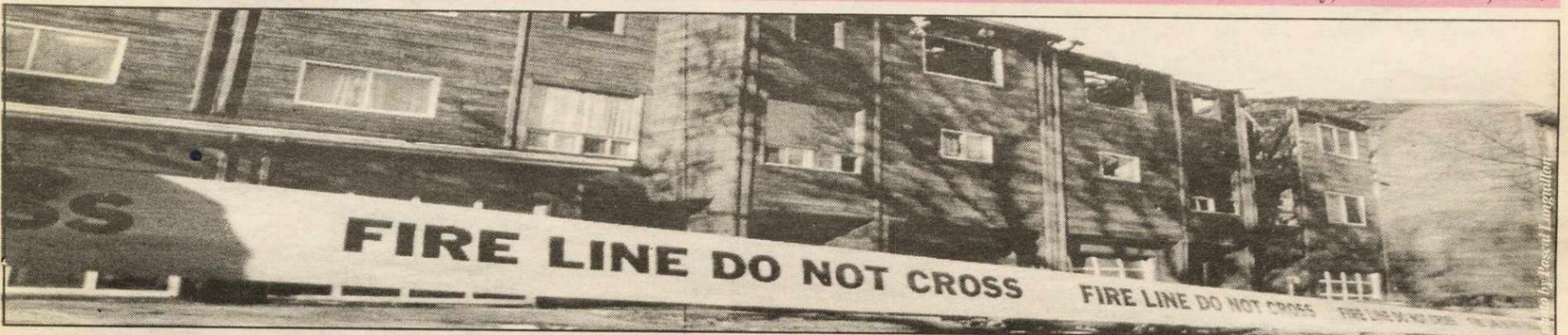


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Fire strips Duncan Street tenants of their homes

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

A fire on Duncan St. has left forty people, including many students, homeless and with not much to start over.

A nine-unit townhouse complex, home to many Halifax students, went up in flames early last Monday morning, and five of the houses sustained serious damage. All nine houses are being kept

empty.

Fire inspector Tom Silver said the fire caused damage in the "hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Silver says the fire was one of the past year's worst — especially

for having affected so many people.

"If you're the person who lost everything but their life obviously it's pretty severe."

The cause of the fire is still undetermined, but plays a big part

in the tenants' future.

None of the tenants are reported to have had insurance which would cover their losses, but some students may be covered

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Dal may offer multi-media program

Dal, Sheridan partnership first of its kind in Canada

BY JANET FRENCH

Dalhousie is looking into a partnership with an Ontario community college which, if successful, will be the first of its kind in Canada.

Sheridan College, with campuses in Oakville and Toronto, is apparently interested in offering a version of their multi-media program to Dalhousie students.

The partnership might also allow Sheridan students who have earned a three year diploma in business to spend an additional year earning a Dalhousie business degree on their own campus.

The degree-granting proposal would be the first such arrangement between a college and a university in Canada.

But, as everyone involved is quick to point out, all the proposals are still in the preliminary stages.

Sheridan is recognized around the world for their computer graphics and animation programs, and students' animation projects include promotions shown on *MuchMusic*.

The potential deal was first introduced to the university Senate when university president Tom Traves said *Maclean's* magazine was doing an article on Sheridan and might mention a Dal partnership.

The May 8 *Maclean's* article is about Sheridan's growing reputation and the college's many new partnerships.

"Given [Dalhousie's] strength in computer science, it would make great sense for Dalhousie to host a world class computer animation and digital media program in Halifax," the article stated.

Sheldon Levy is the president of Sheridan College. He is also a

former colleague of Traves' from their days together as administrators at York University.

He says the combination of Dalhousie's reputation and Sheridan's highly recognized programs could yield positive results.

"There is real potential for an exciting partnership," he said.

Levy says he chose Dalhousie not only because of his personal relationship with Traves, but

"[Dalhousie] has a great reputation. There are Ontario universities that have as good of a reputation, but working with [Traves] is good: you know where you stand."

because of what he considers the harsh politics of Ontario. Ontario government policy is not open to the idea of universities granting degrees to college students, because universities are protective of their degree-granting powers.

"It's easier to work with Dalhousie than Ontario universities," says Levy. "[Dalhousie] has a great reputation. There are Ontario universities that have as good of a reputation, but working with [Traves] is good: you know where you stand."

Levy adds that there are lot of academic and financial details that need to be worked out to see if this idea is viable from an academic and financial perspective. But he also says many questions still need to be answered before program proposals can be made.

"We are asking 'is there an interest at Dalhousie to have Sheridan's programs added to the [current] curriculum?'"

Dalhousie president Tom Traves and vice-president academic and research Sam Scully could not be reached for comment.

Sheridan College already has, and is pursuing, other partnerships with many universities. Existing programs include a business,

marketing and accounting partnership with Northwood University in Midland, Michigan and a joint program in film studies with York University in Ontario.

When it came to the issue of tuition, everyone agrees it was too early to say.

Dalhousie Student Union president Ted Chiasson says it's too early to say much about the partnership because it would be implemented so far in the future.

"This is a fairly lengthy process," he said, adding that no firm proposals have hit the Senate for approval.

Chiasson also says that, although it would be nice if Dal could offer such programs without help, he thinks combining resources from both schools could be a good thing.

"It's just interesting to see new things going on at Dalhousie."



Dal campus was overrun by Hollywood wannabes during a Black Harbour taping session on Wednesday. With any luck, all those CBC employees will make the big time — even on their budget.

Run down facilities need help

Five on a bench for three not "fun and sexy" after all

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

Nova Scotia's university presidents are asking the government for \$380-million to fix their schools' leaky roofs and to help them build new buildings.

In a press conference Nov. 12 the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents released their demands to bring schools up-to-date while maintaining existing facilities.

Nova Scotia is at risk of falling behind other Canadian universities, they said, adding that

"Every politician loves cutting the ribbon and all that shit but the reality is unless the university is going to start issuing every student an umbrella... they're going to need to start fixing roofs."

without more funding, the province won't be able to attract incoming students and state-of-the-art

research.

All the presidents spoke about their school's ancient and cramped rooms, peeling paint and leaking lids.

"The universities in Nova Scotia are not asking for a handout," said St. Mary's University president Ken Ozmon. "We are already doing our part."

But what Ozmon and his

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Protestors voice support for Mumia Abu-Jamal

Rally outside American consulate about 'institutionalized racism'

BY SALLY THOMAS

Seventy five brave souls faced the bitter cold and blinding sunshine last Saturday to stand up for one man who doesn't get the chance to feel either bitter cold or blinding sunshine — a man protesters say is facing death for something he didn't do.

The protest was for Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Abu-Jamal is a journalist who many are convinced was wrongfully convicted of killing a police officer in 1982, and was sentenced to death for the crime. Abu-Jamal maintains his innocence.

There is evidence of police corruption in the case but he remains on death row. Abu-Jamal's last legal appeal for pardon was denied on Oct. 30 and his death warrant could be signed any day.

Abu-Jamal was a prominent black leader who was reportedly under FBI surveillance since he was 15. Before his conviction he was a radio journalist who spoke out about oppression and racial injustices.

Mumia's supporters say his case represents the growing problems of the criminalization of black men, the expanded death penalty and the erasing of defendants' rights.

Back in Halifax the crowd in front of the American consulate on Barrington St. was full of brightly coloured mittens, red cheeks and sniffling noses. Cars honked their horns as the protest shuffled back and forth and the only visible signs of dismay came from scowling old ladies as they tried to pass through the crowd.

Protests like this one were held all over the world, and Halifax march organizers say it's because Abu-Jamal's case is so serious and urgent.

Isaac Saney was one of those

organizers. A Dal Law student, Saney says time is running out for Abu-Jamal and people have to come together to show their support.

"It's a matter of principle. It's a struggle for justice that encompasses everyone."

"It's heartening that internationalist and broad-minded people exist in Halifax. People have taken to heart that injury to one is injury to all."

On Nov. 10 CKDU, Dalhousie's campus-community radio station, had a full day of broadcast that dealt with Abu-Jamal and the concerns his case raises. Abu-Jamal is part of a Prison Radio Network and has done several radio documentaries on his plight, police corruption and racial injustices. CKDU aired these tapes and others about the case in part to raise awareness. Station manager Fiona York says it was something the radio station felt it had to do.

"The struggle against injustice anywhere strengthens the struggle for justice everywhere."

"I know [about] lots of activism in this case and we all worked together," she said.

But Saturday's protest wasn't just for and by students. Esther Surobell was visiting from New York City. She attended the protest with her son and grandson because she says this case is important because not only has Abu-Jamal been treated unfairly, but because he's on death row.

"I'm opposed to the death penalty in any case. And in this case he hasn't even been given a fair trial."

Fred Furlong went to the protest on behalf of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. He says his union decided to get involved in the

m a r c h because of the "struggle against the racist judicial system in the U.S." He says if this is allowed to happen in the US, it can happen anywhere, including Canada.

"We believe we have to speak out against institutionalized racism," he said.

Jessica Squires is a fourth-year student at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) and the Canadian Federation of Students' Nova Scotia chair. She says she went to the protest

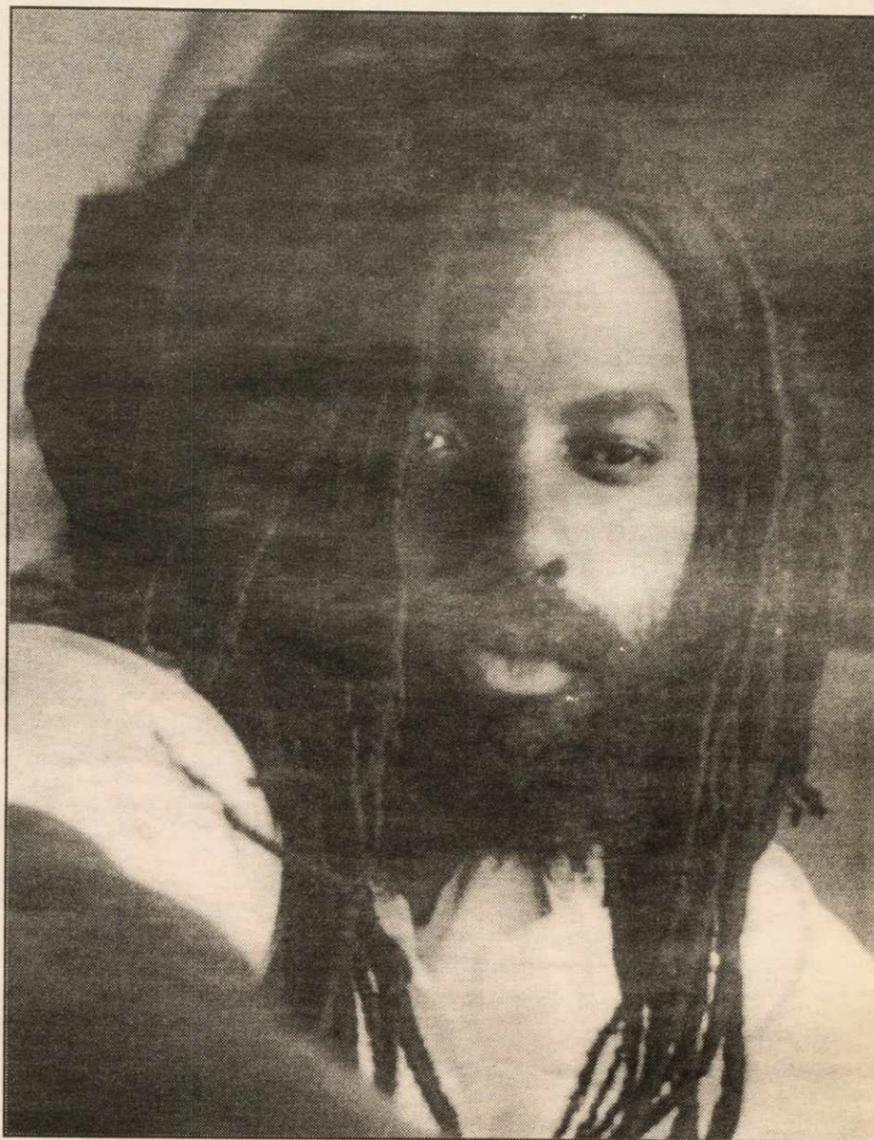
because of the case's underlying issues — freedom of speech and freedom of expression.

