

Committee snowed under, students stay away.

Poor turnout plagues Winter Carnival

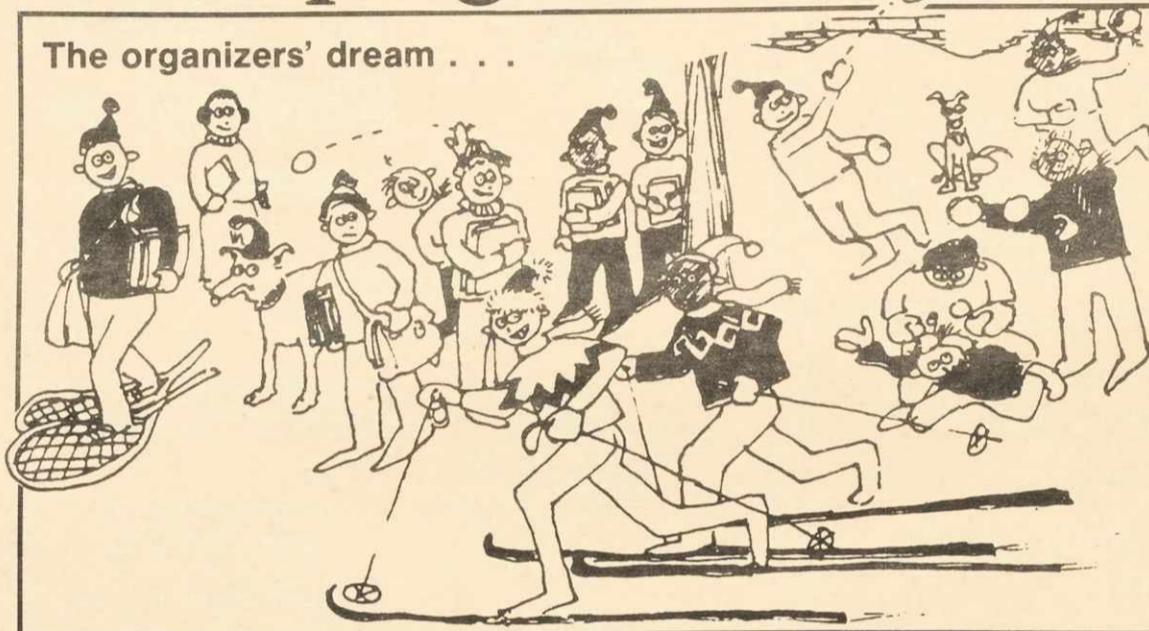
by Karin Bergen

Everyone, think hard. Can you remember Winter Carnival? Most students can't; most organizers don't want to.

Winter Carnival is an annual week of festivities held at Dalhousie in January. Activities this year included, "Mondae Sundae", the creation and ingestion of a giant sundae last Monday. A tug of war competition, "Winterfest" in the Green Room and a Chalet Party at the Grawood were all on the schedule, among others. A major problem was getting the events off the ground. Some didn't.

"There were a lot of problems with it", admitted Frank deMont, Treasurer of the Student Union. He says a "lack of leadership" in organizing the Carnival was a major problem. He says that, from the Executive, "there was no full time person to hover over and run the show". For this he blames "the leadership of the Student Union." That leadership includes deMont.

deMont says some events were successful. Mondae Sundae "raised money for the Foster

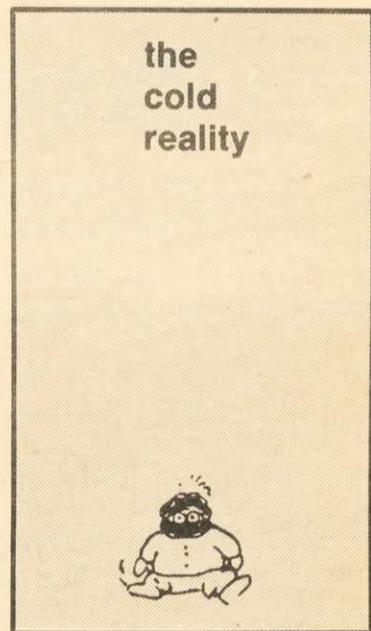


Children's Fund." Most events weren't so lucky. At the Tug of War last Friday, deMont says "not a soul turned up for the tug part." Only 20 souls turned up for the Winter Fest in the Green Room Monday. "A disastrous event" says deMont.

DeMont says that car stuffing in the SUB lobby was a major success last Thursday, because of "initiative and hard work". It's not a Winter Carnival success though. Beth Beattie, Community Affairs Coordinator says the event was her "baby" and that it

was scheduled to take place with or without the Carnival.

