

450 march

Students protest cutbacks

Dalhousie University students were among the more than 400 vocal and angry students who marched to Province House last Thursday to protest inadequate government funding for Nova Scotia's 11 post-secondary institutions.

The students gathered in front of the Dalhousie Student Union Building and marched through the streets to the legislative building where they listened to representatives of faculty, support staff, the Atlantic Federation of Students and Nova Scotia Premier Gerry Regan.

At the same time, demonstrations were taking place at two other centres in the province.

In Yarmouth, 130 of the 170 students at Université Ste. Anne in Church Point bussed 50 miles to march on the provincial government building and boycotted classes at the university.

In Cape Breton, about 70 students from the College of Cape Breton marched with placards in the streets of Sydney and entered the provincial government building, where they paraded up and down stairs chanting slogans.

In New Brunswick, students from St. Thomas University in Fredericton showed solidarity with Nova Scotia students and held a funeral for post-secondary education, placing a coffin containing documents from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) on the steps of the legislative building.

A mock murder inquest into the death of higher education, with representatives from the administration, MPHEC, students and the provincial government was held at the University of New Brunswick, also in Fredericton.

At Mount Allison University in Sackville, students placed posters around the campus and set up an information booth to explain to students the effect poor government funding is having on post-secondary institutions.

AFS secretary-co-ordinator Tony Kelly said he thought the Halifax demonstration was excellent, and that students made a loud statement to the public and the government. However, he added he was a little disappointed at the turnout, which was smaller than at a similar demonstration last year, when about 1,700 students marched in Halifax to protest tuition increases of six per cent.

Gene Long, Atlantic fieldworker for the National Union of Students, said that for the second consecutive year, "visible protest action proves students aren't willing to give in."

Fee increases are expected for



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the coming academic year at some institutions in New Brunswick, although they have not yet been announced. It is unlikely that tuition fees will increase again next year at Nova Scotia institutions.

Kelly said one of the reasons the turnout was smaller than last year was a lack of co-operation and a certain amount of obstructionism from student councils at some institutions.

The march from the Dalhousie campus to Province House was excellent, he contended, and the session at the legislature indicated the kinds of questions people want to raise about these issues. The fact students took to the streets this year rather than the sidewalks, demonstrated their strength and eagerness in voicing their concerns, he claimed.

Graham Mackay, organizer for the demonstration at the College of Cape Breton in Sydney, said he was also disappointed in the number of people who turned out, but believed students had made their point to the public of Cape Breton and the provincial government.

Mackay said students just did not seem to have the will to do it. Public response was not what he would have liked, he added, because there are other issues such as unemployment that are of more concern to the people of Cape Breton.

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Dalhousie considers proficiency tests

by Bruce Grant

The Faculty Ad-Hoc Committee on language proficiency is considering "something like entrance examinations" in its recommendations to the Dal faculty council, said Tom Sinclair-Faulkner of the religion department.

The committee, which has been surveying faculty members in an attempt to get a reading on the campus intellectual climate, met Tuesday to consider the results. Sinclair-Faulkner said while over 90% of students graduating with bachelor degrees from Dalhousie are acceptably literate, the committee feels that in many cases too little written work is required in undergraduate classes.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Language Proficiency was formed several months ago to determine what, if any, standards of literacy are in force in the various departments. The issue of the illiterate college student has received much attention of late as universities are becoming aware that significant numbers of graduating university students are insufficiently skilled in the use of the English language.

"The result of the survey was that we did get general agreement on what is superior and what is inferior written work," Sinclair-Faulkner said. "A minority of professors, 16%, have what seem to be unrealistically high standards, while about 4% accepted items on the survey that normally would be considered unacceptable."

Although entrance exams are a distinct possibility, the committee feels there are other issues to be

settled first. "Entrance examinations would have the effect of screening out certain students, and we're not sure we want to do this," said Sinclair-Faulkner. "A large number of students are coming out of high school now with a diploma that looks good on paper but has not in fact prepared them for university. We're not sure we want to screen these people out. We should provide all students with the opportunity to learn to write well."

Sinclair-Faulkner said an alternative to entrance examinations would be "additional classes on how to write well." He had earlier indicated to the *Gazette* that remedial reading and writing classes were undesirable because of the cost—up to \$300 per student.

The Ad-Hoc committee will now meet to decide exactly what course of action it will recommend to the faculty council. Sinclair-Faulkner said that, over the summer, faculty council will prepare a "very brief" report addressing the problem of university-level illiteracy and suggesting strategies for dealing with it. One thing that seems certain is that in the future both arts and science courses will make greater demands on the student's command of the language; that means term-papers, lab reports, and the like will be graded with more emphasis on composition and grammar.

"We have to make sure the courses we offer evaluate literacy," Sinclair-Faulkner said, "we're not persuaded that they do that job now."

Textbook prices up

WINNIPEG (CUP)—Textbook prices in Canada will probably be 10 to 15 per cent higher in September, University of Manitoba bookstore manager Helen Garlicki said March 27.

The bulk of textbooks used in Canadian colleges and universities are imported from the United States, she said, and the declining value of the Canadian dollar will mean higher prices in Canada. "We'll have to add whatever the exchange rate is to the price of books when we buy them," she said. "Our major buying is in May, June and July so it depends mostly on the exchange rate at that time."

She said Canadian distributors will already have some books in stock or may order some earlier

from the U.S. parent companies.

Elementary and secondary school texts won't be affected because most of them are produced in Canada. However, according to publishers, the Canadian market is too small and fragmented to permit domestic production of most books and materials used in post-secondary schools.

Higher tuition fees and cutbacks in education (particularly library) spending will further restrain the market.

The executive director of the Canadian Publisher's Council, a trade association, has said he expects a government announcement before summer on a proposal to end import duties on some materials.

Protest Flashback

Thirteen years ago, 1000 students marched on Province House to make the public aware of the "immediate crisis in education". The **Tech News**, the student newspaper at Nova Scotia Technical College, said the participants in the Oct. 27, 1965, march wore shirts and ties to "give the average person the feeling that it was not just a bunch of radical, sloppy students marching because they had nothing else to do."

Premier Gerald Regan, who was leader of the opposition, "gave blanket approval" to all the demonstrators' requests presented in a brief. They were asking the government for an increase in student aid as well as student participation in decision making; government support for university students to visit high schools to "promote the value

of higher education"; an increase in financial aid to post-secondary education both federally and provincially; an immediate federal-provincial conference on higher education, and an immediate reduction in tuition fees.