"The experience of Mumia shows how expression threatens those in power and then freedom of expression goes out the window."

Don Higgins agrees. He says he went to the protest because he felt it necessary to stand up against a corrupt justice system.

"We're supposed to live in a democracy but these things happen. We have to do our part and make a change."

When the protest began at



noon, there were only around seven people there. But as the march moved up and down Barrington St., more and more people joined, and by the end, Saney estimates over a hundred people took part.

And as more people came the protesters became more vocal. People took turns speaking into the bullhorn about other human rights violation cases in the United States while others yelled from the crowd. One man screamed "our voices are our choices", while the chant of the day was "Free! Free Mumia now!" The protest lasted over an

hour and Saney says he was "very, very happy" with the turnout.

"It's heartening that internationalist and broad-minded people exist in Halifax. People have taken to heart that injury to one is injury to all."

Saney says the public has to keep their eyes open to other events like this. He also says the fight to save Mumia is far from over — people have to be aware of miscarriages of justice.

"The struggle against injustice anywhere strengthens the struggle for justice everywhere."

Trudeau dies in avalanche

Michel Trudeau, the 23-year-old son of Pierre Trudeau and a former Dalhousie student, drowned Friday after being caught in an avalanche that carried him into a lake near Nelson B.C.

Trudeau, who studied Biology at Dal from 1995 to 1997, had been hiking and skiing with three friends in Kokanee Glacier Provincial Park when he was swept into Kokanee Lake by the avalanche. One of his friends was also swept in the lake but made it back to shore.

The three survivors could

only watch as Trudeau, 10 to 20 meters out in the icy water, struggled against his heavy gear and floating debris from the avalanche.

The accident has thrust the young man's life and relations under the close scrutiny of the national media.

Due to bad weather, the search for Trudeau's body has been called off. Authorities will resume searching if they get a two-week period of suitable weather.

Some Dalhousie students will attend his memorial service.

Graduate students want an end to "out of date" taxation

Taxing of graduate fellowships and bursaries unfair, critics say

BY SEAN RYAN

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — A federal government policy which allows taxation of all scholarships, fellowships and bursaries over \$500 is outdated and unfair, especially to grad students, student leaders say.

The policy has remained unchanged since the late 1960s, and graduate students say an overhaul is long overdue.

"It's well, well out of date," said Michael Conlon, chair of the national graduate caucus of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Conlon says if you take inflation into account, \$500 in the 1960s would be more than \$2000 today.

Awarded on the basis of merit and in order to promote research, Conlon says it seems

counterproductive to tax the money given to encourage students to do research or to complete a degree in the first place.

He argues that fellowships are a form of student assistance and so, like student loans, shouldn't be taxed.

"We just don't understand the logic."

But Conlon also says there's no reason Ottawa can't move quickly on the issue if it wants to.

A source in the federal finance department says there have been recent requests to raise the tax-free level on scholarships, fellowships and bursaries to \$1,000.

But Nancy Peckford, president of the Memorial University of Newfoundland's Graduate Students' Union, says the policy is unfair regardless of the minimum tax levels. She says

many graduate students rely on their fellowship money to live, and taxing that income forces some into "even further poverty".

"So many grad students live on very meagre incomes," she said. "Taxing what they do have really hits grad students hard."

Graduate students in Memorial's faculty of science often live on only \$12,000 a year.

Peckford also says grad students represent many of Canada's future researchers and they need adequate financial support to live up to their promise.

"Canadian universities will not be able to attract and retain bright scholars," she said. "Grad students will not be able to support themselves... many will opt to not do graduate studies at all."

"There is no recognition here that fellowships for grad students are an investment in the future."

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20 years ago this week

Student nearly deported for selling candy

A Saint Mary's University student narrowly escaped being deported after selling 15 cents worth of candy at his sister's take-out restaurant. Peter Kow Chang, 28, was ordered out of Canada Nov. 4 after he allegedly broke the terms of his student visa by working. Chang, who immigrated to Canada from Malaysia, didn't work for his sister, but had opened the restaurant for a milk delivery. But when two children came in at the same time and left 15 cents on the counter for candy, the Department of Immigration had a problem. A federal court supported Chang and ruled he was not in fact "working" but helping his sister.

under fire for hiring "scab" replacement workers to cross the picket lines and encouraging students to do maintenance work. Howe Hall representative Dick Matthews said the res was noticeably dirtier since the strike began — with silverfish and "gross little flies" he had never noticed before. But a department of health official said he found the residence cleaner then when he had lived there years before.

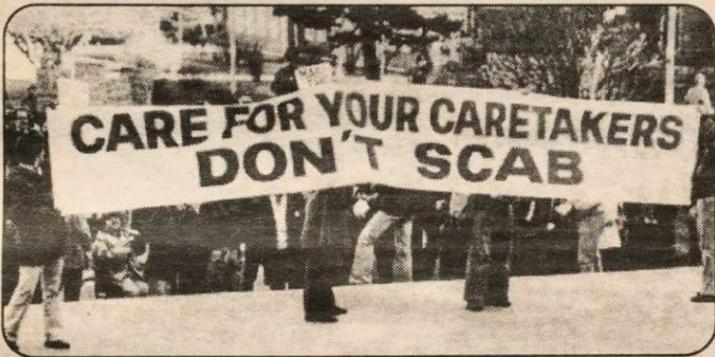
Junior high on strike for four day week

About 500 junior high students in BC walked out of their classes demanding a four-day school week. The strike began at Winslow junior secondary school in Coquitlam BC after a class about trade unions and shorter work weeks excited students enough to distribute opinion surveys to other students. But school principal Gordon House said he thought it was all theoretical, and that society wasn't ready for another day of kids running free. "There's just no way," he said.

One of the strike leaders, a grade ten student, said he didn't know how long the strike would last.

Proof that the 60s really were over

One third of the 60s folk band Peter, Paul and



Striking cleaners clash with police

A picket line was broken up by police with billy clubs and one protester was arrested during the third week of a legal strike by Dal cleaners. The cleaners were demanding an 85-cents-an-hour increase. The university offered 31 cents. Wages for union members ranged from \$3.82 to \$4.84 an hour. The strike was estimated to cost the university over \$7000 a day — mostly in overtime for the university administrators who were left pushing the brooms. The university was also

Mary came to Dal to try to prove she was more than one third of a 60s folk band. But no one was listening. Mary Travers sang to a nearly empty Rebecca Cohn auditorium to promote a new album. She sang her own songs, as well as those of Elton John and Melissa Manchester. She also sang the trio's trademark songs, "Leaving on a Jet Plane" and "Blowin' in the Wind". "I can make it on my own," she said. "But [Peter and Paul will] always be a part of me." Travers said she had a strong dislike for nostalgia.

Smoke detectors fell silent

Recent fire tests law requiring working smoke alarms

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

Tenants say landlord Steven Metlege failed a test by fire after only one out of nine of his building's smoke alarms actually worked.

A municipal bylaw known as F100 requires landlords to provide a working smoke detector to all rental units, and to check the detectors once a year.

But Tom Silver, a regional fire inspector, said some Duncan St. units undamaged by the recent fire didn't appear to have working alarms — and tenants in some of the damaged units say their alarms weren't much better. In fact only one alarm is said to have detected the fire that burned the roof off three apartments in less than five hours.

Silver says it is the landlord's responsibility to make sure the detectors work, including replacing the machine's batteries, but that tenants are responsible for letting their landlord know if the detector is broken.

Landlords can be charged for not respecting the law. Silver says the Duncan St. case will be decided after the investigation is complete.

Steven Metlege runs the

building for his father, the official landlord. He says unless tenants took them, all the apartments had smoke detectors. And he says if the alarms weren't working, he didn't know about it.

Metlege also says he doesn't think smoke detectors — working or not — would have made much difference to the fire's outcome.

"The fire broke out so quickly that the ringing of a few more smoke detectors — would that have saved anything, realistically speaking? The fire was going no matter what."

Corey Skinner, a Dal student and one of the building's tenants, disagrees.

"Fire alarms... could have alerted the police earlier," he said. "They weren't even

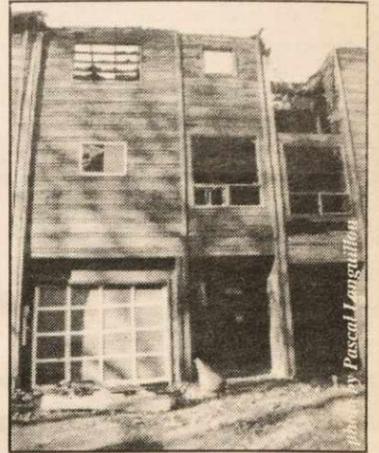
"If that dog... hadn't been there God knows how many people would have been killed or hurt."

aware of it until the fire was well going... 'til the dog was barking."

Skinner says his apartment did have a smoke detector, but that it never worked.

"It was actually on our list of things to be repaired. [Metlege] knows about it."

Jason Kenny also had a smoke detector in his apartment.



He and one of his roommates also say it never worked — instead it just hung there broken.

Raymond Tynes, another building resident in a different apartment, says he had the only working fire alarm in the entire nine-unit complex. He found it loose in his closet and, the night before the fire, hung it above his sink. Tynes' alarm did go off, but he didn't hear it until he got further into the hallway.

Tynes is also the owner of what everyone says turned out to be the most reliable smoke detector — his dog Luke.

And Corey Skinner says Luke saved lives.

"If that dog... hadn't been there God knows how many people would have been killed or hurt."

Heroic dog saves tenants

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under their parent's plans. As well, there is apparently a chance that if the fire was caused by a wiring problem that the building insurance could cover all the losses.

Steven Metlege acts as the building's landlord.

"Obviously I feel bad about it," he said. "The tenants lost their homes and all their belongings. We lost places we had years of work in."

Support of all kinds has poured in for the now homeless tenants, but after three free days at the Holiday Inn they're all looking

for places to live.

Corey Skinner is a second-year Dal student who, arriving home from work after the fire had mostly been put out, went in to his

"If you're the person who lost everything but their life obviously it's pretty severe."

apartment to sleep. He was later woken up by an angry fireman who said the building wasn't safe. Two floors above, there was no roof.

Skinner says he got off with

relatively little fire damage to most of his belongings, but says he still doesn't know where he'll live next or what to do about school.

"I don't know even what's damaged," he said. "I haven't even been to class since Monday and I have two English papers and [an essay for] International Development Studies."

The fire was discovered when tenant Raymond Tynes woke up to his dog's barking and was surrounded by smoke. Tynes said he was just glad his dog Luke was safe.

Dal pleads for adequate funding

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colleagues said they were looking for was much-needed government money to repair dilapidated buildings and build bigger ones.

Mount Saint Vincent University president Sheila Brown said she had dreams of getting one of her school's buildings up to the five floors its elevator boasts. Currently it stops at two.

But Dal president Tom Traves says the money isn't just about bigger and better constructions.

"This is not about an 'edifice complex,'" he quipped. "This is not about building the most beautiful buildings. This is about five people squished on a lab bench for three people."

Dalhousie Student Union president Ted Chiasson agrees. He says new buildings are often the focus of capital fundraising because they are "fun and sexy." But he says there are more immediate concerns, and that the university is going to have to lobby the government to get

those concerns addressed.

"Every politician loves cutting the ribbon and all that shit but the reality is unless the university is going to start issuing every student an umbrella... they're going to need to start fixing roofs."

Susan Clark is the director of the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education (NSCHE). She says everyone agrees the money would be nice, but wonders how the province would afford it.

"Money is needed," she said. "But \$380-million is a heck of a lot of money."

"In this day and age we're probably not going to get [that kind of money] very quickly."

