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## Costume students open second exhibition

BY KAVERI GUPTA

The Dalhousie University Costume Society is hosting its second exhibition, "Notable Nova Scotia Women, 1860-1900," at the Costume Society Museum from February 16 to August 31.

Designed by first-year students who graduated in 1992-93, the costumes are being displayed now because it was just last June that the Costume Society moved to their new space on Argyle Street and had the room to start displaying their work. For this exhibition, each student chose a female in the specified time period, researched her life, wrote a character sketch, and created a costume suited to the person being portrayed — from the underwear out.

The theme of the exhibition is

women who were notable in their own right.

"These women achieved their own greatness, separate from their husbands," said Lynn Sorge, exhibition Curator and Chair of the Department of Theatre.

Featured in the exhibition are women such as Bessie Hall, the first woman to navigate a ship across the Atlantic Ocean; Mary Jane Katzman Lawson, one of the first native Nova Scotian women to achieve literary recognition; Margaret Florence Newcombe, the first woman to graduate from Dalhousie University; and, Anna Leonowens, founder of the Victoria School of Art and Design.

This year's first-year costume design students are recreating an entire 18th century wedding.

# Internet tales

BY JOHN CULLEN

The message is out — the information highway is here to relieve all of our pressures.

Sceptical as usual, I decided to become one with the future. I got an e-mail account at the beginning of this term, but my first brush with the internet harkens back to my Howe Hall days.

My next-door neighbour had one of those super computers that can do everything but eat your lunch, so one day, he decided to show a bunch of us the sick and twisted side of chat lines: "Welcome to Cyber-sex, my boys... where the degenerates of the world learn to type with one hand while masturbating on the keyboard with the other."

Five or six of us crowded around the screen while our friend got in touch with a few of the more risqué clowns who do this all the time. We spoke with a 30-year-old male in Hawaii who loved our fake character, 'Linda.' After selling ourselves as a 25-year-old blond sex kitten who loved to 'do it in natural environments,' we persuaded Mr. Hawaii to call us. When the phone rang, we picked it up and launched into a tirade of profanities littered liberally with comments about how lame he was. He expected the porno voice of a true professional blond hooker, but received the husky voices of drunk males with nothing better to do but lure unassuming victims into their grasp. I hope we didn't scar him too much.

But I digress. Back to the task at hand.

University students get some damn good deals. While the rest of the world has to pay for internet services, our little microcosm gets a freebie, great for people who want to save money on phone bills. Since my friends live on the other coast, e-mail is a good way to keep in touch. I even convinced my girlfriend, who is as computer illiterate as I am, to get her car on the highway.

However, my plan of joining this new technology was not as simple as it once seemed. First, I had to deal with the people at

Computer Services. Their long day of work (all six hours of it) is interrupted by an hour-long lunch break right at noon. This proved to be most troublesome, since people who need service usually look for it on their lunch breaks. After that, I had to get a modem. I went to PCPC and picked the cheapest one while the guy who helped me babbled on about 'baud rates' and other confusing things. Turns out I should have listened to the guy, because it took me a good four days to get the thing up and running. Once it worked, the real problems of e-mail became apparent. I live with three other people, so the phone rings quite a bit. There is nothing more depressing than receiving a phone call while reading your mail. It disconnects the modem, and you have to re-dial to get back into the system, which is where the second problem lies. After two o'clock, it's futile to try and get into the system. My computer is slow, so I spend much of the time waiting to type in my password. I usually get fed up and punch it a few times to see if my frustrations will hasten the process. They don't.

The internet is the newest of the new. Millions have bought a ticket and are taking the ride, yet many are still scared to do so. Big computer companies sell the idea of being able to do almost anything in front of their machines, almost as fast as they cashed in on products beginning with 'cyber.' But what is that going to do to the way we live? Are we going to become completely dependent on one machine... something that can fix all our problems with the push of a button? Will the natural evolution of humans include the addition of another finger so we can type faster?

This is why I'm a little hesitant. Computer junkies are a cult of their own. Why, they even have a guru/leader/prophet — a fellow by the name of Bill Gates. Aside from being one of the richest men in the world, he is a role model for all aspiring computer geeks. The question is, will he go to heaven, or crash and burn with the likes of David Koresh?

## Top 10 things to do for Spring Break

**1.** Form a band. Drink. Learn how to play. Drink. Get creative. Tour extensively. Drink lots, with strangers. Break Up. Drink. Reminisce about the good old days and play a reunion concert. Drink yourself into an early grave. Wake up next Monday with a hangover. Skip class and form a band. Repeat.