The marchers, organized by the Atlantic Union of Students included 25% of the Dalhousie population, 50% of Kings, 30% of Mount St. Vincent and 5% of Tech students.

The **Dalhousie Gazette** reported its student council supported an immediate reduction in fees. Like this year, the university senate turned down a request to cancel classes.

Dalhousie students may have a newspaper this summer.

The proposed **Summer Gazette**, to be funded by the Young Canada Works program, will publish ten weekly issues between June and August. The federal government's decision on whether to fund the project will be made later this month.

The community-oriented tabloid will serve the Halifax-Dartmouth area, as well as the university community.

Mount opts out of plan

The Mount St. Vincent Student Union has decided to withdraw from the Dal drug plan. MSVU student union president Diane Wright said Mount students could not absorb the \$4 increase for next year.

Wright said the Mount has located a pharmacy within walking distance of the university which is willing to provide the same service as Dal's, plus free prescription delivery, for \$7 per student. The Mount was contributing \$7.25 to the Dal plan which included access to the student union building.

The Mount Student Union is facing a budgetary situation this year which could mean foregoing the drug plan entirely Wright said. A recent referendum to increase student fees by \$7.75 was defeated by 13 votes. The student union will seek to ratify an increase in fees for a new drug arrangement through a mail out ballot to be held over the summer Wright added.

Although the Mount's decision will result in a loss of nearly \$12,000 to the Dal Student Union, SUB general manager John Graham said it will not affect budgetary allocations to any great extent. The revenue received from the MSVU contributions approximated expenditures for prescriptions to Mount students Graham said.

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"College of Cape Breton will not be hit as hard as other Nova Scotia institutions this year," he said, "because the college received a reasonable funding increase this year." However, Mackay added that "next year will be our turn."

Gilles Saulnier, a Université Ste. Anne student who organized the Yarmouth demonstration, said students led an automobile caravan from the university in Church Point to Yarmouth where they demonstrated through the town and finally came to a halt in front of the provincial building. There, they heard representatives of faculty and students outline the effect of funding decisions at the university.

Saulnier said the university is facing cutbacks in all areas, particularly in extra-curricular programs for students, faculty and support staff.

He said Ste. Anne students believed in what they were doing and were prepared to undertake action. He said he was disappointed that the Ste. Anne students were the only students to boycott classes.

All institutions at the most recent Nova Scotia caucus meeting agreed to the boycott and he was surprised to hear no others followed through with it. "If there is no communication on a matter such as this," he said, "students there will have to consider what need there is for AFS in the first place."

Thursday's march in Halifax was marred at the beginning when a scuffle ensued outside the Dalhousie SUB between a member of "In Struggle", a local communist group, and several Dalhousie engineers, including Dan Edgar, student council rep. The altercation was broken up by demonstration organizers before anything serious happened.

Many marchers said later they were upset by the presence of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) which they felt damaged the credibility of the student's message to government and the public. "I'm here because I want a quality education", said one student, "not to overthrow the system."

Kelly described the CPC(M!) contingent, which though few, held about two prominent red banners, as "grossly opportunistic". He said he had nothing but condemnation for the CPC(ML), particularly because they distributed literature which implied they had organized the march.

In the next few weeks Kelly said AFS will try to keep the cutbacks issue alive and try to relate larger social issues to the trends in post-secondary education. He expects AFS will assist the organizers of a demonstration in Halifax May 1.

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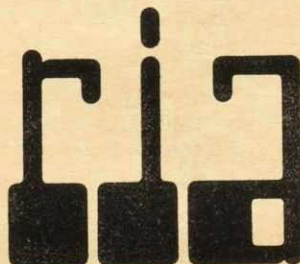
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Certification likely

Opposition to union continues



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John Graham of the economics department delivers another straight from the hip anti-union polemic at Senate meeting on Friday.

by Marc Allain

The impending unionization of the Dalhousie Faculty Association has led anti-unionists to intensify their efforts at thwarting certification.

The latest move, from a Faction within the anti-union camp, was a call for the removal of university president Henry Hicks. In a letter circulated to faculty last week, physiology professor W.T. Josenhans virtually expressed non-confidence in Hicks by calling for the

immediate establishment of a Senate search committee for a new full-time president. Under the terms of his contract Hicks has two and a half years remaining as president. Josenhans based his request on the administration's unresponsiveness to the unionization issue.

Josenhans however adopted a considerably more moderate approach at a special meeting of Senate held to discuss the contents of his letter. His intentions he explained had not been to "even mildly" imply non-confidence in Hicks.

"The real purpose of my action, he said, is to stop unionization. It is a request for leadership, from Senate. We are not a frozen body. We are alive and kicking and we must indicate that to the troops." Senate is made up of all full professors in the university along with a few faculty and students elected at large.

Instead of a motion of non-confidence, Josenhans requested Senate support a document opposing unionization and asking faculty members who had already signed cards to withdraw their registration. The motion was tabled however on the grounds that it was inappropriate for Senate, as the University's senior academic body, to take sides on an issue that only faculty could decide. Once tabled, a motion is left to die unless re-introduced.

Anti-unionists did manage how-

ever to wring what they consider to be a major concession from the administration. During the meeting Vice-President Andrew MacKay announced the university's negotiating committee was willing to recommend to the Board of Governors that binding arbitration on fringe benefits be implemented on a one year trial basis. The administration had refused to cede this point in earlier negotiations with the association.

According to DFA representative, John O'Brien, the offer is somewhat of a shallow one. "It's a discretionary grant by the administration that can be withdrawn at any time. That's not the kind of protection the faculty association is looking for," he said.

The big issue for junior faculty is the fear of redundancy O'Brien said. The projected drops in enrolment and reduced government funding has led to general insecurity

amongst the faculty at Dalhousie he added.

He noted the administration has been rather flippant in its attitude towards the redundancy issue, and pointed to the St. Mary's agreement, where the administration has to demonstrate its financial situation and work with faculty at finding alternatives to staff reductions as an example of the greater security that unionization provides.

The anti-union campaign appears to have had little effect on the certification drive. To date no one has responded to the request that cards be withdrawn and DFA president Philip Welch has informed the membership that the association will be applying to the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board for certification on April 7. The LRB will hold a certification vote on campus within a week of the application.

Strike continues at Ben's Bakery

by Mark Simkins

Students at Dalhousie who worked at Ben's Bakery last summer are being approached to work at 'scab' labour as management at Ben's continues to try to break a two week old legal strike by workers of local 446 of the Bakers and Confectioners Union.