Clark says the universities and the government will have to decide which projects are the region's biggest priority.

Any money the universities do get will be earmarked for capital expenditures, as opposed to operating costs, which means it won't have any impact on program

funding or tuition.

Capital expenditures, for example, pay for the lab bench, while operating costs pay for the test tubes.

The universities said if they can't get the money from government they'd have to go somewhere else — but that it just isn't feasible to look to increased tuition fees.

But Traves says just because it's not affecting students' bottom lines doesn't mean it's not affecting students.

"We're talking about all the elements that go towards a successful learning environment."



Students pitch in to raise money for APEC protesters

BY SONIA VERMA

MONTREAL (CUP) — Frustrated by Ottawa's refusal to pay for the legal fees of complainants at the APEC inquiry, students across the country are mobilizing to raise the money themselves.

McGill University's student council was one of the first to establish a campus fundraising campaign in support of the complainants, most of whom are University of British Columbia students who were arrested while protesting at last November's APEC summit in Vancouver.

The effort has already raised almost \$1,000 through student donations.

Students at McGill are also circulating a petition demanding Solicitor General Andy Scott approve government funding for the students' legal costs.

"There is a growing recognition that this isn't just about UBC students anymore," said Jeff Feiner, vice-president external of the Students' Society of McGill University.

"There's still division over the methods of protest, but its fading into the background because of the greater evil committed by the police force and by political leaders themselves.

"There seems to be a

recognition that being able to afford adequate legal representation is far more important than whether some people may have crossed the line," he said.

Ottawa is paying for legal counsel for the RCMP officers at the inquiry, which is investigating their actions at the meeting of 18 Pacific Rim leaders. Dozens of students protesting the event were pepper-sprayed, arrested

without charge, detained and told to remove their banners.

Scott says the complainants, unlike the RCMP, have nothing to lose from the inquiry and therefore don't deserve federal dollars. He has twice refused to cover their fees, even though the RCMP Public Complaints Commission urged him to.

But lawyers for the complainants say a fair inquiry is impossible unless their clients have access to full legal counsel.

It's estimated the total cost for the students' legal fees will exceed the \$200,000 originally estimated. The British Columbia Federation of Labour has collected more than \$80,000 toward the bill, mostly through private donors.

Student groups are helping in the fundraising effort. The Canadian Federation of Students donated \$2,000 to the APEC protesters at the inquiry.

But Jennifer Story, deputy chair of the organization, says that probably won't go very far. "It's become clear that the inquiry process will cost more, and take a

lot longer than originally expected," she said.

The student lobby group is in the midst of producing campaign-style buttons that will be sold on campuses across the country, with profits going toward offsetting the legal fees for the UBC students.

"We're trying to send a message that public outcry has got to be backed by financial support," Story said.

And students at the University of Guelph have asked the school to donate \$10,000 toward the complainants' legal fees.

Vivian Hoffman, president of the UBC Alma Mater Society, has also been trying to raise financial support for the students through an aggressive e-mail campaign.

Last week, in conjunction with Queen's University, Hoffman sent e-mails to every university student council and campus newspaper across the country requesting support for the protesters.

"The e-mail will ask people to help raise funds and awareness on each campus," she said. "We're asking student councils to make donations and newspapers to donate ad space to let people know how they can help.

"Hopefully this will send a stronger message than just one university or just one national student group."

Hoffman has reason to be optimistic her campaign will prove successful. In the last two weeks, she's been contacted by student groups at Queen's University, the University of Alberta and McMaster University, all expressing a desire to help the APEC protesters.

She hopes the campaign will harness that support and translate it into financial backing.

As of last Wednesday,

students were able to make a donation to the APEC Protesters Legal Fund at any Toronto Dominion Bank branch.

Hoffman points out her campaign to raise student donations may have some troubling consequences.

"It's still students who are being forced to raise the money for themselves. Students, whether they're from UBC or McGill, are obviously not the ones best able to afford it," she said.

But she says it's the best course of action given the circumstances.

"There's a huge imbalance and we disagree with how the situation has progressed, but we asked the federal government to provide funding and they have rejected that request. We have to deal with that."

Meanwhile, organizers say if Scott changes his mind and decides to fund the protesters, the money will go toward other related legal costs including the civil suits filed by various students against the RCMP.

"We're trying to send a message that public outcry has got to be backed by financial support."

Students call for help for protesters

BY SARAH SIMS

GUELPH (CUP) — Students at the University of Guelph have asked the school to donate \$10,000 toward the legal expenses raked up by complainants before the APEC inquiry in Vancouver.

The College of Arts' Student Union made the request in an open letter to university President Mordechai Rozanski.

Stephen Wicary, chairman of the student union, says the issues raised by the APEC controversy are important.

"The heart of the matter is academic freedom and the right to

protest," he said. "[It's] not a matter of agreeing with the protest, it's just a matter of agreeing that the protest had a right to take place."

Wicary adds the University of British Columbia students — who were pepper-sprayed by RCMP

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officers while protesting the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation meeting — continue to be violated by the fact Ottawa refuses to foot their legal bills.

The request has been met with considerable support from other U of G students and faculty.

The Student Senate Caucus has endorsed Wicary's letter and is planning to write a letter of their own.

The College of Social Science Student Government is also planning to join the call for a U of G donation.

A donation from the university would be "an admirable gesture and an important gesture," said English Prof. Michael Keefer.

But despite considerable support for the plan to donate money to the APEC protesters, the university has not yet responded to Wicary's letter.

Rozanski was unavailable for comment.

In the meantime, Wicary plans to meet with Rozanski to further discuss the prospect of financial aid for the complainants.

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Leaders address Quebec education as campaign heats up

BY PIERRE SAUVE

MONTREAL (CUP) — With only three weeks left until the Quebec provincial election, Liberal leader Jean Charest and Premier Lucien Bouchard have begun fighting it out for the often ignored but always important student vote.

After weeks of virtual silence on post-secondary issues, Liberal leader Charest announced he would shield universities from the government's planned \$125-million education cutbacks for the 1998-1999 fiscal year.

"It is unacceptable to

constantly submit colleges and universities to these cutbacks," Charest said. "The government thinks it is profiting from the cuts, but in fact, it is the development of Quebec society that suffers."

But Charest also said earlier in the race that if elected premier, he would lift Quebec's much-loved tuition freeze.

Bouchard, the leader of the Parti Quebecois (PQ), has vowed to maintain the current tuition freeze if re-elected.

He also says he'd like to progressively reduce parental contribution to student loans and

increase the government's contribution.

Quebec students receiving loans are automatically assumed to be receiving money from their parents. The PQ, which reduced the minimum parental contribution during its current mandate, would reduce it by a further 10 per cent if re-elected.

Student loans have become a hot issue in the campaign. The PQ government recently changed the interest-free grace period following graduation for repaying the loans, reducing it from six months to one.

Quebec's Ministry of

Education is currently faced with a class action lawsuit because of the changes.

Charest has said that, if elected, his government would restore the six-month grace period.

But while the Liberals and PQ are finally talking about post-secondary education, only the third-party Action Democratique, with six per cent of popular support, is calling for a cash injection into Quebec's underfunded universities.

Party leader Mario Dumont says he'd like to see changes to the way university programs are financed. He wants to increase the

funding of university programs that have a superior employment average by 130 percent, and by 70 percent for programs that are below the employment average.

His platform also calls for additional fiscal incentives for private companies to help finance Quebec universities and colleges.

The largest student group in Quebec says it is sceptical Bouchard can alleviate the financial dire straits of students in the province — a situation it says his government contributed to.

But Nikolas Ducharmes, president of the Federation Etudiante Universitaire du Quebec, also says his group welcomes the PQs election promises.

"All those measures are interesting and positive because they help students," he said.

Ducharmes also supports Charest's pledge to cancel the planned cutbacks, but deplores his plan to lift the tuition freeze.

Other student leaders are less eager to believe the election promises of either the Liberals or the PQ.

"Both Charest and Bouchard are the same," said Mistie Mullarkey, president of the Quebec component of the Canadian Federation of Students. "They won't give us nearly what we want."

Mullarkey says all three parties have largely ignored the group's call for a national system of grants and zero tuition.

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Martin under pressure to reinvest into education

BY ALEX BUSTOS

OTTAWA (CUP) — Federal Finance Minister Paul Martin is coming under increasing pressure from student leaders and social activists to increase transfer payments to the provinces.

Facing a \$10-billion surplus in the first six months of the current economic year, the federal Liberals are also being pressured from fiscal conservatives to reduce taxes.

"The cautious and prudent approach for Martin would be to

return transfer payments to [1993 levels]," said Jennifer Story, national deputy chairwoman for the Canadian Federation of Students.

"And the reason I say it's prudent is because the gap between the rich and poor is widening — and social transfers are a social equalizer."

A recent study by the Centre for Social Justice, a research group, suggests the gap between Canada's rich in poor has increased by more than 10 times since 1973.

Last week, the Canadian Federation of Students released numbers showing part-time university enrolment has decreased 2.9 percent since 1997.

The widening gap between the classes and falling part-time enrolment are directly linked to government cutbacks, argues Story.

"It's simple mathematics that with less social transfers the greater the pressure is on raising tuition fees, and the greater the pressure to drop out of school," she said.

Martin, however, cautioned against using the government surplus for new spending initiatives.

"I think it's important to understand that there is still a great deal of uncertainty outside of our borders," Martin said Monday. "These are six-month numbers. We've got six months to go."

Rather than spend the surplus right away, said Martin, the government should use it as a defence reserve against a potential global economic downturn.

But Bruce Campbell, executive director of the non-profit Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, says the government mantra of fiscal prudence is unwarranted.

"It's like the boy who cried wolf, it may work for awhile but

now no one takes his numbers seriously anymore," said Campbell.

"Everyone — no matter where they are on the political spectrum — who crunches numbers knows [Martin] will have a surplus in excess of \$10-billion."

With such a surplus, argues Campbell, there's no reason why the government can't restore transfer payments.

A poll released Monday by the Canadian Medical Association suggests Canadians favour such a reinvestment.

According to the study, conducted by Angus Reid, 51 percent of respondents said the 1999 federal budget should use the anticipated surplus to restore previously cut provincial transfers.

In contrast, only 20 percent of respondents called for tax cuts.

Honourary degree raises ire of students

Martin shouldn't get Concordia degree, students say

BY RICHARD SINCLAIR

MONTREAL (CUP) — Concordia University will award federal Finance Minister Paul Martin an honorary doctorate this Friday at the school's graduation ceremonies.

And while the administration is excited about the national exposure Concordia will receive as a result of the award, students are mobilizing to protest it, saying Martin is the architect of massive cuts to post-secondary education.

A press release issued by Concordia's Student Union says from 1993 to the year 2000, Martin will have cut \$7 billion from transfer payments to the provinces for post-secondary education.

"I see this as a clear slap in the face to students," said Rob Green, vice-president of administration with the student union. "He's the reason we no longer have accessible health and education in Canada."

Mistie Mullarkey, vice-president external with the union, agreed. "He's cut so much funding from education," she said.

Martin and the federal Liberals have also come under attack recently for introducing changes to the federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, barring students from declaring bankruptcy for 10 years after they graduate.

The student union says Concordia's decision to grant Martin the honorary degree was misguided.

It points to a university document outlining the criteria for selecting recipients of honorary degrees that says "prudence should be shown in recommending honorary degrees to holders of public office."

The document further states the recipient must "uphold the values that lead to the advancement of learning."

The decision to give Martin an award is a blatant attempt to increase the profile of the university, Green says.

"It looks good for the university to have a person with the highest stature possible," he said.

Ugeht Albert, secretary of Concordia's Graduate Ceremonies Committee, would not comment on the closed-door discussions that took place leading up to Martin's nomination for award recipient.

However, she said it was important to have someone who would look good for the university and that some people were not available.

"There are a lot of people we would theoretically like to give the degree to, but some are just not available," Albert said.

Martin, a former member of Concordia's Board of Governors, was willing to come.

