

DAL PROFILE

BY TIM RICHARD

Name: Emmanuel Belliveau
Age: 20



What are you studying here at Dal?
Kinesiology

What is your ethnic background?
My mother is Filipino and my father is French. I'm the baby in a family of 12.

12 kids?!
Yeah, My oldest sister is 49. I have brothers and sisters old enough to be my parents.

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in Salisbury, N.B., which is a small community 18 miles outside of Moncton.

Any difficulties growing up in a small town?
For someone who was of a different ethnic background, I was teased until I was in Grade four. But no, I didn't really have any problems. I was just something different, but I turned it around to use it in my favour.

Have you been confronted with any other occurrences of prejudice?
Yeah, I was in Moncton one night and these guys go by in their car and yell, "Go the hell home, you stupid chink!" I watched as the cops pulled them over for going through a light and laughed.

Do you mind telling us about your religious beliefs?
I belong to the World Wide Church of God, it's a Christian religion.

Is this a religion passed on by your parents?
Well, when I was growing up, my father was always in search of something "better." I think I've been to eight different churches so I have bounced around quite a bit.

Is there a record in your collection that you're ashamed of?
Coolio.

Have you ever written anything on a bathroom wall?
Wash me.

Tell me about some of your interests.
I like mountain biking, roller blading. I like playing sports, working out, training. I enjoy photography, I'm into a lot of

music. I'm not one of those people who limits their listening pleasure to certain genres of music.

In what ways are you still a virgin?
I've never been drunk before. I've never done drugs, my high is life.

What is your most embarrassing moment?
I don't really get embarrassed easily...when I was 13 and at summer camp, my friend shanked me in front of a girl I had a crush on (five years later she came to my prom).

If you were reincarnated, what would you come back as in the next life?
An eagle, so I could soar over everything.

Ever meet anyone famous?
The lead singer of the Northern Pikes.

Where do you see yourself in twenty years?

New Brunswick. I want to be happy with what I'm doing and feel comfortable enough to change what I want to change.

What is your most treasured possession?
A photograph of my mother and father.

What song makes you most nostalgic for the 80's?
Wham's *Careless Whisper*.

Who are your heroes?
My parents, Bruce Lee, Clark Kent.

What's your idea of a good time?
With my friends having a great time...no alcohol involved.

What were you like as a child?
Full of energy, bouncy. I always talked to strangers. My dad used to say to me, "Act your age" and I'd say "I am!"

Any pet peeves?
I don't like it when people are self righteous. I used to be, and I learned the hard way.

Do you find Dalhousie to be accepting of all human beings?
Yeah. Pretty much. There's a society out there for everyone, but I find societies to be somewhat alienating. It seems when you join a society, you're strictly forbidden to hang out with others.

What do you think will be the outcome of the Québec Referendum?
I think that deep down inside, everyone wants Canada to be one and a No vote will prevail. But I still think there are too many yeses out there to feel really confident.

No-shows haunt council

BY RÉJEAN DESBIENS

Policy is determined by council. Regulations for the union are made by council. It's quite logical then to say, as the *Constitution of the Dalhousie Student Union* (DSU) states, that council is the body that governs the union.

Governing isn't as easy as it seems.

SHADOW BOXING

- Council meets every two weeks.
- Quorum for council is two-thirds of its members.
- Council members are recalled by the Chair after it is brought to the Chair's attention by council that the member has missed two previous meetings without "reasonable excuse."

Several council meetings have already taken place and governing seems to be a great challenge. Two-thirds of council members must be present at these meetings — "quorum."

For example, at the October 29 meeting, 25 council members were needed to achieve quorum. At 2 p.m., they didn't have quorum. At 2:38 p.m., quorum was achieved. By 2:48 p.m. quorum had been lost — meeting adjourned.

At least once every three weeks council must meet during the academic year, and at least once each month during May, June, July, and August. And, as *Dal: The Book* tells students, council meets every two weeks, exceeding their commitment as laid down in the Constitution.

In addition to these regularly scheduled meetings, there are three other methods which require the president of the union to call a meeting of council: when 25 percent of the council members request it; when presented with a petition signed by 100 members of the union; and, at the request of the executive.

Requiring two-thirds of council members to be present at these meetings doesn't seem that difficult a task. After all, council is composed of 44 members if you go by the Constitution, or 42 if you refer to *Dal: The Book*, although the secretary and the chair are non-voting members.