Surprisingly enough, the Union is on strike, not for higher wages, but generally for better working conditions. Specifically, their demands are for a one-year rather than a two-year collective agreement; less compulsory overtime; shift choice by seniority; and three days sick leave a year (presently they have none).

The strikers' picket lines were reduced to three workers on the grounds and three at the main door by an injunction obtained by management on March 30. Trucks

driven by management personnel are being driven through the picket lines, where they are taken over by drivers from the Teamsters Union and driven to Ben's Thrift stores located outside of Halifax. The Union has reacted by following the trucks and picketing the Thrift stores for which the trucks were bound.

Some of the larger grocery chains, including Dominion Stores, have respected the strike by refusing to buy any Ben's bread until the strike is settled. Other stores, including Sobey's, will continue selling the bread as long as it is available. According to the assistant manager of one Sobey's store, "We are not supporting the strike. If the bread is delivered to our door, we'll take it."

Council pulls money from Bank of Montreal

The Dalhousie Student Council voted Sunday to move its account out of the Bank of Montreal because of its investment in South Africa. By a vote of 14-1 Council members decided to put their money into the Halifax Metro Credit Union.

Treasurer Gail Rudderham, the only opposing vote to the motion, tried to convince council of the merits of the Bank of Nova Scotia. When it was pointed out to Rudderham that although the Bank does not admit to having investments in South Africa, they are definitely supportive of the fascist Chilean regime, Rudderham said,

"we're dealing with South Africa right now."

"One in three Canadians are now dealing with credit unions," said Peter Greene. "You certainly can't call them all kooks and communists. I think we should be willing to give the credit union a try. There's a far greater chance that the Bank of Nova Scotia will loan to South Africa than the Metro Credit Union. Besides, two Dalhousie students are members of the Board of Directors of the Credit Union. Can you imagine having students on the Bank of Nova Scotia Board?"

"I'm working on it", said Robert Sampson, who abstained on the motion.



Management personnel driving through legal picket lines at Ben's bakery on Pepperell Street have so far injured three strikers.

SMU athletic fee

Students at Saint Mary's University voted Tuesday and Wednesday on whether to pay a compulsory \$10 athletic fee. The fee, which works out to be about 40c per sports event, will allow all fulltime SMU students to enter varsity home games without purchasing a ticket.

Roy Landry, President of the Saint Mary's Student Council, said the reason for the compulsory fee is to "promote general spirit and to give students a good deal." "It does help the athletic department too", Landry said, "but it's mainly to help students."

The president and treasurer of the student council along with the athletic department, decide where the money is to be used. "We hope to bring in exhibition games, and rent the Metro Centre more often," Landry said.

"I feel many students don't go to games because of the price. For instance, students watch the football games from their windows in residence. Now, if it only would cost them 40c to watch them from the stands, I'm sure they would."

Matthe Adarson, former ex-

ternal vice-president at SMU, disagrees with the present council's attitude. "There are better ways to generate student interest than compulsory fees", Adarson said. "The majority of students don't go to athletic events. It has not been proven that ticket prices have anything to do with attendance. Three years ago, students could buy a \$10 pass to get into home games. This year it was \$10 per sport and there are no statistics to show whether attendance went up or down during that time."

"There is no reason why council should spend its energies on becoming a ticket outlet for the athletic department," Adarson concluded.

Another referendum in the near future at Saint Mary's will be for the Part-time Students Association (PTSA) to organize as an independent group. Presently, part-time students are members of the Student Association, although they do not pay fees. The PTSA wants to collect and control fees from part-time students.

Attention overseas students!

As a result of a new Immigration Act to be passed in the Parliament of Canada in early April, it is imperative that all non-Canadian students on Student Visas visit the Canada Immigration Office, 5221 Harvey Street in Halifax, before leaving Canada on vacation.

Also, all non-Canadian students must visit their Immigration Officer before the expiry date of their present visa in order to obtain new Student Visas.

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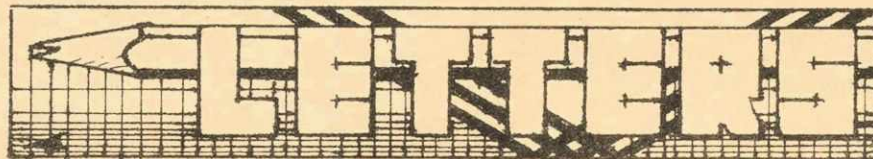
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I was shocked and appalled by your recent vicious attack on our home-town newspaper.

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**John Paterson,
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International activity

To the Gazette:

This is the annual report of the

executive council of the International Students Association (ISA) approved by the members of the executive council.

During the year 1977 / 78 ISA has done its best to represent the foreign students' position on the issues affecting them. In cooperation with the Student Union and the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students a position paper has been presented to the MSI authorities on medical insurance coverage for foreign students. The issue of differential fees has also been discussed with a number of people in a position to influence it including student council members.

Favourable reaction on both the above issues is being expected. MSI can be obtained after eleven months' stay in Nova Scotia, now. However, we are still continuing negotiations to decrease this period and also to change some conditions in favour of us.

The new immigration laws prevent the foreign students from working in Canada. These laws are made by the federal government and will be enforced despite strong protests by ISA.

Present executive council members have organized many successful activities to improve the goodwill and understanding among the international students themselves and also between the international students and Canadians. For the first time an International Variety Show was started on CKDU. Popular and folk music from all over the world was played on this program.

Six receptions and social gatherings attended by an average of more than 100 persons were organized during the year. The highly successful annual function 'A Global Affair' was attended by over 400 persons.

During Christmas, all interested international students were assisted in getting invitations from local families for Christmas dinner.

ISA plans to continue its activities during summer. During this

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Protest march: a critical appraisal

by Tony N. Kelly, Secretary-Coordinator of the Atlantic Federation of Students

On Thursday, March 30, students in Nova Scotia led the way in the Atlantic region in opposing cutbacks to higher education. They did this through an open show of unity and strength by demonstrating at Province House in Halifax, and at the provincial buildings in both Yarmouth and Sydney.

The demonstrations can be viewed as successes. Government priorities were questioned. We can be certain that both the public and the government is aware of students' continued concern for the erosion of the quality of their education.

However, the size as opposed to the strength of the demonstration in Halifax has led students in other

areas of the province to question the commitment of Halifax institutions to fight the cutbacks.

Halifax had 450 out of some 10,000 possible demonstrators turn out. In Cape Breton, 75 out of a possible 400 marched while a full 120 out of some 170 students went to Yarmouth for their protest. Why was the Halifax demonstration proportionally much smaller than the ones in Sydney and in Yarmouth?

