

DALHOUSIE

African roots to be celebrated

This coming weekend is an important one for the people of African Ancestry in Halifax.

On Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, a conference entitled African Diaspora is taking place at Henson College from 7 until 10 p.m. each night.

The event is being organized by a committee of students from the African Students Association, the Black United Students, The Caribbean Students Association, the International Students Association and the Transition Year Program's Students Council.

The idea for this event was born during Africa week (Oct. 31-Nov. 3) last year. However, it was felt the month of February would be a

better time for it since February is Black History Month.

The theme of the conference is "Quest for Our African Identity". Within this theme various panelists will be discussing various perspectives of how Black peoples of the Caribbean, Nova Scotia and Africa maintain a sense of themselves in a world that renders them invisible.

February 9 will focus on Women of the diaspora. Here the six panelists will discuss issues of concern to women of African de-

scent. February 10 will focus on general issues of Underdevelopment, Racism, Economics and Politics of the diaspora.

The discussions will be interspersed with entertainment such as poetry readings and singing. Refreshments are provided and admission is free!

Full sponsorship is being provided by the Lester Pearson Institute in conjunction with the ISA and the Canadian International Development Agency's Public Participation program.

February 11 will mark the one year anniversary of Nelson Mandela's release from prison. This man, whatever his faults and past mistakes, has become the physical incarnation of the Black struggle. We the sons and daughters of Africa will be using this day as one in which we remember our fallen leaders, male and female, and the contributions they made to the quality of life we enjoy.

We take this opportunity to welcome the university community to come and celebrate with us

during this weekend which starts Friday, Feb. 8 with a dance in the Grawood where Umoja will dazzle and entertain with its special mixture of Afrocentric rhythms.

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Environment conference

by Paul Webster

A conference on Pollution and Global Environmental change is taking place Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 8-10 at Saint Mary's. A wide range of environmental experts will be attending the conference organized by Pugwash Canada, the SMU Environmentally Concerned Students' Society (ECOSS), King's students, the Dalhousie Public Interest Research Group and the Campus Environmental Action Group.

Friday at 7:30 pm Dr. Charles Lin from McGill University will commence with the keynote speech on Pollution and Climate Change in the Loyola Building room 152.

Barry Hargreaves from the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Allyn Clarke from the World Climate Change Program, and Dalhousie Environmental Science Professor Peter Stokoe will be conducting a panel discussion at 1 pm Saturday, also in the Loyola Building room 152.

Moderated workshops will be conducted throughout the weekend. Discussing the ideas behind the Conference, organizer and ECOSS founding-member Thea Wilson-Hammond says "I hope the conference can help students and community members find out some of the things we need to know about pollution and environmental change. The Conference is one of five planned by Pugwash as part of its Global Change Conference Program. Findings from the Conference will be submitted to the upcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. All concerned people are invited to attend".

Registration is Friday evening in the Loyola building, and the fee is \$5.00

Tossing around the charity ball

This night (Feb. 8) will see the Dalhousie Student Union's (DSU) first ever charity ball. This one night extravaganza includes cocktails at 7 PM, a buffet dinner at 8 PM, followed by a night of dancing to the music of the John Alphonse Band.

Jamie Loughheed, a fourth-year History student and DSU's Community Affairs Chairperson, has coordinated this event to raise money for Veith House, a place for battered for battered wives and children. As well as providing

basic shelter, Veith House provides a daycare service, counselling, literacy and education programs. It is also an agency of the United Way.

Loughheed hopes to raise at least \$3,000 which will be directed towards keeping the Veith House literacy program going. "They approached me over the summer seeking DSU support," he said. Each year DSU sponsors some charity, last year giving its support to Byrony House and Ward Five Community Centre.

The charity ball would not have been possible without the valuable assistance from Oland's, Q104, Coca-Cola Ltd. and Beaver Foods.

Loughheed got the idea for a charity ball from University of Western Ontario, where they recently raised \$30,000. Of course, they've been at it for four or five years. However, in the "years to come," Loughheed would like to see this event increase in size, and possibly even move to a bigger venue.

He also said that the ball is

"aimed to wards societies that don't hold their own balls" but as well, his hopes are "to get as many people to come."

For those still interested, it's not too late to purchase tickets for the charity ball. They can be obtained at room 222 or in the Council Offices (2nd floor) of the Student Union Building. At \$40 per couple for cocktails, dinner, great music and door prizes, the DSU's First Annual Charity Ball is both very affordable and bound to be a great time!

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