Charles Emond, Concordia's vice-rector of services, says a desire to increase the university's stature had nothing to do with the decision to award Martin.

"In the case of Paul Martin, there is a long history and connection [to Concordia]," Emond said. "The nomination is not out of the blue and is partly based on what he contributed as a board member."

Emond added Martin is a role model for students because of his political and business achievements, and praised him for his "courage to try to eliminate the debt."

"It's an awful thing, but we have to get used to having less money," he said.

But that attitude is self-defeating, says David Smaller, president of the Concordia Student Union.

"Universities have to take an active role in fighting for universities," he said. "Instead, the administration has decided to take the role of government lapdogs."

Scott Reid, director of communications for the finance

minister, said Martin was thrilled upon learning he would be granted an honorary doctorate.

"As a former board member, he was very excited," said Reid. "There was no debating as to whether or not he would accept it."

And the allegations by Concordia's student union that Martin is responsible for cuts to post-secondary education are "unequivocally false," Reid said, adding the provinces are responsible for education cuts.

"Minister Martin cares about the plight of those at university. There is undoubtedly a growing debt load on students. He has proven he cares," Reid said, pointing to \$12 billion in last year's federal budget directed at increasing accessibility to education.

Similar decisions by other universities to dole out awards to politicians have raised the ire of students across Canada recently.

In St. John's, students at Memorial University were outraged by unconfirmed reports the school was planning to award Prime Minister Jean Chretien an honorary degree.

And last month, the University of Ottawa was criticized for its decision to hand federal Minister of Industry John Manley an honorary doctorate.



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Maclean's survey again cause for debate

University of Toronto wins top ranks in Maclean's survey again, but students say it's inaccurate

BY CARLA TONELLI

TORONTO (CUP) — Maclean's magazine released its eighth-annual report card on universities this week, once again causing a stir in the academic world over its evaluation methods and rankings.

The 37-page analysis reaffirms the University of Toronto's top ranking in the medical and doctoral category for the fifth year in a row. It also

bumped up U of T's status in three out of four reputation categories.

The weekly magazine's systemic study also deemed Mount Allison University the best in the primarily-undergraduate category, while Simon Fraser University topped the comprehensive category.

Administrators at the U of T were ecstatic about the report card.

"I'm very happy," said U of T president Robert Prichard. "It's a credit to the remarkable work of the faculty, staff, students, graduates

and friends of the University of Toronto and the credit for their ranking should accrue to all of them."

But despite the 20 criteria items used by the edition's consultative crew — consisting of university administrators, high school guidance councillors and chief executive officers — some still feel the ranking system is flawed.

Andrea Syrtash, a radio and television arts student at Ryerson University, says the specialized nature of some universities are not reflected in the final findings.

"Personally I don't take this poll seriously," said Syrtash of the report that ranked Ryerson 19th, nestled between Lakehead and Cape Breton University in the primarily undergraduate category.

"Every year I await it with curiosity, but I always end up laughing at the results."

Syrtash completed her undergraduate degree at Queen's University, which consistently receives high ratings in the Maclean's survey. But she says Ryerson's specialized programming better fulfilled her educational needs.

Anna Chatterton, a graduate of Concordia University's theatre program, agrees the survey overlooks the benefits of some schools.

She says the rankings make sweeping generalizations about schools, often bypassing their quality programs.

"They should examine individual programs at schools, instead of ranking them in this subjective fashion that gives many schools a bad reputation," said Chatterton.

Concordia University placed 13th in the comprehensive category.

Ann Johnston, managing editor of Maclean's, says her magazine is simply trying to interpret how schools are coping in an era of underfunding.

Some institutions are doing better than others and students should be blaming governments, not her magazine, for reporting the consequences, she says.

"My attitude is: don't shoot the messenger," said Johnston.

"People have been asking me if we could have done 100,000 things with this survey, but we've got to be able to focus," she said, adding the magazine will devote two pages to each university when it publishes its more extensive university guidebook later this year.

Criticisms aside, Maclean's has come a long way since its first foray into post-secondary critique some 30 years ago.

In 1967, the U of T garnered top spot as the sole possessor of five stars.

The star indicator left little room for interpretation and starkly spelled out the best and worst. For example, York and McMaster universities were dubbed "glorified colleges", each earning one star.

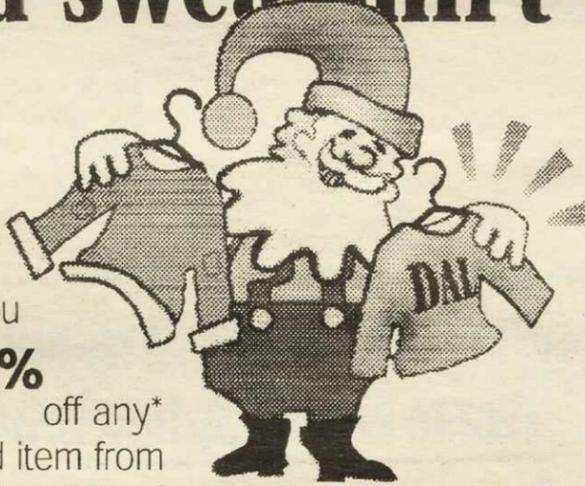
But even as it attempts to become more politically sophisticated in its ranking of universities — complete with protest shots and a sprinkling of references to student debt — student leaders say Maclean's still has a long way to go.

"Unfortunately, they don't rate tuition increases and its impact on accessibility," said Chris Ramsaroop, president of the Students' Administrative Council at the U of T.

He adds that, if the study was serious about documenting the effects of government cutbacks, it would have included tuition increases in its ranking system.

This year's edition, however, does have an article devoted to exploring the effects of underfunding. It includes a chart documenting changes since the magazine first published their post-secondary review in 1995: tuition costs are up 33 percent; the number of full-time faculty is down seven percent; first and second-year classes have decreased six percent; and the proportion of operating budgets spent on scholarships and bursaries are up 43 percent.

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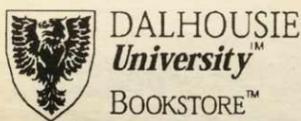


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UVic declines Shell scholarship

BY SARA HOPKINS AND MARY VALLIS

VICTORIA (CUP) — The University of Victoria has declined a \$2,000 scholarship offered by Shell Canada in what local activists are calling a major victory against campus corporatization.

The school's senate decided Nov. 4 to reject the scholarship in a 25-17 vote, which was to be offered to an upper-level geology, geophysics or physics student with a career interest in oil or gas.

In light of Shell's business practices in Nigeria, John Fraser, a student senator for the university's

science faculty, put forward a motion to remove Shell's contribution from a list of new scholarships up for senate review.

"We endeavour to improve human rights, and Shell's profits matter more [to the company] than their principles," said Fraser during the senate meeting.

The oil and gas giant has come under fire for over-riding the rights of Nigeria's indigenous Ogoni people.

In 1995, nine anti-Shell activists were killed by the country's military government, including author Dr. Ken Saro-Wiwa.

As a member of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People, Dr. Owens Wiwa, brother of Saro Wiwa, said he supports the university's decision to turn down Shell's scholarship.

The president of the school's student council also said he was pleased with the decision to reject Shell's scholarship offer.

"Members of the senate voted with their conscience and in so doing voted to maintain the ethical integrity of this institution," said Rob Fleming.

But Dr. Reg Mitchell disagrees with the decision, saying it's wrong to deprive a student in financial need.

"I for one would rather have their money than not, and if you want to disapprove of Shell you can do that at the pump," he said.

Controversy over the decision has led to a review of the senate's criteria for accepting scholarships.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Thalassemia children left in the lurch *Toronto doctor quits investigation over allegations of bias*

BY CARLA TONELLI

TORONTO (CUP) — A prominent doctor who made headlines over a soured research contract with a drug company has said she will no longer participate in the independent investigation of the affair.

Dr. Nancy Olivieri said the decision was made partly because her suggestions for candidates to join the review, which until now has been headed solely by Dr. Arnold Naimark, were rejected.

Set up by the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, the review has been examining what happened when Olivieri conducted clinical trials in 1993 of the drug deferiprone, aimed at treating the blood disorder thalassemia. The trials were partly funded by pharmaceutical giant Apotex Inc., whose contract with Olivieri prohibited publication of any results without its approval. Controversy erupted when Apotex denied the doctor's request to tell her patients their health could be affected by the drug, saying her research was

flawed.

But last August, Olivieri's results were published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Naimark was charged with the responsibility of looking into what happened. But Olivieri and her supporters say Naimark should not be the sole reviewer because of his previous relationship with Apotex

"Now we don't know what to do."

while president of the University of Manitoba.

"The board already has in place who they want," Hospital for Sick Children doctor Peter Durie, a supporter of Olivieri's, said last Wednesday. "Dr. Naimark was hand picked by the board.

"We thought, and think, it only fair that we should have the ability to ensure that the next two candidates are truly independent candidates without conflict or possible board influence. Our two nominees more than fit that description."

But the two names were rejected, Olivieri's supporters say.

Also last Wednesday, Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children said the investigation would continue and Naimark would be asked to select the two panelists himself.

Under a process agreed to by both sides, both Olivieri and the hospital were to approve eight names out of a list of 14 eminent, international scientists. That list was provided by Dr. Henry Friesen, the president of the Medical Research Council of Canada, who is mediating the review dispute.

While the Hospital for Sick Children approved seven names, Olivieri and her supporters only approved two, which were rejected.

"Given the failure of the other side to agree, the board has decided to move forward immediately and has asked Dr. Naimark to select two associate panelists from Dr. Friesen's original list of 14 or any others he wishes," wrote Jim Pitblado, chairman of Sick Kids' board of trustees, in a prepared statement.

The deadline for the review's

completion is Nov. 30.

Another reason for Olivieri's pull-out is the fact the Hospital for Sick Children has circulated emails about the issue, she said.

Last month, both sides agreed to keep the review debate internal until its results are released.

"Part of the reason we feel so discouraged today is because they have not made overtures to look at the two people we proposed and have not honoured the spirit of this agreement, which is a peace agreement, in terms of going out

there and promoting their view or our view," Olivieri said.

"Now we don't know what to do."

Since the Hospital for Sick Children is a fully-affiliated teaching hospital of the University of Toronto, all physicians are thereby members of the faculty of medicine.

Last month, concerns were raised over U of T's active pursuit of a \$20-to-\$30-million donation from the Apotex Foundation, which is owned by Apotex Inc.

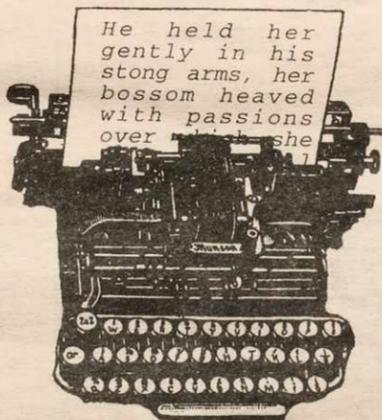
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Trouble was, I felt like a jerk for turning more than pen and paper. So I didn't. My hands stayed in my pockets and I made the kind of small talk fuelled more by sympathy than curiosity.

I watched a curtain be sucked in and blown out from a hole that used to be a kitchen window and I just stood there. I wasn't really succeeding as a reporter or a good neighbour. But what do you ask people who've just lost their homes?

I think the real problem wasn't the questions though, it was the neighbourhood. It was my neighbourhood.

I didn't want to ask the questions because I didn't want to have to imagine what I would say in their place.

I don't know any of my neighbours, but they seemed a lot like me and my roommates. They threw parties. They played Bob Marley too loud. And we all had the

the buying power to demand nice and safe places to live.

And more than that, we're vulnerable because we're frequently dumb enough to think that nothing bad is ever going to happen to us.

But here's the irony.

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If they were vulnerable because they didn't think anything bad was ever going to happen to them, then they were all smart enough to realize that something bad happening isn't the end of the world.

I never should have been worried about asking my questions. I only hope that my answers would be so affirming. The people who have to start looking for brand new places to live this week have taught me something about insurance.

But I'm still going to go home and check if my smoke alarm (if I have one) is working.

