

continued from page 7... football levy is still being collected, only now it paints the Corner Pocket pink and puts TVs in the cafeteria. This is no joke. But it's a very creative way to raise student union fees.

Someone called an election about something or other.

Summer

Everyone went tree planting, or did whatever they do to slow the growth of their student debt.

There was a federal election. Ontario re-elected the Liberal government.

The provincial Liberals dumped the unpopular John Savage in favour of the unknown Russell MacLellan. Smells like a provincial election.

September

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) spent \$80,000 on renovations to the Student Union Building (SUB). The areas affected were the Union Market, the Grawood,

DSU felt it was inappropriate and inaccurate.

The pamphlets were produced by the Coast magazine in an attempt to get the Coast's editors laid.

"I find when people are drugged-up and mis-informed, they're at their most responsive," said one editor.

Dal frosh raised a record \$25,000 for Cystic Fibrosis during their annual Shinerama event.

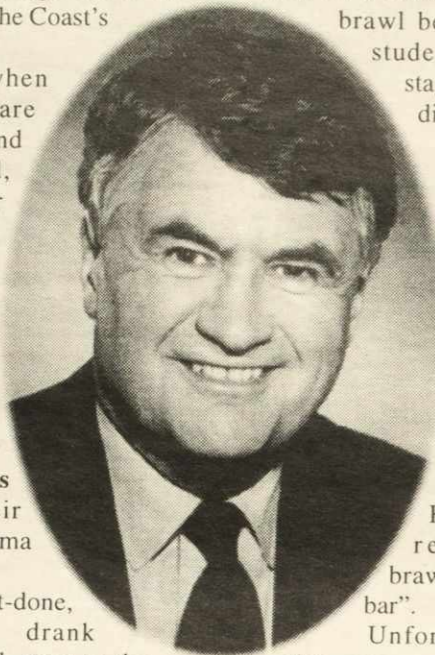
Not to be out-done, SMU frosh drank rubbing alcohol, went to the Palace and vomited in the street.

A propane gas leak on the second floor of Dalhousie's Dentistry building resulted in a short evacuation.

The evacuation was hindered by a group of students who chose to remain in the building.

Two Howe Hall residents were sent to hospital following a bar brawl with bikers at the Lighthouse strip club on a Saturday night. The brawl began after one student took to the stage and began to disrobe.

There were accusations on campus that the event was staged by the Gazette so that it could print the juicy headline, "Bikers and Howe Hall residents brawl in strip bar". Unfortunately, this story was not reported.



It was revealed that classrooms in Dalhousie's Arts and Administration Building were not up to fire code standards, but nobody seemed to care. Dalhousie Physical Plant said renovations are just too expensive.

\$1-billion towards the creation of a scholarship fund. Didn't we just have an election?

towards the collective blah, blah, blah...

The Canadian Alliance of Students' Associations (CASA, the other national students' organization) is just too boring to write about.

The Liberal government pledged

1970 and contained 4,200 tonnes of Bunker C heating oil and 8,000 kilograms of PCBs. It was raised by the Coast Guard in 1996 at a cost of \$42-million.

In Huntsville, protestors managed to momentarily disrupt service at a filling station, but were scared-off by an angry customer.

"If youse fuckin' pinkos don't get outta my way, I'm reachin' for my gun rack," screamed a man from the window of his pickup.

A linebacker for the Saint Mary's



1997 the year in review

The Dalhousie Gazette celebrates 130 years of publishing

Over 200 bags of garbage were collected from the shores of McNab's Island. The group of 102 volunteers found items such as plastic tampon applicators, rope, styrofoam and

Huskies football team, and last year's AUSA Rookie of the Year, tested positive for the anabolic steroid Stanazolol. He was banned from Canadian University sports for four years.

"They told me it would make my penis bigger," said the obviously disappointed player.

Sadly, he was mis-informed. Talks between the TAs/part-time professors' union and the administration broke down over the issue of salary. The union set a strike vote for January giving themselves time to gather strength and momentum.

The university appeared unperturbed.

"They need a 50-per-cent-plus-one vote to go on strike," said a university official, "I've got 20 bucks that says they can't even get 50 per cent of them to show up for a meeting."

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) folded. Life has stopped for many.

Live music at the Blues Corner is threatened by residents of a new apartment building across the street.

The residents of Barrington Gate apartments — home to former Law and Order star, Michael Moriarty — are being kept awake by the noise.

"None of us can sleep at night," said one resident, "Except for Mr. Moriarty. I think he spends his nights in the drunk tank."

Ernie Coombs, also known as Mr. Dressup, visited the Grawood to deliver a talk about his long career in television. Casey and Finnegan joined the beloved child entertainer, and lingered afterwards over some Grawood refreshments.

In an awkward moment for Coombs, Casey exploded in a drunken (and somewhat schizophrenic) outburst. "You've had your hand up my ass for the last 30 years, the least

Irving gas stations across the province were picketed for their failure to pay for the clean up of the Irving Whale oil barge. The barge sank off the coast of PEI in

October

you could do is pick up the tab!"

Ontario teachers went on strike and kids across the province roamed free.

Unfortunately, Mike Harris' kids were a bit too much for their nanny to handle. When the nanny's extra stress began to show in the quality of her housework, Harris knew it was time to legislate the teachers back to work...

A pro-pot political party based out of Montreal announced its intention to run in the upcoming Quebec provincial election on a marijuana-centred platform.