For your information, council members must pay the full-time Union fees that are applicable at the time of their election and during their term of office. However, for obvious reasons, the one representative of part-time students pays the part-time union fees.

Effective student government depends on the presence of council members at council meetings. When quorum is not reached, nothing concrete can be accomplished.

If you've never been to a council meeting, it's frustrating to be there listening to the executive reports and knowing that those reports will not be included in the minutes because quorum was not achieved.

When a small portion of the membership came out to vote October 11 to 13, people talked about apathetic students. What about apathetic council members? All is not lost, those "apathetic" council members can be recalled.

PARTY stresses responsibility, not abstinence

BY GAZETTE STAFF

If you were at the Dal hockey game last Wednesday night, you may have been offered a free chocolate bar for your signature.

This was the start of P.A.R.T.Y.'s (Promoting Alcohol Responsibility Throughout the Year) new campaign against drinking and driving. In association with BACCHUS Canada and Crispy Crunch, P.A.R.T.Y. set up a banner in the lobby of Memorial Arena. Their goal was to have as many people as possible sign the banner and thereby send a "message to Canada against drinking and driving."

If you're not familiar with P.A.R.T.Y., you may have seen some of their other campaigns. Once a year, you may notice a smashed car on the median outside the Student Union Building (SUB). This is the group's shocking statement against drinking and driving.

However, P.A.R.T.Y. does not only focus on impaired driving, it looks at all aspects of drinking. Aimed mostly towards students in residence, their other activities try to show that drinking does not have to equal fun. Every year, the group has a Mocktail night in residence. Beaver Foods supply the drinks, and the Resident Assistants serve them.

In February, they hold an all-night broomball fest that saw a two-fold increase in registration over the last year. And, not many people living in residence last year could forget the society's poster campaign against excessive drinking. "If You Drink Don't Bowl" posters featured pictures of people vomiting in toilets with catchy phrases like "Economics 101: the

more you drink, the more goes down the drain."

These activities are highly visible, but according to Tisha White — the spokesperson for P.A.R.T.Y. — there is little name association.

"For the past couple of years, we've been trying to get our name out so when people hear P.A.R.T.Y. they will know what we are," she said.

Another point White stressed was the image of the group.

"We're not anti-drinking, that's our big message," she said. "We'll go out and have a drink too, it's just that if you drink, do it responsibly."

So don't expect to see P.A.R.T.Y. holding demonstrations outside of the liquor store. This is a group with a message



Collecting signatures in campaign against drinking and driving.

based on common sense that has a slogan to match: "Hit the Bars, but if You Drink, Don't Drive." Judging by the amount of signa-

tures on the banner at the hockey game, P.A.R.T.Y. is finally getting some of the recognition that it deserves.

Russian choir returns to Dal

BY MILTON HOWE

This Saturday night will be the official "first gig" of something not seen around Dalhousie since 1978 — a Russian choir.

John Barnstead, a professor of Russian at Dalhousie, assembled an eager group of students, members of the local Russian community, and others into a choral group earlier this year.

The choir will be performing Saturday, November 4 as part of the Dalhousie/Kings Association of Russian Students "Russian Night" at the All Nations Christian Reformed Church, 2535 Robie Street. The show, which includes poetry readings and other performances, starts at 6:30 p.m. and costs \$2 for students or \$4 for non-students.

Why a Russian choir?

"Singing is a big part of Russian life. Often times in Russia at a party, people will sing folk songs," Barnstead said.

He added that one of the main ideas behind the Russian choir is to expose people to "music that they might not hear otherwise." The choir is currently working on some folk songs and Russian church music, but the main focus thus far has been "Romancy" — songs which Barnstead describes as having "very emotional lyrics, generally written in a minor key."

The choir has been meeting regularly since the beginning of the year to practise and build up their repertoire. Barnstead pointed out that at the Russian Night performance, the audience will be free to join in the singing. The lyrics will be available, both in the Russian cyrillic alphabet and in a Latin alphabet transliteration.

What comes after Russian Night for the choir?

"We hope to have enough of the church music learnt by Easter to give an Easter performance," he said.

Either way, Barnstead has high hopes for the future of the Dalhousie Russian choir.