SHELLEY ROBINSON

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Sohrab Farid is God!

To the editor,

I love Sohrab Farid's contributions! They're basically the only reason I read the Gazette. I think he should have his own weekly column so I don't have to search futilely every time I can grab a copy to see if there's anything of his in it.

OK, so he was my brother's roommate, but that's not why I like his stuff, that's just how I know to look for it.

Basically, anything that he scribbles in crayon on used toilet paper during a drinkfest would probably be worth printing — actually, it might even be better than the stuff he writes sober.

Talent like this needs to be nurtured...

Becky Eisses

Leaving your wallet at home

To the editor,

Sure you all, especially as enlightened, free-thinking and intelligent university students (right?) know of activism and its many usages and targets.

Activism often goes against political, environmental, and social injustices, the most widely being the pepper-sprayed human rights protestors at the APEC meeting in Vancouver. Say the words "environmental activism" and one often thinks of "granolas" chaining themselves to trees, or lying down in front of logging trucks.

But what about economic and consumer activism? Yes, you guessed it, the answer lies in the seventh annual *Buy Nothing Day (BND)* on Nov. 27, a day when you are urged to leave your wallets at home, and actively protest consumer greed by not buying anything for 24 hours.

Started in 1992 by Vancouver artist/activist Ted Dave, the day has spread internationally and is backed by *Adbusters*, the "culture jammers" of BC, who believe in "subvertising" in order to dismantle the world of consumerism and consumer marketing. As quoted from the *Adbusters* website, "*International Buy Nothing Day* is a celebration of simplicity; it's about our shop 'til you drop lifestyle on a dying planet; it's about getting our runaway consumer culture back onto a sustainable path."

One of the most popular forms of BND activism, other than not buying anything, is "street" or "guerilla theatre," in which activists go into public realms, often shopping centres, to protest consumerism in creative and fun ways. In the past, "No-shopping zones" have been set up in which sofas and couches are arranged in the mall, and people are invited to put their feet up, lounge around, and relax rather than buying things that are often unnecessary. Often on BND day, activists dress up in bizarre costumes and stage informative skits for the public, or meddle with their shopping in mischievous ways, handing out pamphlets and spreading the BND word.

This year, the eco-activism club with NSPIRG will be holding a guerilla theatre protest on Friday, Nov. 27. Meet at 11:30am at the main entrance to the SUB building, wearing whatever you want, and think anti-consumerism! Think activism!

Daisy Kidston



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Freedom of speech overshadowed by passion

Last Thursday evening I wandered into the McInnes room, fully aware of the impending tumultuous scene — a panel of four speakers and a room full of agitated listeners just waiting to embrace the opportunity to voice their opinion on the subject of *Playboy* reps on campus.

I walked into the discussion very much on the side of the two panelists, Dr. Marjorie Stone, a Women's Studies professor at Dal, and Bruce Wark, a professor of Journalism at King's. I walked out of the discussion feeling a little disconcerted, maybe even slightly sympathetic, towards outmatched panelists Bruce Yip and B.W. Wildsmith, the two *Playboy* reps.

Courts, society and witchcraft

I was intrigued to see two heated letters berating me for my ignorance and wilful denial of the "women's holocaust". My off-the-cuff comments made to Janet French were not misrepresented in the article, but they were very summary, and I would like to make a further, final commentary here.

In the animist civilization that was Europe's prior to the eighteenth century, almost everyone believed in a spirit universe that could be manipulated by words and gestures, a lore that was, if not secret, then at least reserved for initiates. Witches were indeed consulted as healers, who operated on both empirical and symbolic planes. But they foretold the future too, located lost objects through divining techniques and distributed amulets, charms and remedies to their neighbours. Most of them were women, but priests and monks constituted a significant minority too. When tragedy struck villagers in the form of collective catastrophes, like epidemic or famine, or when infants and adults died of a wasting illness, people feared that these magicians had done it to them. Village women were among the first to press their menfolk, or to go themselves before the magistrate to complain, and they usually provided a list of misdeeds that they attributed to the witch. In most cases, magistrates waited for accusations to build up before they acted, and in any event, there were no police forces that could have rounded up large numbers of suspects and forced witnesses to appear without co-operation from below.

Criminal trials of all sorts were conducted behind closed doors, the plaintiffs, the accused and the witnesses appearing individually, their testimony taken down (often verbatim) by a scribe. Once the magistrate felt that there was enough evidence to make a case, the accused witch (like those accused of other crimes, usually men) were tortured; and in many cases, the testimony was recorded during torture. However, the number of confessions obtained under torture was never more than a small percentage, and even confession under torture had to be corroborated by other evidence before it could be admissible. Local judges responding to local pressure, often quickly came to a guilty

The primary question I had for the reps was what exactly their role is on campus and whether or not they are getting paid to endorse the magazine. Apparently I was not the only one whose curiosity was piqued. This was the first question put forth.

According to Bruce and B.W., they do not promote the magazine at their parties and their dedication to the porn industry is completely voluntary, aside from the one free issue they each receive per month (this admission was eventually extracted after some fairly intense interrogation from disgruntled members of the audience).

According to the reps, the parties are merely an avenue to

verdict; but in countries with a judicial pyramid, conviction for a serious crime entailed an automatic appeal, and appeals courts usually overturned them. Beginning around 1600, and systematically after 1650, appeals judges dismissed cases of witchcraft out of hand, and witches continued their activities undisturbed in the major countries of western Europe: France, England, the Netherlands, Italy and Spain. Germany, with its myriad jurisdictions and lacking centralized judicial mechanisms, evolved more slowly, and the number of witches executed there over about two and a half centuries (circa 1480-1730) probably numbered in the tens of thousands — but because of its extreme decentralization, firm figures are hard to come by. A generation of close work on the trials themselves (in both secular and church courts) has come up with approximative and plausible figures for most European countries, and the Killam Library has a fair selection of scientific publications. The information is available to those curious enough to consult it, and this is the material that I will continue to assign my classes.

History, when it is done methodically, with the aim of attaining some reality, has to make it clear where the information comes from. Those who make sweeping claims should be ready to supply some clear evidence for it, and outrageous claims require compelling evidence. It is not enough to make extrapolations from selected literary documents, taken out of context, when European archives bulge with a wide variety of first-hand documents dealing with the question. These documents are accessible to the general public and are indispensable to any study of the past. I have not seen any ability on the part of the apologists of a "Women's Holocaust" to determine where and when — exactly — these atrocities occurred.

The huge tallies advanced by feminist writers (hundreds of thousands, or millions of victims) are fortunately only twisted fantasies. The Holocaust envy of my critics cheapens the real one, that of 1939-45.

GREGORY HANLON

encourage people to gather in a friendly atmosphere and have a good time. They present an emancipation from the conservative attitude which is apparently impeding Halifax's nightlife. They provide an opportunity for people to get dressed up, listen to some skilful DJs, and essentially revive some spirit into the apathetic students at Dalhousie. One has to admit, their intentions were respectable.

The problem that I, and seemingly everyone else who attended the forum, have with this is the corporation they have chosen to represent themselves with. The *Playboy* reps were subjected to the scathing condescension of those in attendance. This became quite tiresome towards the end of the hour long discussion and what commenced as a public forum on the topic of pornography quickly escalated into a personal attack on the morality of the reps.

The hostility which infiltrated the room is understandable — pornography is a contentious topic. Personally, I find it incomprehensible as to why anyone would want to be affiliated with a

corporation whose primary source of financial success is through the degradation of women. However, I also think that although the reps are defending a belief system many of us may find questionable, it is not our right to deem them unprincipled or amoral.

Pornography is a societal problem and banning *Playboy* reps from campus is not going to change that. Yes, I believe that *Playboy* magazine objectifies women. As does *Cosmopolitan* magazine. I also believe that beer ads often objectify women. I also believe that music often objectifies women. If one is going to pose the argument that the insidious images in *Playboy* magazine may encourage some men to indulge in violent acts such as rape, then one must also acknowledge that the same can be said for multitudes of other images which we are presented with everyday. Nobody seems to have a problem with beer reps on campus, or DJs who play misogynistic music on campus, and I do not see anyone protesting the fact that *Cosmo* is sold in the campus bookstore. The images are subtle, and ubiquitous. The fact is, there are always going

to be issues which particular people will find offensive, or situations which cause particular people to feel uncomfortable. If we start trying to eradicate them all, where do we draw the line?

At the risk of sounding as if I am simplifying a very complex issue, I do believe that if *Playboy* reps and their beliefs make you feel uncomfortable then the obvious solution is to not attend their parties. Remove yourself from the situation. As crooked as I believe the entire pornography industry and anything remotely affiliated with it to be, the strength of my belief in freedom of speech far exceeds it. Perhaps this intense contention is the unexpected result of something as simple as two guys trying to figure out a way to throw a really good party. Perhaps the fact that they chose *Playboy* to support them in this endeavour was merely a poor judgement call. However, if what they claim is true, that is, that they are standing up for something they truly believe in, so be it. Freedom of expression is, fortunately, and in this particular case, unfortunately, still a basic human right.

JAIME JACQUES

Apathy on Remembrance Day

Apathy is never an excuse. A Canadian should never say they are too busy to give a moment of silence for the war-fallen. And an American should never say they don't care about past wars while their country prepares to make war on another.

Last Wednesday, I went into a drug store to get some tissue for my sore nose and went up to the cashier to pay for it. I said "Well, it wouldn't be Remembrance Day without weather like this," referring to the rain outside. The cashier responded, "I don't really care... it doesn't affect me so I don't care... I'm not from this country so it doesn't affect me." All I could spurt out in my astoundment was, "Oh, well what country do you come from?" After informing me Virginia was her origin, I asked, "Yeah but don't you have Memorial Day down there?" Her final response was, "Yeah, but it doesn't affect me so I don't care." I left in disgust.

Now I'm sorry, absolutely no one should say that in this country on this day. Although the US lost many lives in what is typically believed to be their saving the day, the loss was probably a smaller proportion to the total population than here in Canada. Every life was touched either directly or indirectly by a death in the war. I am certain there were some in the U.S. who didn't know and didn't care. Unfortunately it has carried down to today. (And don't think I'm anti-American, I have many close American friends — I just don't like their policies).

The second incident occurred

or rather didn't occur earlier that day at the Grand Parade, where the main Halifax ceremony took place. I went with the King's delegation because there was an invitation for anyone to go down and I knew there wasn't a Dal delegation. The only universities represented were King's and SMU, even though no SMU students attended to place their wreath. I can't speak for MSU or NSCAD, who may have placed wreaths at other cenotaphs. I asked the DSU why they weren't there and apparently our president was away conferencing so the DSU told the Canadian Legion no one from Dal could place a wreath. I was there... I'm a Dal student... hey, I could have placed it! There are 13,000 Dal students and most of those who got out of bed that morning could have placed a wreath on behalf of the others.

So why am I telling you this? I think we are witnessing a change in Remembrance Day. There are less and less veterans each year and more and more forget even as people try harder to remember. We get bombarded by images of individuals suffering the horrors of war... while teachers throw out numbers of dead and atrocities. It's not that these images are invalid; it's just we who were not there can not process the dichotomy. I would never pretend to understand. I only finally talked to a related veteran two weeks ago, and this year's ceremony marks the first live one I ever went to (having always watched it on TV every other year). I don't really think I began to understand until my second year of

university. And you have to wonder sometimes how much those award-winning junior high and high school students really understand "dying for country and freedom" — hell, I can't even define freedom.

Now the point of remembering is to not forget, lest it never happen again. I talked to a WWII vet and he said they believed that war would be the end of it and there would be no more, but it was all a "bunch of B.S.". This has been the century of war and it doesn't seem to slow down as we approach the supposedly "inevitable apocalypse". We get this sense sometimes *our* world is a safe, warm, fuzzy blanket of love and happiness, while we desensitize ourselves to children carrying grenades and sub-automatic machine guns. The post-modern utopia? I doubt it.