There are many possible answers to the question. I will isolate four. They are limited resources and time, the role of councils, the role of the press, and the role of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) in preparing for the demonstration here.

The march in Halifax was organized by not more than seven solidly

committed people (two of whom had to devote energy to communicating with the rest of the province) in less than two weeks. These people directed a fair amount of valuable time into asking the administrations of the universities to cooperate in fighting the cutbacks.

Not one administration was helpful. Was the time and energy wasted? No - for a myth has been destroyed. Many student unions have argued that the administrations are students' friends. It is an odd friend that won't oppose a common enemy. Students will have to adopt a more critical posture towards their administrations.

Student councils in Halifax did not see fit to make the cutbacks issue the principal item on their agendas. They all had other priorities - ranging from closing down the student press at Dalhousie to pressing financial considerations at Mount St. Vincent. It should be pointed out that the Mount council did make an effort - but it was too late.

The University of King's College students' council solidly practiced its verbal commitment to make the demonstration a success. Their positive turnout illustrated the difference strong council support can make.

The Dalhousie Gazette (the largest circulation student paper in Halifax) was severely constrained in coverage of the action by two things. The first is that the demonstration itself remained an IF as late as March 16 while the AFS office awaited the go-ahead from the various student councils.

The second is that, at the same time as the Dalhousie Student Council voted to support the

Comment is an opinion column open to members of the university community who wish to present an informed opinion on a topic of their selection.

demonstration, it voted to withdraw its financial responsibility for the publication of the Gazette. This act placed the paper in a clearly introspective and defensive posture. This led to the Gazette becoming the Gazette's principal story on March 23. The agents of social change were muffled and they further muffled themselves.

Finally, the CPC(ML) played a very opportunistic and destructive role in terms of trying to make the demonstration a large success. The CPC(ML) - Dalhousie Student Movement - leafleted the residences the night of the 29th with their politically insidious broadsheet which no doubt turned a lot of students away from participating in the demonstration.

The AFS leadership made a very serious political error in taking a hands-off attitude towards their participation in the demonstration. The presence of the "Make the Rich Pay" banners allowed the CPC(ML) to gain a political presence in the demonstration. This was totally unwarranted given their lack of clear self-identification, their non-involvement in the organization of the march, and their incorrect political line. The presence of American professors on the Dal campus is not the source of the cutbacks!

Demonstrations like those held in Nova Scotia on March 30 serve a two-fold purpose: an open show of protest against a cutbacks scenario which is strangling the quality of education in the country, and a political experience for the participants which moves them closer to a clear understanding of the source of the cutbacks crisis.

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period, ISA will continue to represent the international students on the issues affecting them. When new international students arrive on campus, ISA will assist them in finding proper housing. During the last year also, ISA executive members helped a number of foreign students in finding housing and in adjusting to their new environment.

ISA will hold a post-examination reception on April 21. Submarines, Chinese food and tea will be served. Bar service and music are also provided. Admission is free for international students and \$1.00 for others.

All international students and all other interested persons are cordially invited to participate in the activities of the ISA. In fact, the participation in this year's ISA activities has been quite enthusiastic.

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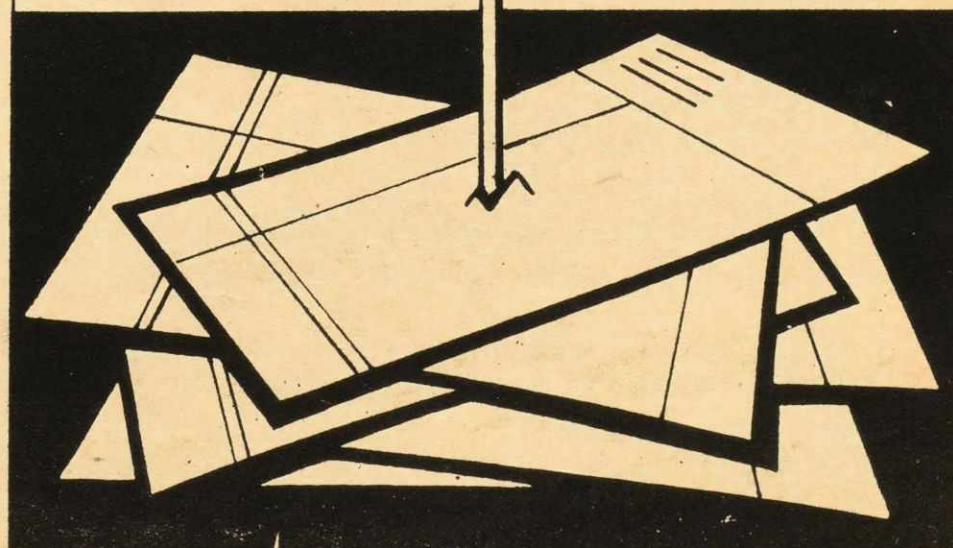
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Liberal running dogs rabid?

To the Gazette:

I would like to object to the letter entitled "Victory" in the March 23 issue of the *Gazette*. The principal reason is that it feeds and strengthens bourgeois ideology which is rabidly anti-communist. It does this by suggesting that people who are communists are also "foolish" and "stupid". The guerilla used as a graphic along with the letter is a clear identification with low intelligence, or as is suggested—"Hardly Anybrains". This seriously undermines the political commit-

ment of a person or group which claims to be communist.

The only rationale for the *Gazette*, which claims to be an agent of social change, printing this letter would be if the letter were in fact legitimate satire. It is not. It does not even attempt to address the political line of its victim—the CPC(ML). It in fact makes a mindless identification between the group and In Struggle! which only serves to confuse two distinct political lines in the minds of the readers.

The one redeeming feature of this kind of empty satire is that it has an ironic twist to it. The irony is that in attempting to expose the shallowness of one political line (that of the CPC(ML)), the *Gazette* has been extraordinarily successful in revealing its own liberalism. To the extent that that liberalism has aligned itself with the bourgeois press, it has revealed its reactionary nature.

Lou Anne Meloche

Red-baiting a local sport?

To the Gazette:

With reference to Mike Malloch's letter in last week's *Gazette* attacking the paper for publishing a letter the previous week which was directed towards the Dalhousie Student Movement (DSM); while I do not agree with the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) interpretation of Marxist-Leninist

thought, I do find the criticisms of Malloch's letter pertinent.

