

# DALHOUSIE

## Dal astronaut returns

by Paul Hodgson

On Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7.30 pm, in the McInnes Room of the SUB, the Dalhousie Science Society and Geology Department are pleased to present Dr. Kathryn Sullivan of NASA.

Dr. Sullivan, a California native, became a Dalhousie student in 1973. She received her Ph.D. in Marine Geology from Dalhousie in 1978. On Oct. 5, 1984, Dr.

Sullivan, along with six others including Dr. Marc Garneau of the Canadian Navy, were launched into space on the Space Shuttle Challenger.

Not only was Dr. Sullivan one of the first six women to become an astronaut candidate, she was also the first American woman (and the first Dalhousie student) to walk in space. The first woman to walk in space was Savitskaya, a citizen of the Soviet Union. In-

cluded in the one and a half pounds of personal articles she was allowed to bring into space was Dalhousie University's flag.

In April 1990, Dr. Sullivan was back in space, this time in the Space Shuttle Discovery, to launch the Hubble Space Telescope (H.S.T.). She will also be on the trip in two years time for its repair.

This presentation by Kathryn promises to be an interesting and informative experience and I strongly encourage all to attend.

### Women at Dal

## Toni Gorée not the weak link

by Kim Schofield

Toni Gorée is a student at Dalhousie enrolled in the International Development Studies program. Gorée is a 35 year old black single mother of six children. Gorée started university five years ago, before which she did secretarial work and worked as a waitress. Gorée move to university came when she realized that, although being only a mother was personally rewarding, it was economically unrewarding. Gorée hopes to use her university degree to help better the situation of black Nova Scotians and blacks abroad.

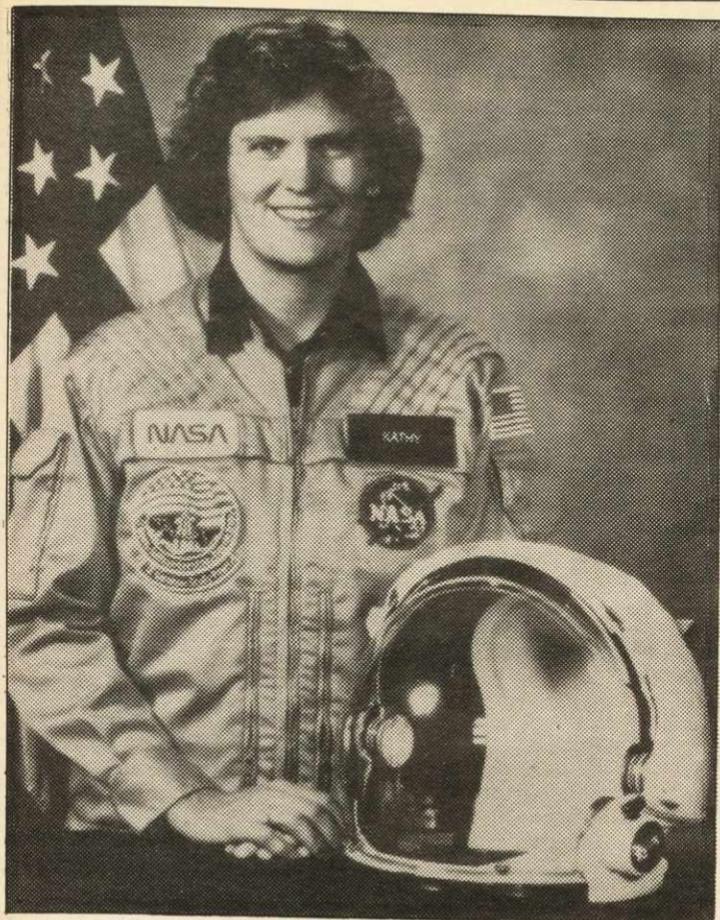
Being black, a woman, single mother, and a student at Dalhousie often proves a difficult, if not impossible, situation. Gorée has not been welcomed or encouraged within the university community. She has received negative messages from both the university and Nova Scotia Department of Social Services alike.

A long term goal, according to Gorée is to increase the number of blacks, especially black women, at Dalhousie. She admits that affirmative action programs are not always the most viable or workable options, but at this time it is all we have to work with. Gorée believes that some compensation is owed to

those who have for so long been denied basic human rights. Racism or sexism, admits Gorée, does not have one solution, for it is so deeply entrenched in modern day society. Gorée hopes that affirmative action programs are an indication that society is admitting a wrong and is committed to change the social re-

ality of the oppressed. This, however, she admits is doubtful.

Despite Gorée's accomplishments she does not necessarily view herself as a role model but rather one woman in the chain of liberation, not wanting to be the weak link. Gorée sees her main accomplishment as survival.



First Dal Graduate in space, Kathryn Sullivan.

## Dal staff to hold rally

by Alex Burton

"Students know they might face a strike in January 1991" says George Evans, President of the Dalhousie Staff Association (DSA), in a press release dated November 27.

The warning comes after the DSA and the Dalhousie Administration have failed to reach an agreement while bargaining through a provincially appointed conciliator.

The DSA has announced plans to hold a rally on December 4 in front of the School of Business in an attempt to put pressure on the Administration to settle the dispute.

The chief negotiator for the DSA, Bette Yetman, says "the members of this union, 74 percent of whom earn less than \$25,000 per year, can not take another wage settlement less than the cost of living. But that is exactly what management is proposing."

The DSA says approximately 500 to 700 will attend the 12:30 rally, and is expecting support from the Dalhousie Faculty Association, staff from other unions on campus, and students.

Michael Roughneen, chief negotiator for the Administration, says the tactic doesn't surprise him. "It's not unusual for bargaining teams to show support for their unit."

Roughneen says he has no idea how close the two sides are to

reaching an agreement. "I haven't had a formal, or informal reply to the comprehensive proposal we made on the last day of conciliation," he says. "I don't know the DSA position at this point other than what I read in the newspapers."

Roughneen says a strike will not force the university to close down, but admits he is not sure what would happen if members of other unions or students refused to cross a DSA picket line. "That is an academic matter. It is not at all my sphere of operation."

Roughneen says the Senate would most likely deal with such a situation if it arose.

### ATTENTION MATURE STUDENTS

The Mature Students Association is hosting a

Christmas Celebration  
(Cheese and Beverages will be served)

7 to 10 pm

Friday, December 7, 1990  
Room 315 SUB

ALL MATURE STUDENTS ARE WELCOME  
Please Bring a Guest

SEE YA IN JANUARY!



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International Development Studies student Toni Gorée.

### ATTENTION GRADS

Graduates who wish to have their photo appear in the 1991 yearbook must have their photo taken and a small black and white print delivered to the yearbook office no later than **January 20, 1991.**

For more information contact the yearbook office at **494-3542**

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