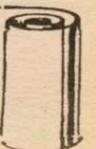
It might be easier to kill people now while you sit in a chair and push a button and never see the face of your enemy. You can say, "Well the two world wars had inferior technology and now we don't use trenches and inefficient things like that." But the lesson of war was not more-war-made-easy, nor was it appeasement until someone kills six or more million people out of hate. We have to think about what happened on a historical level and an individual level and at least try to understand. Remembrance Day doesn't seem to reduce war, but at least it's there. you just have to get out of bed and think.

TRISTAN STEWART-ROBERTSON



Writers, may we impose on you to pen a few words for the erudite readership of this eclectic publication.

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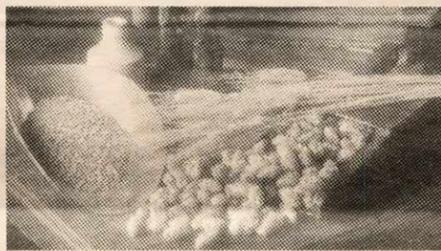
A blast with the past.

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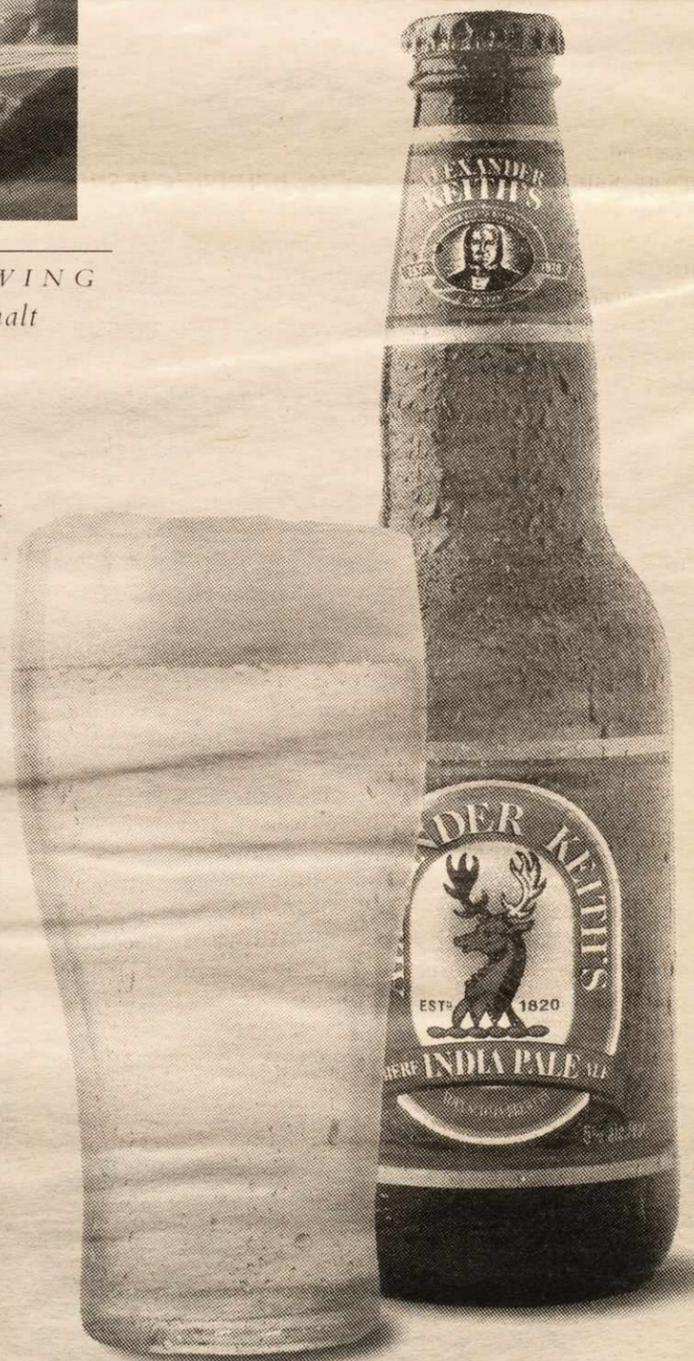
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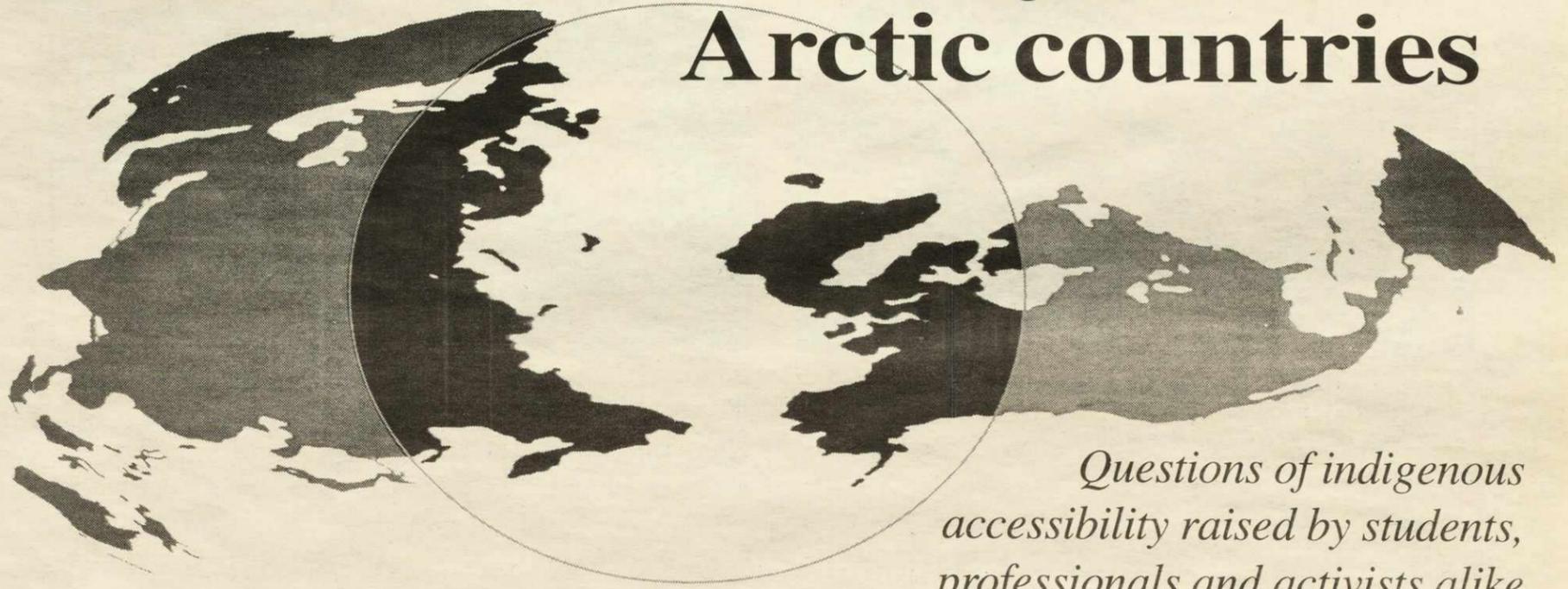
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Northern university to bond Arctic countries



Questions of indigenous accessibility raised by students, professionals and activists alike

BY CARL WARREN

TORONTO (CUP) — Plans for an Arctic university were unveiled recently as leaders from eight nations met to discuss greater circumpolar collaboration.

Representatives from Canada, the United States, Greenland, Finland, Iceland, Russia, Sweden and Norway gathered for the maiden ministerial meeting of the Arctic Council in Iqaluit, North West Territories.

The two-year-old council was formed to devise ways for nations to cope with cultural, environmental and diplomatic challenges confronting the north.

Council members discussed the idea of a polar post-secondary school during the two-day conference earlier this month. They envision an institution that won't have a central campus but will instead take the shape of a combination of programs operating out of existing schools sprinkled across the north.

How the school will be funded has yet to be revealed by leaders, but they have hinted it will be financed through both public and private dollars.

"The Arctic university is still in the preliminary stages of planning," said Steven Outhouse, a spokesman for the Department of

Indian Affairs in Ottawa. "Talks haven't progressed enough to address the funding question yet."

But student leaders say the question of financing is important because it will determine whether

university can lend perspective to massive changes in the north brought about by globalization and the creation of the Nunavut territory.

The Nunavut Land Claim agreement, ratified by the Inuit in November 1992 and officially passed by parliament in 1993, will usher in the Nunavut government in April 1999.

Dark episodes in the north's history, such as the cold war and colonial domination, have long tainted circumpolar studies, necessitating a fresh

approach to the field that combines traditional and modern science.

"It will be wonderful to have an institution here," said lawyer and Iqaluit resident Paul Okalik.

"Instead of having research done by foreigners, done on our land and our people — who then

take the research and go south — we can have our own school."

First Nations people are playing a lead role in negotiations, and proponents of the university argue the most compelling reason for an Arctic school is because it will allow indigenous northerners to live and be educated in home localities.

"Say a person from Greenland wants to go to university," explained Vinnie

Karetak, a youth organizer with the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, a national political advocacy group for the Inuit Nation. "That student would have to fly to Denmark or Newfoundland to find the nearest school."

University-bound students from the north also confront staggering flight fares and cultural

to make the journey home between semesters.

"Fortunately, I knew people in Ottawa, but for other younger people, they want to stay [at home] and so their education is limited. They're bright young people — they just don't want to leave," said Okalik.

But some people are also concerned that the Arctic Council might overlook problems that may undermine its promotion of Arctic academia.

"Most native people are not receiving sufficient preparation services to ensure success at the post-secondary level," said Joyce Adams, a psychologist who has worked extensively with the James Bay Cree for 15 years.

In a region that's experiencing a youthful explosion — where more than half the population is under the age of 25 — nearly one out of two Inuit drop out of school before grade nine, and substance abuse and suicide levels are three times the national average.

"Basically, you have to look at these things holistically," said Karetak.

"Even if a child has a good university nearby, if they are not treated well at home or at high school, then things aren't going to get better."

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the school will be accessible to indigenous people.

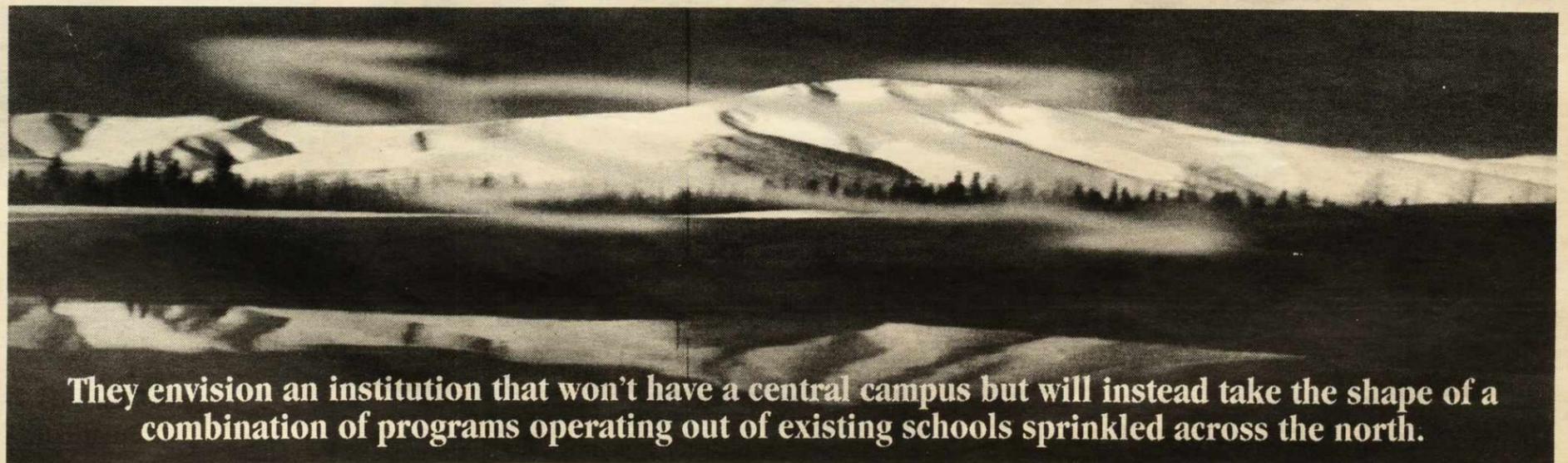
"In principle it sounds good," said Troy Sebastian, a member of the Canadian Federation of Students' aboriginal caucus. "But if the funding issue is not addressed properly then it [University of the Arctic] will come and go like any number of programs [in the north] over the past twenty years."