The original letter in question was not only in poor taste, but even worse, was an excellent example of red-baiting. The liberal qualities and tendencies of the *Gazette* are obvious to all. The decision to print the original letter was an executive decision, made without consulting the *Gazette* staff—and printed after some of the staff voiced their objections to it.

Objective, progressive, and re-

sponsible journalism dictates that such slanderous, bourgeois, and liberal moves be fought at all times. The *Gazette* often prides itself in the contrasting position it views itself vis-a-vis the Chronicle-Herald and the Mail-Star. Red-baiting in the local press is evident, obvious, and a force to be contended with. Red-baiting in the student press represents no less the bourgeois nature of those responsible.

Sincerely,
David E. Angus

In Struggle leader to speak in Halifax

In Struggle's nation-wide tour on the Quebec national question will be in Halifax April 8th to 11th.

- Is Quebec a nation?
- How does national oppression affect the people of Quebec?
- Why has Trudeau threatened to invoke the War Measures Act if Quebec decides "unilaterally" to secede?
- Who supports and who opposes the national rights of Quebec?

These and other questions will be debated at meetings on the Quebec National Question to be held in Halifax between April 8 and 11. The meetings are part of a nation wide tour sponsored by the Canadian Marxist-Leninist group IN STRUGGLE! Charles Gagnon, Secretary-General of IN STRUGGLE, who is participating in the tour, will speak at the meetings.

At a time when the "Task Force on National Unity" has just finished criss-crossing the country, leaving in its wake a trail of hatred and reaction toward Quebec, when Rene Levesque and the P.Q. in Quebec are putting the finishing touches on their "Referendum Project", when a religious-fascist

newspaper like the one called "Michael Fighting", which tries to stir up fear and prejudice against Quebec and the communists, is being widely distributed in Halifax—the importance of this question for all the peoples of Canada becomes clearer and clearer. What is at stake when a group like the Dalhousie Student Council rejects the right of Quebec to self-determination and opts instead for "bilingualism and biculturalism a la Trudeau?"

The group IN STRUGGLE! has consistently called for the absolute equality of languages and nations, which in Canada means the recognition in practice of the national rights of Quebec, including the right to secession if that is what the people of Quebec choose.

The meetings to debate the National Question will be held in Halifax on Tuesday, April 11, at 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Room 346, Weldon Law Building, University Avenue, (Sponsored by the Law School Speakers' Committee), and at 7:30 p.m. in the Oxford Street School, (Entrance on Willow St.). Day Care will be provided.

This is the final edition of the *Gazette* this year. The *Dalhousie Gazette* will return in September. Thanks to friends and supporters. Come to our party Friday night!

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Student aid bill 'inequitable'

OTTAWA (CUP)—Despite vocal opposition from student organizations and predictions to the contrary, the federal government has gone ahead with legislation that increases the amount of money students will be forced to borrow before they receive grants.

Bill C-37, an Act to Amend the Canada Student Loans Act, was introduced March 22, indicating the government has decided to proceed with controversial changes which the National Union of Students and provincial and regional student organizations have criticized as regressive.

While the bill will assess students' needs on a weekly rather than yearly basis—a welcomed amendment—an increase in the maximum amount borrowable to \$70 per week will place the burden of inflation on students. Since the last loan ceiling increase in 1975, provincial governments, which fund the grant portion of students aid, have had to absorb increases in the assessment education costs.

The loan ceiling increase restores loans as roughly two-thirds of the amount awarded under aid programs.

Despite increases in the amount a student must borrow each year,

Students fight differential tuition fees

MONTREAL (CUP)—A committee of students from Montreal's four universities is escalating its fight against differential fees which the Quebec government plans to impose on international students this fall.

The committee plans to present a petition at a demonstration March 31 in front of government buildings in Montreal, outlining their disagreement with the fees, which will increase education costs for international students studying in the province by 300 per cent.

Committee spokesperson Edward Kravitz from Concordia University said March 29 the increase "will wipe out a whole category of visa students that will have financial problems."

"The international students constitute the most vulnerable part of the student body, and they're certainly not here on a vacation," he said. More than 75 per cent of Quebec's 10,000 visa students come from Third World countries and are here to get a quality education they cannot get in their native countries.

The committee, which brings together students from Université de Montreal and du Quebec a Montreal, McGill and Concordia Universities says the provincial government's decision follows the trend established by the new federal Immigration Act, a measure they say is racist.

The act, which comes into effect April 10, is also limiting international student participation on the committee, Kravitz said. The bill puts a number of arbitrary powers into the hands of immigration officers, such as refusal to grant visas for students suspected of subversive activities.

The committee has received the support of student councils, the Association Nationale des Etudiants du Quebec, and native peoples' associations.

the bill does not change the lifetime maximum borrowable figure—\$9,800—which has remained unchanged through the last few ceiling increases.

Aid programs until the mid-1970s assumed seven years of study in calculating the lifetime maximum. If that principle were retained with the proposed changes, a needy student in a professional faculty could be expected to have to borrow as much as \$20,000 to complete her or his education.

NUS suggests this relationship hasn't been kept up because this is an "outrageous figure. Even the most anti-student politician would have to say something," says NUS executive-secretary Dan O'Connor.

"If the seven year rule of thumb were maintained the madness of what the government is doing in student loans would become clear. They don't dare show their hand and bring together their changes with the principles of the aid

programs established in the 1960s."

The new bill also proposes giving much greater powers to aid officials in the areas of conditions for receiving and repaying loans. If approved, this would permit the government to make changes without "going public".

There are some positive measures in the bill, such as a proposal to drop a clause requiring "satisfactory scholastic standing" before students could become eligible for loans. While the requirement has been ignored in practice for some time, the change reflects opposition to a trend in some provinces—such

as Alberta and Nova Scotia—to use the loan system as a back-door academic standard.

O'Connor says this is "inequitable since it applies only to students who can't afford to pay the costs of their education themselves."

Student organizations were predicting the government might not go ahead with the amendments because opposition debate would take up parliamentary time, which is scarce before an upcoming election, for a measure not considered a priority for the federal government.