**2.** If you're an old-school shit-disturber, throw a protest over the waste of valuable school time and parental/government money. Take the week after break off to regroup.

**3.** Your thesis.

**4.** Grab hold of your spontaneity and youth while you've still got it. Make a million plans for a million different road trips, realize you're broke and spend a roughly equivalent amount of money moping around town, drinking and taking in full price movies, bitching about how it's such a waste the Boomers have all the money.

**5.** Go home and be babied for three-and-a-half days and spend the rest of the time trying to get your parents to stop calling you pooky and realize you're not their little kid any more. (WARNING: give the "I'm all grown up now" speech after you've already hit them up for money.)

**6.** Attempt to explain the invisible degree/lack of job connection, consider selling out to Microsoft, realize you suck and be ecstatic to get back to good ol' Dal, where no one cares if you have any previous experience scraping toilets for \$5.25 an hour.

**7.** Tell people at The Palace that people at The Birdland think they're weenies. Tell Birdland folk that people from The Palace club baby seals. Grab a lawn chair at Duke and Brunswick, drink, and toast your new career as a performance artist.

**8.** Get caught up on all the work professors inevitably pile on you just before break and expect right after. After break, when people ask you what you did, nod sagely with a jaded air and say "A little of this, little of that." After all, it is *Reading Week*.

**9.** Hole up with your visiting boy/girlfriend, alienate the rest of your friends, be in a dramatic, MT&T-supporting funk for at least three weeks after they leave.

**10.** Wake up to your alarm at seven a.m. Monday morning, feeling like a keener. Hit the snooze button 1,026 times (go ahead and count), wake up late for class the following Monday.

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**1997 Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme** — Sponsored by the Government of Japan, the JET Programme is an international cultural opportunity that about 350 Canadians will experience beginning Aug. 1/97. Applicants must be Canadian, have a bachelors degree by June 1996, and preferably be under the age of 35. For further information about being an assistant English Teacher in Japan, a complete list of requirements, are available at the centre. There will also be an Information Session on Friday, March 8/96, from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 noon, in room 224/226, 2nd floor, Student Union Building.

**Summer Job Opportunities in New Brunswick** — Applications for Summer job opportunities with the N.B. Department of Advanced Education and Labour are now available. The jet stream program offers students an opportunity to gain valuable work experience within New Brunswick Government Departments & Agencies, municipalities, as well as within the voluntary non-profit sector for the summer.

**Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP)** — The New Brunswick Department of Advanced Labour is offering the 1996 Youth Entrepreneurship Program. It is designed for university, community college, and high school students, 16 years of age and older. The program provides entrepreneurship training, 16 years of age and older. The idea, creating a business plan, and marketing. For more information, and an application, drop by the Student Employment Centre.

**Treeplanting** — Treeplanting applications are available at the centre, the most recent being Folklore, a British Columbia company, and Dorsey Contracting Inc., a Winnipeg company. Application deadline for Folklore is Thursday, February 29/96. The remaining deadlines for treeplanting are upcoming, visit the employment centre soon.

**CIBC** — The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is offering summer employment positions as Junior Information Representatives. For a complete list of qualifications, and job description, copies are available at the employment centre, deadline April 1/96.

**Banff Lifts Ltd.** — Summer employment opportunities are available with Banff Lifts Ltd., Alberta. There are a various number of positions available at sulphur mountain Gondola, opening April through June and continuing through to Labour Day. For more information, job descriptions are available for reference, and applications can be picked up at the centre. Deadline for applications is March 8/96, however submit your applications as soon as possible.

**Student Venture Capital Program (SVCP)** — The Student Venture Capital Program is another New Brunswick governmental summer employment program for the summer of 1996. It offers interest free loans to students who wish to create a summer job for themselves while operating their own businesses. For further details, and an application, visit the employment centre.

**Junior Professional Officer Programme** — UNICEF is now recruiting for Oct/96 interested young Canadian graduates wishing to obtain experience in UNICEF's developing countries. More information and applications are available at the employment centre, deadline date, March 31/96.

**Procter & Gamble Inc.** — Procter & Gamble is offering an internship opportunity in Sales Management. Eligible applicants must be in the second last year of a program, of a first year MBA student. For more details, drop by the employment centre, Deadline Feb. 16/96.