Marc St. Maurice, the organizer of the Bloc Pot, is confident

that the party is gaining strength. "The majority of our members are below the voting age," said St. Maurice. "But these people are the leaders of tomorrow."

The Nova Scotia government reinstated the Jim Campbell's Barren — a pristine and diverse ecosystem in Cape Breton — as a protected area.

Mining companies had been interested in gold deposits throughout the region.

"It was an easy decision," said Premier Russell MacLellan. "People got so worked up about it. So I thought 'why bother?', especially when there are so many other parts of the province we can pimp to corporate interests."

November

A provincial by-election in the riding of Halifax Citadel saw Liberal Ed Kinley beat the NDP candidate Peter Delefos and become the riding's first Liberal MLA in 20 years. Kinley's victory is due, in part, to his courting of the student vote.

"We tried not to advertise, answer phone calls, campaign or do stuff that would lead anyone to believe that Ed gives a shit about anything or anyone," said a spokesperson. "They tell us that's what appeals to students, so we really focused on that."

Dalhousie's Men's and Women's soccer teams both won the AUSA championships and advanced to the CIAU Nationals. The next weekend Dal hosted the national tournament but most students spent the weekend anywhere but Wickwire Field.

A survey found that not only are Canadians having more sex, they're having it longer.

But one Howe Hall resident took issue with the survey. "Sure, maybe if I'm drunk," he

stupid to make decisions for themselves. They should have voted the way we told them to."

One day later, the Grad House re-opened.

A fire broke out on the main floor of Dalhousie's Fenwick Tower apartment building. Residents were evacuated for two hours, no one was hurt, and the building suffered only minor smoke and water damage.

Investigators said the fire started in a small storage room and, once again, they blamed Dal's oppressive smoking regulations.

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Rumours circulated that Greg Clark, former co-owner of the Birdland Cabaret, might be re-opening Birdland at a new location with a new business partner.

Rumours also circulated that the Halifax Liquor Commission, who grant licences to bars, are a bunch of puritan tight-asses.

A new computer system that will change the way students register at Dalhousie was purchased last year. It was bought primarily to deal with the 'year 2000 problem'. The system only recognises half-year courses, which means full-year courses could be eliminated.

"Next time we take Tom [Traves] to the mall, we're going to make sure he's properly restrained," said one administrative spinster. "He's as impulsive as a 5-year-old with a credit card."

After a couple months of intense hand-wringing, Dal graduate students voted to keep the Grad House open. The following day, seven members of the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) executive quit over the decision and the Grad House was closed.

"The democratic process is highly overrated," said one of the disgruntled executive, "the real problem is that these people are too

evident: that all men are created equal," said an observer who had no idea what was going on.

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unusually lucid player.

Dalhousie moved up four places in this year's annual Maclean's University Ranking.

"We make a few phone calls and pull a few names out of a hat, but it's essentially the same every year," said Bob Lewis, Editor-in-Chief of Maclean's. "I'm amazed that people buy this half-assed shit."

It was revealed that the new Faculty of Arts and Social Science Building (FASSB) may be half its intended size.

But the real story was that the building's name was changed from Arts and Social Sciences Building (ASSB) to the Social Sciences Building (SSSB).

"Part of the reason we changed the name was because the architect didn't want people saying he designed Dal's big ASS Building," said a university

spokesperson. A group of students went public with their campaign to get Bob Dylan an honorary degree.

"He's not as rich as most of our recipients and he's not likely to give Dal any money, so hell no, we're not going to give him a degree," said an administrative gimpy.

Pre-pubescent girls living within a 500 mile radius of Halifax descended on the Halifax Metro Centre for a Backstreet Boys concert.

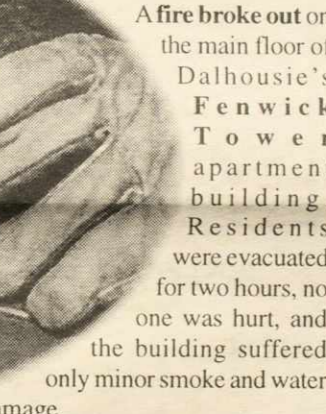
The lone male at the concert, a 13-year-old named Chuck, was a little put-off by the gender imbalance.

"All these screaming girls just think the Backstreet boys are cute," he said, "I'm here to appreciate the music. Why can't they see that the music is what's important."

Dalhousie's decision to replace the Latin text on degrees with English text did not go unnoticed. Students complained about the lack of tradition at Dalhousie, but the administration was more concerned with looking forward.

One graduating student put the debate in perspective. "Latin or English, who cares? The fact remains that I paid way too much for this piece of parchment."

verified this fact.



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In spite of the renovations, these places remain under-used. A summer and \$80,000 well spent.

"There was some confusion about what kind of gas this was," said the fire marshal, "Many students thought they were going to get high."

Environment Canada reported that Halifax harbour was sporting a new sheen thanks to a number of gallons of bunker fuel spilt into the harbour. The Coast Guard moved quickly to contain the area for clean-up.

"This really isn't a big deal," said one Environment Canada official, "Halifax dumps all of its raw sewage straight into the harbour, so the oil should dilute in the sewage quite easily."

learned that Dal president Tom Traves, hearing his office was unsafe, installed a state-of-the-art escape pod. The practical jokers amongst his office staff have been pulling the fire alarm for the pleasure of watching their boss explode into the stratosphere.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) released a document stating that all Canadian students should receive a free post-secondary education.

"We want it all and we want it now," whined Brad Lavigne, CFS national chairperson. "It's just not fair. We need free education, housing and food if the government expects us to work productively