Answer to this week's cryptoquote:

It is a newspaper's duty to print the news and raise hell.
—The Chicago Tribune, 1861

The philosophers have only interpreted the world. The point, however, is to change it.
—Karl Marx



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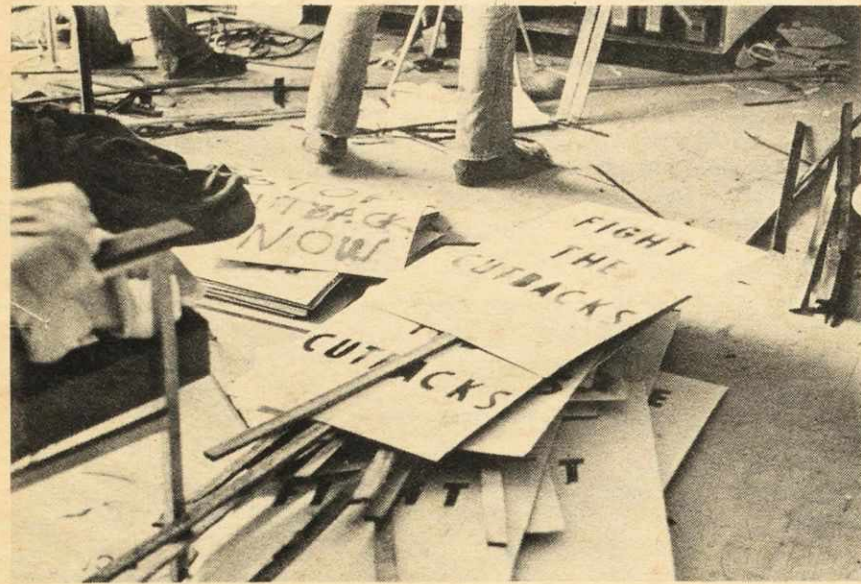
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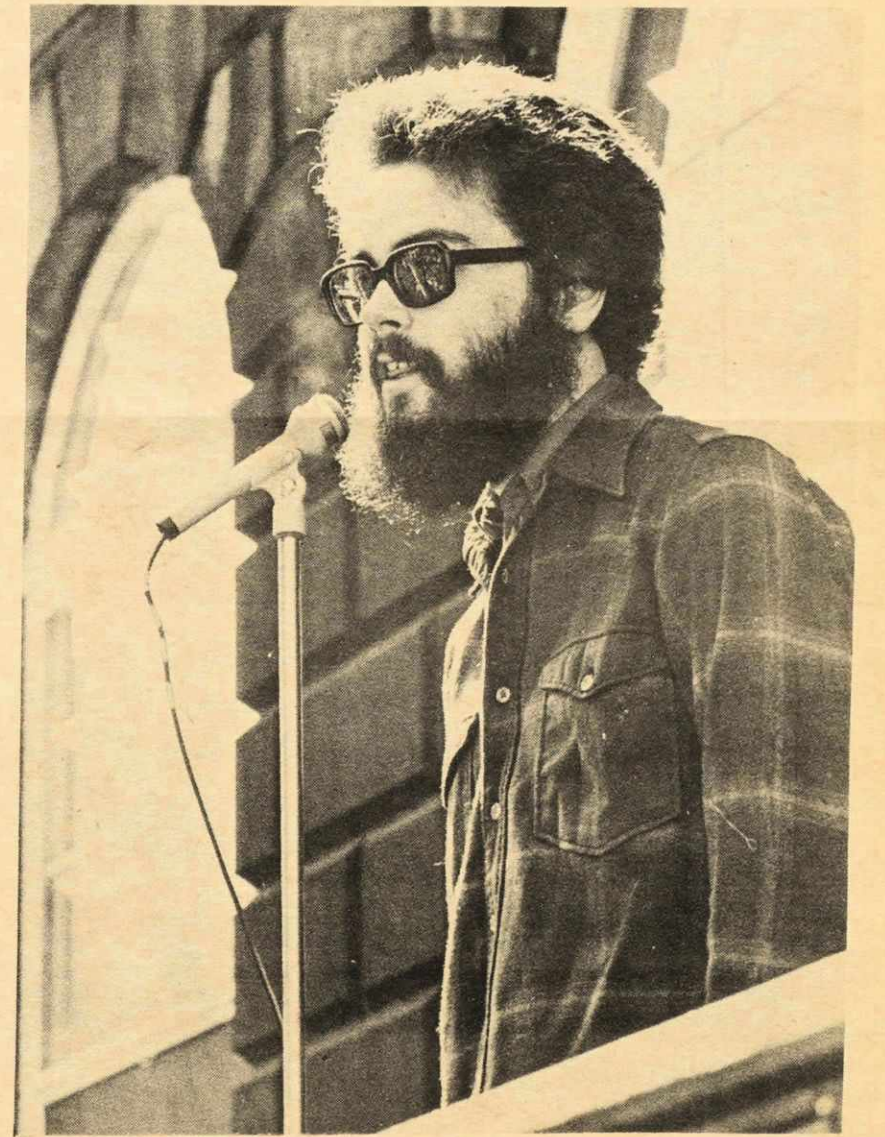
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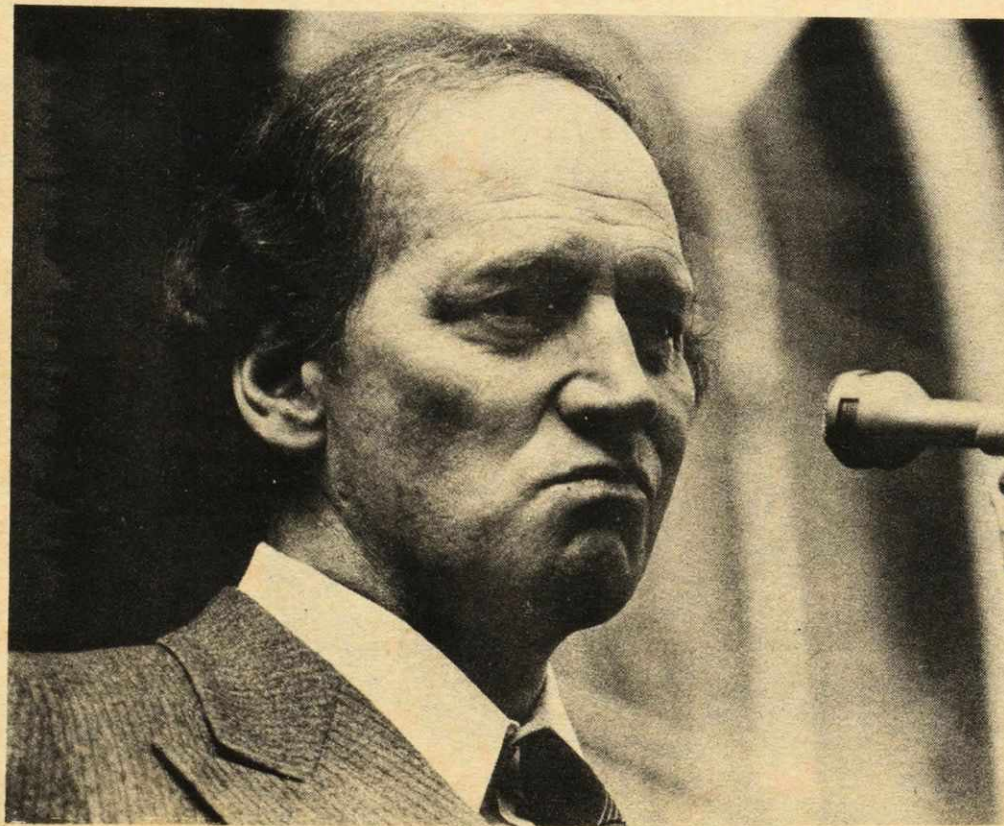
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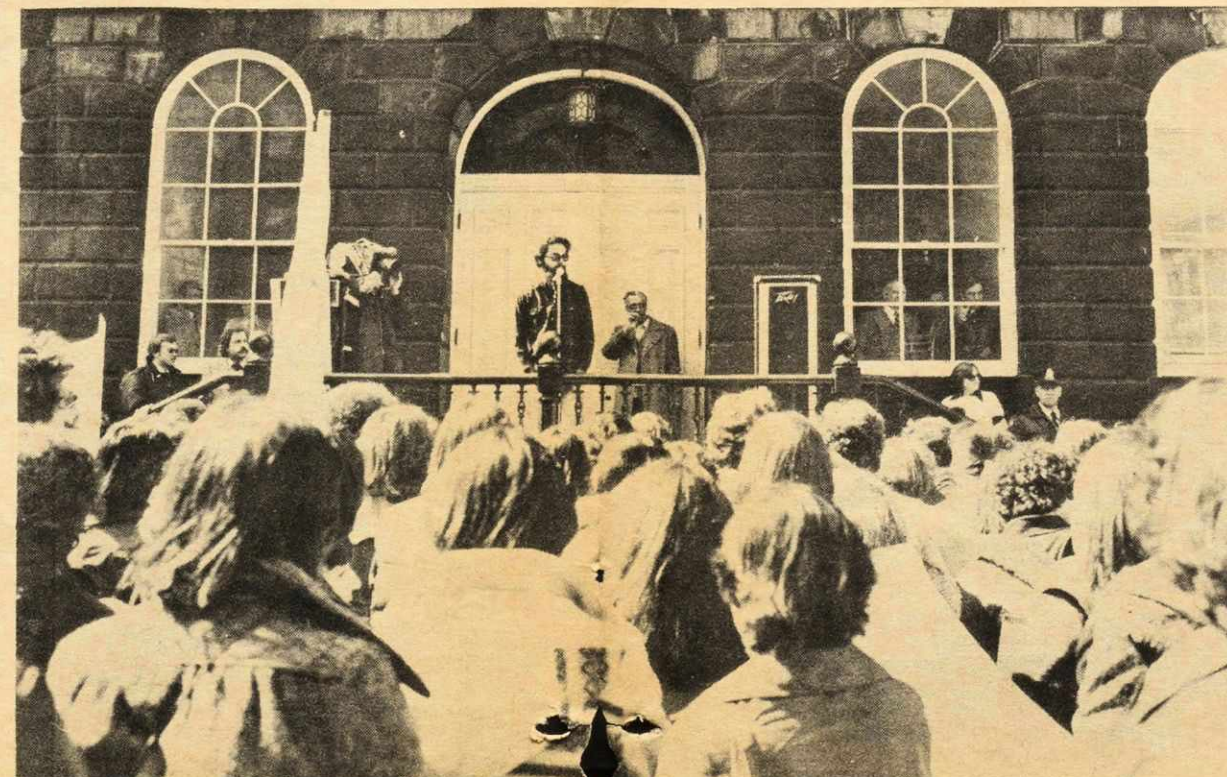
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Thursday, April 6