Another less-than-successful event was the Chalet Party at the Grawood Friday. "A bust but no money was lost", says deMont. deMont says the Winter Carnival budget "was reasonable" but the



Carnival did lose money. Big money. "Approximately \$10000 was lost" deMont says. The lost money will be covered through cuts to other events during the year.

Sandra Thompson, Winter Carnival Chairperson says that she was "really surprised at the lack of spirit" at Dalhousie. She says that "for this school, Winter Carnival went over fine." Thompson says she never felt a lack of leadership by the Executive. She says her closest advisors were Terry Crawley, Executive VP, deMont and Beattie. Without their guidance "I was on my own", she says, "but if I had a question, I'd ask." She says "Terry Crawley kept checking in with me."

Thompson says Crawley gave her a list of name of volunteers to organize the Carnival. She says she "started out with fifteen or 20 interested people" and ended with "four friends I had picked up during the week." Thompson says that most of the people in her committee came from the Residences, and many had "bad attitudes" about last year's fest. As a result "soon my committee fell right apart."

Thompson cites time constraints as another major problem when she tried to organize the Carnival. She was chosen as Chairperson only in November. Papers and exams in December and January left her only a few weeks to organize "a lot of great ideas", she says.

Beattie agrees the Carnival "didn't go very well." She says the volunteer committee was the main problem because "not enough

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Campus cups destroy ozone

by Lisa Clifford

The first meeting of the Campus Ozone Action Group last Wednesday was well attended by a group of people who seem determined to stop the use of styrofoam cups by the Student Union Building.

The manufacture of styrofoam cups releases ozone-destroying gases called chlorofluoro carbons, (or CFCs) into the environment. The ozone layer protects the earth from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.

When group member Roxanne Deevey spoke to Beaver Foods about the problem, they claimed to know nothing about it. They were, however, receptive to Deevey's suggestion that they look into replacing styrofoam cups with mugs.

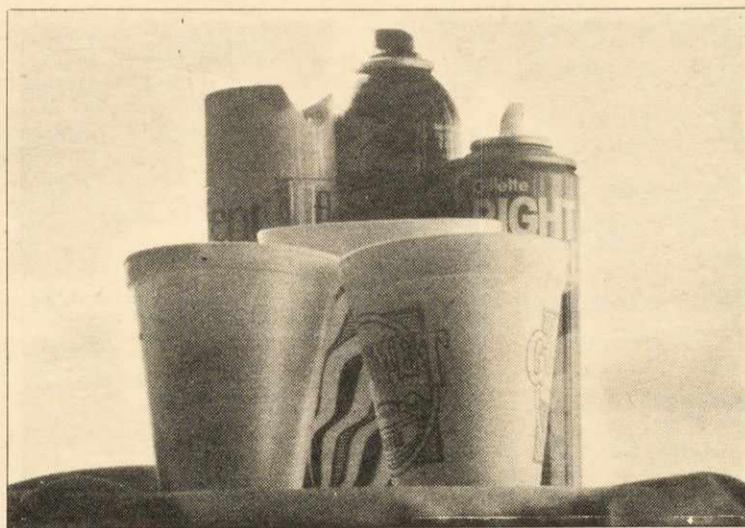
Deevey, an International Development Studies student, cites a lack of education about the problem of depletion of the ozone layer as a major factor in the continued use of CFS-emitting aerosols.

An Environment Canada report distributed by the group

says scientists realized in the mid-1970's that the use of the tremendously popular aerosols was releasing literally "thousands of tons of CFSs directly into the lower atmosphere." Steps were taken in the 70's to reduce the use of aerosols but the use of these cans has once again started to rise.

Deevey says the student council are "all for" a campus society to monitor the use of styrofoam. The group hopes to qualify for

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Styrofoam and aerosols damaging ozone, Dal action group says.

Law students sue Dal

by Ruth Legge

Dal law students mady Brodie, Roger Proctor, and Sandra Giffin made news headlines a few months back when they decided to file suit against Dalhousie for damages they claim were incurred during the strike. Their lawsuits are the first-ever brought against Dalhousie in the context of a strike.

Brodie says that the university

is concerned. "If we win there are 10,000 students who could follow suit, and the fact that they've hired one of the best litigators in the city is, I think, indicative of the fact that they are taking us seriously," says Brodie.

Brodie, who goes to court Feb. 27, says her claims are based more on principle than anything else.

Says Brodie, "Sure, I would like to win, but even if we lose I

think there are gains to be made in terms of making the students' voice heard and informing students of the risks in selecting universities. Going to school now means that you have to enquire about such things as contracts and faculty associations because I think strikes are going to be much more prevalent in future," says Brodie.

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