

# Half crazed in the SUB

BY JOHN CULLEN

10:30 a.m. I skipped class to do this article on "A day in the life of the Student Union Building." I am smoking a cigarette in the non-smoking-yet-recently-changed-back-to-smoking area of the Union Market. I do not know where this day will take me, but my greatest fear is turning into someone who does this every day (yes, there are people who stay in the building until the night manager asks them to leave). A little background: I have to stay in the SUB all day and observe what is going on...I figure that means talking to people and trying to find something interesting to write about.

I spent most of the morning sitting in front of the bank of vending machines by the cafeteria. I tried to read some of the Watch, but I found nothing interesting in it except for a vast generalization that all Vancouver people smoke pot, eat granola, and play the bongos. Funny that a King's 'meta-journalist' should say that, considering he's probably an Upper Canadian whose sole purpose in life is to mimic the westerners. I'm from Vancouver and I don't mind saying that granola tastes like shit and bongos are boring...but I am off topic, this is supposed to be about the SUB.

The vending machines became my sole source of entertainment for the first hour. I discovered that the most popular drink was iced tea — that's how fun my morning was. Finally the ball started rolling, and I got to do an interview for another article. The guy I was talking to told me that the Red Cross doesn't let gay males who've engaged in anal intercourse at any time since 1977 give blood, but they let straight males who sodomize their girlfriends donate. Juicy topic, I thought, so I went to the clinic to

find out more. I lied to the lady and said I wanted to donate blood. I asked if I could take a questionnaire outside and decide over my lunch. She gasped a loud "NO" and said I couldn't leave the room with the sheet of paper...I guess such uninformed anti-gay propaganda would cause quite a stir if it was readily available for the general public's eye.

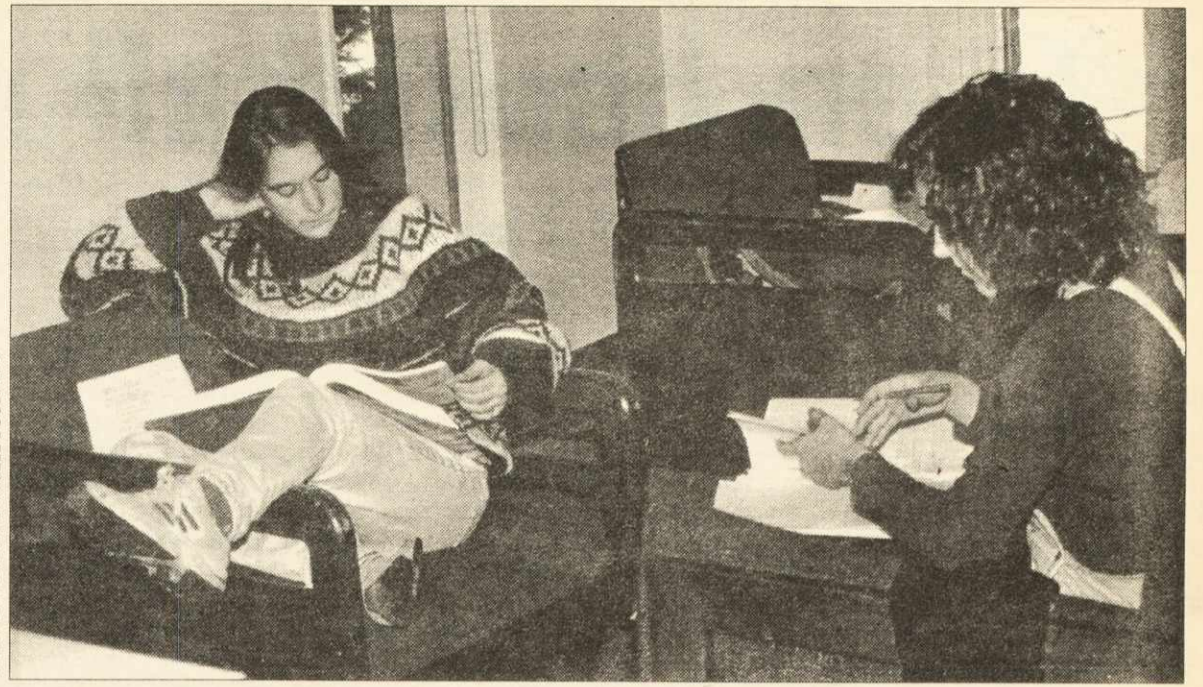
No matter, I got someone else to steal one — she's much better at acting.

The next few hours were filled with running up and down the stairs trying to complete my other article. Once that one was done, my friend Andrew came into the office. He had to do an article on wolves, so I joined him on his journey to the psychology department. He was trying to track down a professor for an interview. We had no luck. I was feeling guilty about not being in the SUB, so Andrew suggested some early afternoon beers at the Grawood.

"After all, it is part of the SUB" he said.

Good point.

We had a Gazette meeting at 4 p.m., but neither of us wear a watch so we missed it. Half-drunk, we climbed the damnable stairs once again. The meeting was over, but they were still handing out the free beer tickets given to the staff (yes, come write for the Gazette, and you can get a free beer at the Grad House, too!). "Well, isn't that a nice surprise" I slurred. At the Grad House, we swilled another and then Andrew went home. I was all alone, so I went to the cafeteria to find some 'regulars.' I asked if I could sit with these guys who looked the part. They were eager to talk about everything and anything. I got some useful information on how to win at Jeopardy over the internet. These guys spend most of the day at the SUB and they like it that way. They told me that most of



GAZETTE PHOTO BY DANIELLE BOUDREAU

the time they sit around and talk. Sometimes they even do their homework in the caf. Not my cup of tea, but to each his own.

In all, I spent about 10 hours in the building. It was not the best 10 hours of my life, but it was the only time I have felt like a student in the past two years. Some people use the university's facilities more than others. They are probably getting their money's worth. If you don't frequent

the SUB on a regular basis, there is nothing much you're missing. It is mostly filled with administration, student union types, people who love to talk about the faults of the student union types, and half crazed student newspaper types who shake from too many cups of coffee. If you find these people interesting, then come on down. If not, don't bother because the place will lose its character.

## Dal swings into new season

BY CARMEN TAM

After the holidays, the Dalhousie Baseball team began gearing up for spring training.

The team is currently accepting applications for the position of head coach and assistant coaches for the 1996 season. Dalhousie topped the standings last year with an 8-2 record in the Atlantic conference and earned a trip to the Nationals held in Montreal. Dal placed sixth in the championship that included competitors from Université de Laval, Brock University, and McGill University.

The sport, which has experienced remarkable growth since 1993, boasted of 15 teams from three conferences last season, with more universities interested in joining the league.

The team welcomes new and

old members to practices on Sundays from 8-10 p.m. at Dalplex.

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**Summer Employment Opportunities** — The Nova Scotia Lifeguard Service applications have arrived, offering various positions for summer employment. Deadline Dates February 15, & March 15. S&MG (Sales and Merchandising Group) applications are also available at the employment centre, Deadline Date February 12. Applications can be picked up for Dalhousie Housing and Conferences, Deadline February 9. Several other Summer Jobs applications are available and new job opportunities are being posted regularly, visit the centre weekly. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



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