A public lecture "The Middle East: Problems and Prospects" will be presented by Heath Macquarrie, M.P., at Saint Mary's University on Thursday, April 6. Sponsored by the political Science Department, the lecture will be held in Room L172 in the Loyola Building. For further information contact Dr. J. Jabbara, Political Science Department, Phone: 422-7331, Loc. 290 or 237.

A ten-week Creativity Workshop will be offered by Elizabeth Greenhaven at A Woman's Place-Forrest House, 1225 Barrington St. beginning Thursday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m.

"Women As Victims of Domestic Violence" - "What We Can Do About It" - will be the focus of a four-part series presented on Tuesdays in April at 8 p.m. at A Woman's Place - Forrest House, 1225 Barrington St. Halifax. Members of Halifax Transition House Association will speak. The series began on April 4 with Barbara Unroe explaining the legal position of battered wives, and how the community can help them. Unroe, now of Health and Welfare, Canada, was formerly with Unison, a group helping women in conflict with the law. Although the discussions will be of particular use to volunteers working with battered women, the public is also welcome to attend these free series.

Friday, April 7

The 1976 science fiction film, *Zardoz*, will be shown at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, in the Life Sciences Building (Room 2815). Admission is \$1.50. (18 and over only). Tickets available at the door.

The School of Library Service of Dalhousie University presents a lecture entitled "The Canadian Periodical Scene Today", a day-long examination of the state of Canadian Periodical Publishing, co-sponsored with the Canadian Periodical Publishers' Association. Lecture at 10:45 a.m., Friday, April 7 in the MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. Open to the public.

The Mount Saint Vincent University Art Gallery will open an exhibit of photographs on Friday, April 7. Entitled *Process and Transformation: Eleven American Photographers*, this show is on display through the courtesy of the National Gallery. In the upstairs Gallery is an exhibit organized by Gallery exhibitions officer, Mern O'Brien called *Beauty and the Basket*, which explores different types and techniques of contemporary, utilitarian basketry from around the world.

You are invited to attend a public lecture "Frege's Philosophy Of Language" by Joanne Arslan and David Preston of the Philosophy Department, Dalhousie University on Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m., Room 311, Student's Centre, Saint Mary's University. Sponsored jointly by The Department of Philosophy, Saint Mary's University and Dalhousie University Department of Philosophy.

A workshop on *Recreation, Camping And Leisure-Time Activities* for children and youth with special learning needs, is to be held April 7 and 8, in the Recreation Room, Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth. The fee is \$5.00 per person. "Time Out for Fun and Success" is the title of this workshop, to be conducted by Doreen Kronick, M.A. Kronick a psychologist, the parent of two learning disabled children, is an author and lecturer.

