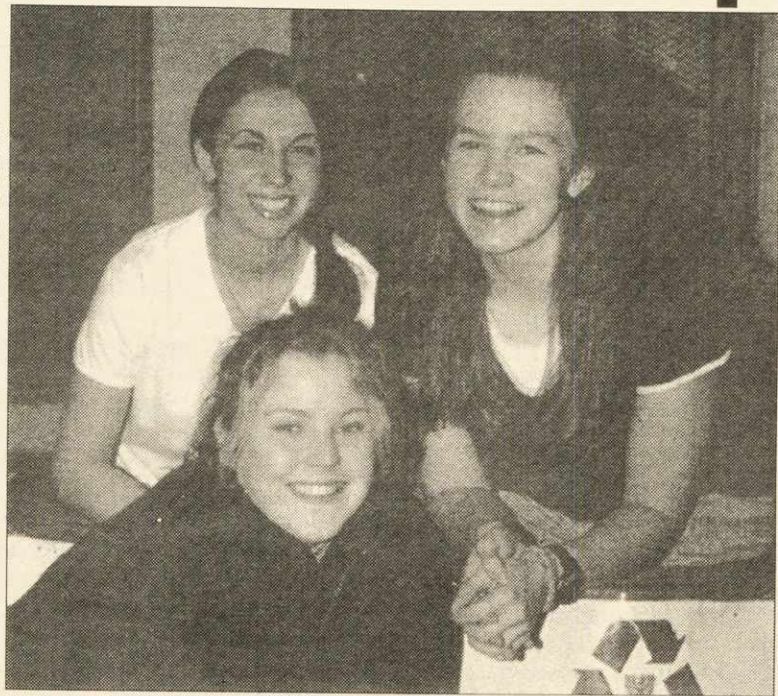


Dal claims Green Cup

BY WAYNE GROSZKO



Dianne Levesque, Andrea Ward, and Andrea Smith.

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During the week before reading break, Acadia, St. Francis Xavier, and Dalhousie competed in the first ever Green Cup Recycling Challenge. As Howe Hall food and environment rep Andrea Smith said, "We kicked some butt!"

The challenge was issued by Acadia, and organized here by Mike Murphy, Dalhousie's manager of environmental services. Howe Hall, Shirreff Hall, Eliza Ritchie Hall, and the Weldon Law building were chosen to compete, with the goal of recycling as much as possible in one week.

The competition kicked off Friday, February 9, with teams of three people from each university appearing on Breakfast Television. The teams competed in a creativity contest, where they had to make something entirely out of cans, bottles, and cardboard from the recycling bin.

The Breakfast TV appearance also included a pop can recycling relay race, which Dal won over Acadia by a single can.

During the next seven days, a total of 1,957 pounds of recyclables were collected in the participating residences at Dal, including aluminum cans, glass bottles, fine paper, newsprint, and corrugated cardboard.

For the residences, the ranking was based on the total weight of recyclables, divided by the number of residents. Dalhousie was first with 1.93 lbs/resident, Acadia second with 0.94, and St. FX trailed with 0.80.

Academic buildings competed separately from the residences, with the ranking based on the weight of recyclables per square

foot of floor space. Dalhousie's entry was the Weldon law building. St. FX won this competition, with Dal second and Acadia third.

Smith said she and other volunteers went door to door in Howe Hall, asking people for any recyclables they had.

According to Shirreff Hall food and environment rep Dianne Levesque, residents of Shirreff Hall did not have access to glass and cardboard recycling facilities before the competition. During the competition, extra bins were put out for these and the other materials.

"Mike Murphy was very helpful, and I was impressed with the number of people who wanted to participate," she said.

Levesque is hopeful that the extra bins will continue to be available in the future.

"It would look pretty bad to

take away these bins and stop recycling now that the competition is over," she said.

Eliza Ritchie Hall was not initially going to compete in the challenge, but entered at the last minute. Under the guidance of food rep Andrea Ward, Eliza Ritchie Hall recycled 4.1 pounds per resident.

Smith and Levesque said that the three residence halls were also competing against each other, but the method of ranking has not been decided. Levesque suggested that since all the residences did so well, they might declare a tie.

Smith believes that some long-term benefits may result from the competition. She said more people know what is recyclable now, and have learned how easy it is. She hopes that a higher percentage of people will recycle from now on.

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Old yearbooks to be recycled

BY WAYNE GROSZKO

Leftover Dalhousie yearbooks are going to get recycled.

Approximately 1,000 yearbooks, some as old as 30 years, are sitting in a room in the SUB. Various attempts have been made to give the yearbooks away, but to no avail.

Scotia Recycling, which receives Dalhousie's recyclable paper, cannot accept the yearbooks as they are, because of their hard covers and the glue in the bindings. This Friday, March 1, volunteers will pull the hard covers off the yearbooks. Then, staff at Campus Copy will use a machine to cut off the glue which holds the pages together. The paper will be delivered to Scotia Recycling, and the hard covers will be taken by a group called Sunflower Co-operative.

The work is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. in the open space by the stairway on the second floor of the SUB.

If anyone wants an old yearbook before they are recycled, stop by the second floor of the SUB Friday, March 1 from 11:00 am until they are gone.

Volunteers are also invited to come and help carry books and pull off covers.

Enviro conference upcoming

BY WAYNE GROSZKO

The 1996 Atlantic conference of the Canadian Unified Students Environment Network (CUSEN) will take place March 8, 9, and 10 at Saint Mary's University (SMU).

CUSEN is a network of environmental youth groups across Canada. This will be the fifth annual CUSEN regional conference in the Maritimes.

The event is being organized by a coalition of student groups from SMU and Dalhousie. At SMU, the sponsoring groups are the Environmental Science Society and the Environmentally Concerned Students Society, while here at Dal, NSPIRG and the Dalhousie Science Society (DSS) are involved. Satya Ramen, Chair of the DSS Environment Committee said the DSS has donated \$270 in support of the students' efforts.

The theme is "Bridging the Gap: Ideas and Action Together." Workshops have been planned to allow participants to learn skills like consensus building, budgeting, networking, and how to conduct legal and effective protests.

Participants have been invited from schools and universities throughout the Maritimes. The cost will be \$15 for the conference, plus \$10 for accommodations.

Students interested in participating in this conference can contact Satya Ramen at the DSS office (494-6710), or by email (sramen@is.dal.ca).

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