He adds that if the school is mainly subsidized by the corporate sector, then market-driven, high tuition rates may deter native students.

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Interviews by Vanessa Owen, Photos by Pascal Languillon.

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Ahanad Shehada, 1st year, BSc, Cairo, Egypt



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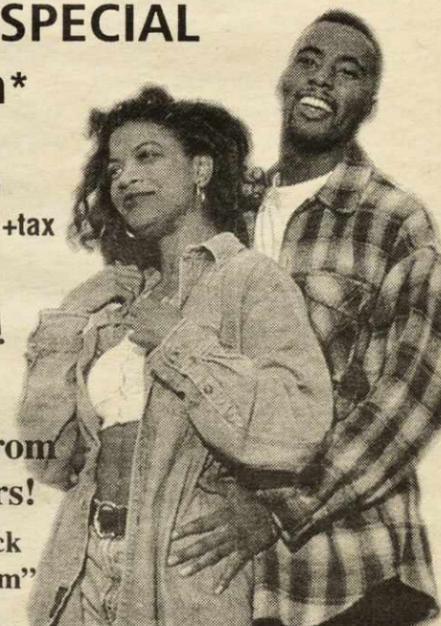
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ARTS & CULTURE

Russophiles celebrate culture, Rasputin Borsht, pirogi and "Russia's greatest love machine"

BY HEATHER-ANNE MATTSON

Russia may be an ocean away, but a little bit of the country found its way to Halifax this weekend.

Russophiles and Russians alike gathered last Saturday at All Nations Christian Reformed Church as part of the Dalhousie department of Russian Studies' annual Russian Night.

The evening of poetry, dance, songs and plays is an event for students to display their appreciation of Russian language, culture and literature, as well as for Russians to share a love of their culture with the Halifax community.

The night included performances by students and professors from the Dalhousie Russian department, as well as by Russians from the community. Featured were acts ranging from Russian folk dances to recitations

of poems by Russia's greatest poet, Alexander Pushkin.

Also deserving special mention was a rousing puppet show set to Boney M's disco interpretation of the life of one of

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Russia's most dubious figures, Rasputin. In the estimation of Boney M, PhD, Rasputin was "Russia's greatest love machine".

Following the entertainment a Russian meal prepared by students and professors was served — the creation of which began early Saturday morning. The preparation of such Russian culinary mainstays as borsht, pirogi and sweet bread gave students a chance to learn about aspects of Russian culture that can't be taught in the

classroom.

Dalhousie's Russian Nights date back to World War Two, when the department of Russian Studies was founded. While at that time the evening consisted of a formal tea in pre-revolutionary aristocratic style, Russian night has since, perhaps at the influence of the worldwide proletarian conspiracy, taken the more plebeian programme of entertainment, followed by a Russian meal of peasant tastes.

Irina Kasianov, a Russian Haligonian who regularly performs at these events, said Russian Night gives her a chance to revisit Russia's heritage.

"I really appreciate the work that students and professors put into the event and I am impressed by how much students know of the classic Russian writers. I also appreciate the chance to meet our culture again here, so far from our motherland... many Russians here appreciate this."



"Ladies, all the ladies, hoo-ahh!" Rasputin proving that personal hygiene is not the most important thing women want in a man.

Home in the highlands A cornucopia of Gaelic talent

BY JANET FRENCH

Where can you see every traditional Nova Scotian stereotype packed into one show?

If not at the Lower Deck, then for sure at *Highland Heritage*, a show that took to the stage of the Rebecca Cohn last Saturday.

Highland Heritage was a variety show of sorts, featuring the talents of the Amethyst Scottish Dancers of Nova Scotia and an assortment of other impressive musical guests.

The evening began with a 'down the aisle' procession by the Dartmouth Junior Pipe and Drum band, followed by the Amethyst dancers. If you think one set of bagpipes is loud, try 12. Although slightly headache-inducing, the band was fantastic, and featured some amazing synchronized drumming. The dancers also performed "Sword Dance for Sixteen", a lively traditional piece.

The evening continued with a variety of performers playing pieces of their choice, followed by their accompaniment to the Amethyst dance troupe. Cheryl O'Hagan performed the traditional tune "She Moved Through the Fair" beautifully on the harp. Buddy MacMaster, known as Master of the Fiddle, performed with his daughter Mary Elizabeth MacInnis, treating the crowd to some cheerful traditional fiddle music. MacMaster and MacInnis were then joined by Blair MacDonald, a fifteen year old step dancing prodigy from Mabou.

John Allan Cameron, connoisseur of Celtic Music, followed with an amusing anecdote of a tune his mother used to sing

while milking cows. Finally, the first half of the evening concluded with a set of songs from Slainte Mhath and, naturally, more dancing from Amethyst.

The second half of the show featured more music from MacMaster, Cameron, Slainte Mhath and a lively step dance from Amethyst entitled "East Coast Ceilidh". Also performing in the second half was the Antigonish Gaelic Choir, who sang a set of traditional gaelic songs.

The show concluded with a finale, featuring the entire cast of musicians playing together. The finale also featured the piece "Signature" by the Amethyst dancers, which they perform at the end of every show they do.

The performance included a great deal of highland dancing and step dancing from Amethyst, which was enjoyable — but bordered on overkill.

The music, rather than the dancing, was the highlight of the evening. The lively tunes left the audience with sore hands by the end of the evening from all the enthusiastic clapping along.

It was pleasing to see that artists are working hard to preserve the traditions, heritage and culture of Nova Scotia. The proceeds from ticket sales were donated to the Celtic Studies departments of Saint Mary's University and St. Francis Xavier University, so all the fun was for a good cause. Most importantly, both the audience and the performers seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, showing that there is something great about those stereotypes after all.



Percy the Penguin gets a little Woody at the Grawood.

Halifax today, tomorrow the world Wooderson makes Halifax and Percy the Penguin proud

BY REGAN MACPHEE

What were you doing on Friday the 13th? If you weren't partying at the Grawood with the rest of us then you missed Halifax's best kept secret.

Although Wooderson has been together for almost a year, they have yet to get the recognition they deserve. With a self-described groovy acoustic sound that appeals to even the most discerning of listeners, the band engages their fans with up-beat melodies and thoughtful lyrics.

As a group, one of Wooderson's best qualities is their flair for incorporating individuality into each performance. Although each show has a set repertoire, the band likes to experiment on stage. A song that normally runs five minutes may suddenly turn into an impromptu jam session.

In the band's opinion, Wooderson is "always on the edge of falling apart, but somehow manages to hold on". What results is the audience's sense of being a part of something special.

Friday night was no exception. You can't help but smile when you watch these guys on stage. Their enthusiasm is contagious and if you're not out on the dance floor, chances are you're groovin' in your chair.

Although inspired by the likes of musical legends Ricky Lee Jones and John Denver, the group does not like to make direct comparisons to other artists. Their sound is unique. While Kristen Hatt writes about family and close, personal issues, Tim Walker gravitates towards taking a thought and expanding it. Wooderson's lyrics are open metaphors, and listeners are able to interpret them as they choose.

As for long term goals, the group's answers are as varied as their personalities: from Bob Cornwall's "avoiding day jobs" to Bob Deveau's "going all the way — next stop, the world".

But one thing they all agreed upon was releasing their independently-produced CD by the beginning of February. With open

access to recording equipment, Wooderson plans to record all of their songs and then pick their favourites for the CD. If the CD is anything like Wooderson's shows, it will definitely be worth shelling out a few dollars for.

Unfortunately last Friday's performance was not indicative of the energy usually felt at a Wooderson show. The crowd was fairly apathetic — that is until the band played their perennial favourite, "My Majesty". At the distinctive chime of Kristen's mandolin, people swiftly got to their feet and the Grawood got jumpin'.

With growing talent and extremely-danceable, thoroughly-enjoyable songs like "Better Days", "Red Light Pressure" and the aptly named "Happy Song", Wooderson is sure to be around for a long, long time. So if Friday the 13th passed by without giving Wooderson a listen, come join mascot Percy the Penguin and the rest of the Wooderson faithful on Nov. 28 at the Attic. You won't regret it.

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Swingers created this mess

Pop culture hit film sparked an attitude shift

BY VANESSA OWEN

Whether you jive or not, swing is in. And on Saturday night, the Oxford Cinema presented a midnight showing of the film that revived it all, *Swingers*.

The movie, starring Jon Favreau (*Rudy*, *Chicago Hope*) and Vince Vaughn (*Return to Paradise*, *Psycho*), has coined such phrases as "beautiful babies" (beautiful women) and "you so money" (you are cool). These expressions are now part of a lingo and attitude that is affecting young twentysomethings worldwide. With the revival of swing music and swing mentality, (fast times and faster women), *Swingers* is quickly becoming a cult film as it is the paragon of the genre it created.

The film details the life of Mike Peters (Favreau), a recently-dumped, heartbroken New Yorker who has moved to sunny L.A. He is having enormous trouble forgetting his ex-girlfriend and

moving on with his life. In his quest for elusive Hollywood stardom, the out-of-work comedian/actor, with a little help from his friends, discovers that there are other "beautiful babies" out there and they are pure "money."

Directed by Doug Liman on a budget of only \$250,000, the movie grossed over \$4.5 million domestically.

Although Liman pays homage to the Scorsese-Tarantino school of cinema, he has his own wonderful ideas about light and timing. He is able to entice and amuse the audience with good direction and acting rather than costly special effects. He brilliantly captured Mike's overwhelming misery in a poignant scene where Mike, after being rejected by Nikki (Brooke Langton of *Melrose Place*), is dismally sorting through old photographs and letters from his ex-girlfriend Michelle. Anyone who has been kicked to the curb knows the feelings well and can completely relate.

Another hilarious scene has Trent (Vince Vaughn), Sue (Patrick Vanhorn) and Mike all playing Sega hockey. When a pizza guy comes to the door and Mike pays him, Sue and Trent start screaming out questions like, "Is he clean? Does he have a cute tushie? Come back to bed, Mikey." Poor Mike is stuck pretending to ignore the comments as the pizza guy gives him his change and several amused looks.

Scenes like that show that *Swingers* has a great cast. The chemistry between the young actors allowed them to portray their characters in a realistic and amusing way. The audience is able to identify with every character and is therefore able to empathize with Mike. His friends' humorous attempts to act ultra-cool while trying to cheer him up keep the

audience laughing.

The movie's soundtrack, true to its name, features swing artists such as Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, who recently "jived" their way onto the mainstream music scene. With hits like "You and Me and the Bottle Makes Three" they add a foot tapping, hip grinding feel to the movie.

But the cultural aspect of the movie is where its real power lies.

Swingers may change the way many guys behave when it comes to women. Instead of "talking puppy dogs and ice-cream," Trent says, "be honest. Women are not stupid. They are good at reading the vibe and are in tune with what's really going down. They know what's happening. Don't manipulate, deny and condescend. It's insulting."

The popularity of the movie has led to Jon Favreau and Vince Vaughn publishing *The Swinger Rules*, a humorous collection of 15 rules every guy should be armed with when entering the dating scene.

For example, rule 12 states, "Don't hide the fact that you like sex. That doesn't mean act like the fourteen year old on the back of the bus who's constantly pulling on himself and making obscene noises. It just means own your sexuality and don't apologize for it."

As with any popular film, *Swingers* does not come without criticism. Some women have described the characters as nothing but a bunch of jerks. Others accuse the movie of being sexist and portraying women in a submissive light.

