

# Education & entertainment in the SUB

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EDUCATION CAN BE MORE than long hours staring at textbooks, and Judy Guthrie, Director of Campus Activities for the Dalhousie Student Union intends to show you how with events ranging from super SUBs to lectures on physics research.

From her office on the second floor of the SUB she assists the Entertainment Committee of the DSU in turning ideas into happenings.

There have been many changes in the goals of the entertainment program this year, and this is reflected in the calendar of events.

"The emphasis is on quality activities that offer a wide variety," said Guthrie. The musical events such as Super SUBs are being reduced in number this year due to intense competition from the numerous popular nightclubs in the downtown area. The swing towards a more liberal approach to entertainment will save the DSU a lot of money, as the Super SUB's are not at all profitable. "We're trying to make them a novelty, rather than something to get bored with."

"Academic enrichment" is one of the prime objectives of this year's program. Lectures and presentations by people from diverse backgrounds are intended to interest, teach and stimulate everyone from first-year residents to graduate students, faculty and all other members of the Dal. community. A quick scan of the 86-87 lineup seems to guarantee the achievement of this goal.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader was here Sept. 17, and he will be followed on October 14 by Dennis Goldberg, a man who spent 21 years in a South African jail with Black activist Nelson Mandela.

Kurt Vonnegut, author of such books as *Slaughterhouse Five* and *Welcome to the Monkey House* arrives this semester, and other notables include CBC Radio's Peter Gzowski and Judith Maxwell, chair of the Economic Council of Canada.

A series of Homecoming lectures by Dal. alumni has already begun; Nova Scotia NDP leader Alexa McDonough and Manitoba Liberal leader, Sharon Carstairs were here last week, and the future holds visits by Premiers Joe Ghiz of PEI and Richard Hatfield of New Brunswick. Premier John Buchanan of Nova Scotia has also been invited to speak at Dalhousie.

Guthrie feels such high-quality occasions will improve Dalhousie's image in the local area, and even nationally.

If these sound a bit heavy for you, there are plenty of opportunities to something really different. For example, MISSA Day and Africa Day are coming up, and promise to be enlightening as well as entertaining. These special 'days' mean that the group involved will organize displays, wear native dress, serve traditional food and teach about their countries of birth. Another cultural event will be a visit by Micmac



craftsman, who will hold an art and craft sale.

Non-educational entertainment is not dead at the SUB though. A new accent on the Greenwood is part of this year's plan. The Blue Monday program of jazz music at the lounge from 5 to 9 p.m. (on Mondays only, of course) hopes to attract the large number of students who commute to Dal. everyday and who want to spend some time relaxing before the trip home.

Dinner theatre, which includes a buffet and a play at a moderate cost for students, begins soon with the local work *Lucien*. For

the large number of movie fans on campus, popular films will be shown every Sunday evening.

Guthrie helps out clubs of all kinds around the university. She was instrumental in organizing the recent Monty Python Film Festival sponsored by the Biology and Chemistry student's associations and is always open to suggestion. "We love to work with anyone who has an idea," she said.

For an overview on what's happening on campus, keep up with the calendar in the Gazette, and ask at the Enquiry desk at the SUB. There are amazing oppor-

tunities for intercultural meetings, learning and just good times available this year.

Guthrie believes these activities can form an important part of a university education and broaden

one's horizons beyond the classroom and laboratory. "I think that it is important to participate in these events," she stated. "It's part of the university experience."

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