"Women are not objects to be captured by men and then thrown away. We don't need to be beautiful in order to be considered attractive and desirable. *Swingers* gives guys permission to use us and move on,"



says Jan White, a student at Mount Saint Vincent University.

Not so, says Jon Favreau, who penned the script.

"All the women in the script are very powerful... the women are much stronger than the men. I think that if anything, women enjoy the insight into the way males are when females are not around."

Strong or not, if the following 'insight' is any indication, women probably would have preferred to remain ignorant. This dialogue occurs in the film after Trent hits on a waitress by giving her a 50 cent tip:

Trent: Baby, that was money! Tell me that wasn't money.

Mike: That was demeaning.
Trent: She smiled, baby.
Mike: I can't believe what an asshole you are.
Trent: No, no, baby. She smiled. This is what we came here for. No, we met a beautiful baby and she likes you.
Mike: She likes you.
Trent: Whatever, daddy's gonna get her to bring a friend. And I, and I don't care which one I end up with, her or one of her beautiful baby friends.

In the end, *Swingers* is an amusing tale of the lives and hardships of a few fictional guys trying to be cool in the competitive world of Hollywood.

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SPORTS

Tigers devour McGill

Dal women win fourth CIAU soccer medal in six years

BY TERRY HAWES

The Dalhousie Tigers women's soccer team captured the bronze medal at the CIAU National Soccer Championship in Victoria, BC by spanking the McGill Martlets 5-0 on Sunday. This was Dal's fourth CIAU medal in the decade after a bronze in 1993, gold in 1994 and silver in 1995.

The Tigers went 0-0-2 in the round robin portion of the tournament (1-1 with Calgary and 0-0 against Queen's) to finish second in group A, a ranking that placed them in the bronze medal match with McGill. Calgary defeated Victoria 3-2 to win the national title.

Dal 0 Queen's 0 — In a game of few breaks, the Tigers had to settle for the draw, eliminating the Golden Gaels from medal contention. Malin Wester recorded the shutout in a game dominated by the tight defence of the two teams.

"It was an even game with Queen's," said Tiger Natalie Lindthaler. "They are a good team

and their tight defence made for few chances."

But even though Queen's knew a loss meant elimination, their offence was virtually non-existent. This made the draw even easier for Dalhousie.

Dal 1 Calgary 1 — The Tigers battled the Dinosaurs to a

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hard-fought draw as the tournament opened up Thursday afternoon. Stephanie O'Neill (who was later named tournament MVP) scored to put Calgary ahead before Lindthaler capitalized on a cross from Patricia Norman to level the score and give Dal a positive start to the tournament.

Dal 5 McGill 0 (Bronze medal match) — After falling short of reaching the championship game, it could be expected that the

Tigers would feel a little out-of-sync as they prepared to take the field on Sunday for the bronze medal match-up.

This proved to be less and less apparent as Dal took control of a listless McGill, jumping out to an early lead and strolling away to a well deserved victory.

The 0-0 tie with Queen's on Saturday resulted in Dal settling for a battle for third but coach Dara Moore's optimistic outlook gave the team all the ammunition it needed to jump out to a 3-0 lead by halftime. Mary-Beth Bowie scored twice and Kelly Larkin scored her eighth goal of the year while still in the first half. Natalie Lindthaler scored her fourth goal of the year to make it 4-0, and Bowie completed her hat-trick to give the Martlets a lot to think about on the plane home.

Lindthaler said the team managed to stay focused despite the disappointment of not reaching the final match.

"We were discouraged, but coach Moore emphasized the fact that there was still a medal at stake and we could look at it positively or negatively. [We] wanted it a little more."

Moore agreed.

"We took a positive approach and played with a lot of character and heart," said Moore.

While the team did struggle at times throughout the year, for Lindthaler, winning the bronze medal was very satisfying.

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photo by Mike Davenport

Natalie Lindthaler in action earlier this season.

Dalhousie Athletics Upcoming Events

Men's Hockey

Thursday, Nov. 19 Dal vs St. Mary's 7pm @ Memorial Arena
 Sunday, Nov. 22 Dal vs Acadia 2pm @ Memorial Arena

Women's Volleyball

Saturday, Nov. 21 Dal vs St. FX 3pm @ Dalplex

Men's Volleyball

Friday, Nov. 20 Dal vs UNB 8pm @ Dalplex
 Saturday, Nov. 21 Dal vs UNB 1pm @ Dalplex

Women's Basketball

Saturday, Nov. 21 Dal vs Memorial 6pm @ Dalplex
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Dal swimmer dominates meets

Angela MacAlpine leads women to victory

BY PATRICK BLACKIE
AND SCOTT SANCTON

Angela MacAlpine has been described by fellow Tigers as an "inspirational and spirited" member of the Dalhousie swim team.

The 20 year old co-captain of the women's swim team has dominated the majority of meets she's attended this year — including first place finishes in the 200m and 100m freestyle at the University of New Brunswick Dual Meet and first place finishes in the 100m fly, 50m fly, and the 400m freestyle at Dal. Also, MacAlpine was the first Tiger to qualify for this year's CIAUs, and she set a meet record in the 100m freestyle and won the 200m freestyle at the Mount Allison Dual Meet.

MacAlpine began swimming in her hometown of Digby, Nova Scotia at the age of nine. The competitive aspect didn't enter until a few years later, and Angela won rarely in her first forays in competitive waters. She then began swimming in Halifax, and better results came.

"Originally, I joined the swim team because a friend of mine was on it," said MacAlpine. "It wasn't really competitive then. You can't do a lot at nine years old."

But when she came to Dal, her skills blossomed.

MacAlpine joined the Tigers in 1996 and instantly grabbed the

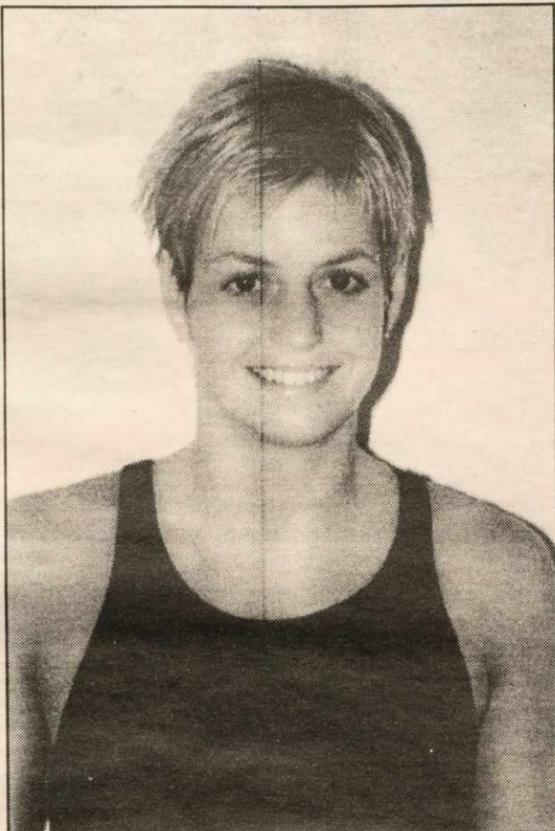
ear of the AUAA by garnering the 1996/97 Dalhousie Tigers' Rookie of the Year award. She has evolved even more so over the years, becoming the focal point on a successful Tigers team.

"[Angela] leads the women into victory, not only with her swimming," says men's team co-captain Mike Murray, "but through her leadership as well."

Now Angela is a vital part of Dal's swim team, driving the women to victory with

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her pleasant demeanour and difficult training regimen. The 3-time CIAU qualifier has led the



Swimmer Angela MacAlpine.

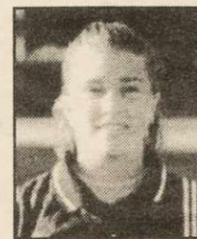
women's team to a 2-0 record in dual meets so far this year, demonstrating that she is not only a powerful individual swimmer, but a leader and team motivator as well.

The swim team practices seven times a week, and does weight training twice a week. To most people this would be a stressful, but it doesn't phase the third-year Sociology student.

"It's hard work, but I don't mind it. You get used to it."

Dalhousie Tigers' Athletes of The Week

Mary-Beth Bowie
Women's Soccer
2nd year
Health Education
Dartmouth, NS



Mary-Beth Bowie is the Dalhousie Tigers' Female Athlete of the Week for the week ending Nov. 15, 1998. Mary-Beth led the Tigers to a CIAU bronze medal in a 5-0 victory over the McGill Martletts. The striker scored three goals in the match against the fourth-ranked Martletts. Bowie was last year's CIAU Rookie of the Year and this year tied for tournament scoring leader title and was named to Second Team All-Canadian Squad at the CIAU championships.

Dan Hennigar
Cross Country
5th year
BA
Maitland, Nova Scotia



Dan Hennigar is the Dalhousie Tigers' Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending Nov. 15, 1998. Dan led the Tigers to a seventh place finish in a field of 18 teams at the National Championships at the University of Waterloo. Dan was the top runner for Dalhousie, placing 19th out of 133 competitors. The Tigers earned the right to represent the Atlantic conference with Dan claiming his third individual AUAA title in four years and helping the squad win the title at the AUAA championship finals. A first team All-Canadian in 1996, Dan was named the 1998 AUAA MVP.



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Sex Toys! BGLAD will present a fun discussion on, well, sex toys, featuring a guest speaker from Venus Envy. 7pm, Rm 307 SUB.

Bricabra: Nancy Edell will give a slide talk on her show. 8pm, lower level, Dal Arts Centre. Call 494-2403 for more info.

Friday, November 20

English Social: A social will be held in the lounge of the English Department (1434 Henry St.) at 6:30pm.

Dalhousie Christian Fellowship, Power Praise Evening. 7:30pm, Rm 307 SUB.

Monday, November 23

The APEC Summit: From Pepper Spray to Police State? A panel discussion featuring Jaggi Singh (APEC Alert), Antoni Wysocki (NSPIRG), Brooks Kind (East Timor Alert Network) and Bruce Wark, a professor of Journalism Ethics. 7pm, Haliburton Room, King's College.

Dalhousie-King's NDP: A meeting will be held at 6pm in the U-Room, King's College A&A.

Tuesday, November 24

"Update: Global and Local Perspectives on Gender and Violence". Rebecca Innes, an MA student in the Political Science Department, and Soledad Gonzalez, from the Metro Immigrant Settlement Association, will speak. 12:30pm, Lester Pearson Centre. For more info, call 494-2038.

Wednesday, November 25

"Rape: A Crime of War". A video presentation and discussion with Audrey Macklin, professor of international law, and Mirsada Stasevic, a Masters of Law student from the former Yugoslavia. 7pm, Lester Pearson Centre. For more info, call 494-2038.

Women on The March, 1958. Douglas Tunstale's film looks at the Women's Movement. Screening at the Dalhousie Art Gallery, 12:30pm and 8pm. Call 494-2403 for more info.

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Short story writer Heidi Priesnitz to read at Spring Garden Road Library at 7:30pm.

Announcements

Eco-Activism CUPS Campaign: Students and staff are encouraged to cut down on wastage on campus. People are encouraged to decline the usage of styrofoam cups by bringing their own re-useable cups with a discount from participating coffee stores. November 23-26.

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Exams will be the subject of a program conducted at the Counselling Centre of Dalhousie University. The program will include physical relaxation, mental coping and exam writing techniques. Call 494-2081 or come to the 4th floor in the SUB.

Jim Logan's Love Affair and the book of Joan and Nancy Edell's *Bricabra*. These are now on display at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. Admission is free. Call 494-2403.

Study at a Castle in England for the January term. Contact Sharon Blanchard at 494-2038.

The Association of Atlantic Area Artists is holding an art exhibit and sale at Park Lane from Nov. 16th to Nov. 28th.

The Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Everyone is invited to the Fall Show on Nov. 21 at 8pm in the Burke Auditorium at St. Mary's University. Free Admission.

MARC is holding an exhibition from Wednesday, Nov. 4 to Monday Nov. 23. Everyone is welcome. Free Admission. Contact Kari Williams at 425-5409 for more information.

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