Sunday, April 9

Exposure, a program to present Maritime musicians in concert, will have its first show at Neptune Theatre on Sunday, April 9th.

Tickets for *Exposure's* April 9th concert are on sale at: Ginger's, the Sea Horse, the Cat and Fiddle (on Dresden Row) and at the Neptune Theatre Box Office.

Prices are \$4.00 in advance, \$4.50 on the day of the show. Show time is 8:00 p.m. Contact: C. Brown at 423-3129, or, J. Perkins at 422-7120.

On Sunday, April 9, the Canadian Marxist-Leninist group, IN STRUGGLE! is holding a public meeting to discuss and debate the "Draft Program for the Canadian Proletarian Party". Charles Gagnon, Secretary-General of IN STRUGGLE!, will also participate in the meeting. It will be held at 3115 Veith Street (across from the Halifax Shipyards) from 1 to 5 p.m. Day care will be provided.

Thursday, April 13

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia announces its *Thursday Noon Performance Series* for the month of April with the following contributors.

Sandra Brownlee speaks on her craft of weaving, April 13. Her current exhibition in the Main Gallery ends on April 18, in which connection she has also coached the Gallery's high school docents in the fundamentals of weaving. The guides have been conducting regular demonstrations on portable looms with young people. Brownlee's Thursday Noon Gallery talk is accompanied by slides.

Coming Soon

The Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia and the Federation of Museums, Heritage and Historical Societies of Nova Scotia will hold a two day *Oral History Workshop* at the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax on Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15, 1978. The deadline for registration for this workshop is April 7.

The science fiction/fantasy film, *The Seven Faces Of Dr. Lao*, will be shown at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, in the Life Sciences Building (Room 2815). Admission is \$1.50 (\$1.00 for children). Tickets available at the door.

Dr. John Godfrey, President of the University of King's College, will address the annual conference of *UNICEF Nova Scotia*, to be held Saturday, April 15, in the Haliburton Room, University of King's College, Coburg Rd., Halifax.

Dr. Godfrey will speak on his travels in South America during a Sabbatical leave in 1976 to 77.

Luncheon speaker, Dr. Harold Uhlman, Dalhousie University Education Department, who spent a number of years teaching in Nigeria and Swaziland, Africa, will discuss the "Culture and Customs of Swaziland".

Coming Up

The International Students Association invites you to a *post-examination reception* on Friday, April 21 at 8 p.m. in lounge 314, SUB. Admission is free and everybody is welcome. Submarines, Chinese food and Japanese tea will be served. Food is free for international students and the rest pay \$1. Bar service and music are provided. The various issues facing international students will be discussed.

The Association plans to organize a number of activities during the summer. All international students and all other interested persons are urged to actively participate.

The April 20 noon Performance is the Paul and Lucia Lauzon "Work Song Revue", an anthology of that ancient folk music forum accompanying physical labour as it came out of the New Brunswick lumber camps and Acadian settlements of Canada history.

The Noon Performances for this month conclude April 27 with the commendable Halifax School Musicians. Classical and folk pieces will be presented by the Rockingham Wentworth Choir, conducted by Joyce Pierce. Sharing the program is a Flute Ensemble, conducted by Paul Maynard and Anne Bergstrom. For more information, call 424-7542.

The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia announces a new *High School Tour Guide Program* for young people. Developed by Alice Hoskins, Education Officer for the Gallery, the scheme provides tour guides by appointment for children in groups of ten or less. The tours are scheduled Monday - Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 424-7542.

General Notices

There will now be a weekend rental policy over the summer months for Club gear for Dal Scuba members. Gear may be borrowed on a Thursday and must be returned on the Tuesday of the following week. There is a one dollar charge per piece of gear for a four day period. Fines of one dollar a day per piece of gear are levied for gear not returned on time. Four full sets are available and information can be obtained by calling Charlie Walls at 423-5104 or Bill Cooper at 429-0116. Anyone wishing any information on DAL SCUBA during the summer are asked to contact Tom Beasley at 422-6210.

Mount Saint Vincent University Child Study Centre has several vacancies in the day care group for children between the ages of 2½ and 5. The hours of child care are 8:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and the cost is \$45 a week.

In addition, the Centre will run a playgroup and a school readiness group during May and June. Fees for these eight weeks, half-day sessions, are \$160. For more information call 443-4450.

This Summer

The Association of Outdoor Nova Scotians will be holding a May Conference on the outdoors which will be of special interest to walkers, campers, canoeists, birdwatchers and all people interested in the preservation of our natural resources. The weekend will be both educational and social and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held on May 5, 6 and 7 at Lourdes in Stellarton. Pre-registration is required and registration forms are available from Yme Jacobs, R.R. #3, Westville, B2H 5C6. Further information may be obtained by calling Mrs. Karen Whillans at 752-1313.

The Nova Scotia Drama League's 1978 Provincial Drama Festival will be held in Halifax at the Neptune Theatre from June 5th to 10th inclusive.

This high profile, non-competitive Festival has a dual aim: to increase education, communication, and co-operation among theatre groups through workshops, seminars, and comparison of performance; as well as to increase public awareness of the quality and quantity of Community Theatre.

In review

Prewar Bergman

Ingmar Bergman, *The Serpent's Egg*, Bantam Books, New York, 1978, \$1.95.

by Judith Pratt

The screenplay of Ingmar Bergman's new film, *The Serpent's Egg*, now playing in the U.S., is evocative and petrifying, although the pre-Nazi Germany of the story is now over forty years old. With his customary element of perversity, Bergman chronicles the days preceding Hitler's 1923 Munich putsch, and leads the reader into the horrors of medical, primarily psychological, experiments then going on, preparing society for the birth of the reptilian force implicit in National Socialism.

The characters in the book in many ways resemble those of *Cabaret* fame. There is the young girl who dances and sings in the Berlin cabaret (although here she is much more a creature of the sordid night life of a Berlin where money became valueless than is Sally Bowles), and there is the young male, here an American trapeze artist rather than an English tutor. Brownshirts raid the cabaret and terrify the Jews, as they do in *Cabaret*. But here in *The Serpent's Egg* there is constantly the sense of the tortured, the universal bleakness, which *Cabaret* managed to avoid being steeped in. Bergman's screenplay thrives on the intense and on the horrible. Like *Cabaret*,

there is the German patron willing to support both Abel, the American Jew, and Manuela, his sister-in-law. But he, like the chief characters, is mysterious and perverse in many respects. In the conclusion it is he who is either the most perverse or the most sensible. It is he who is conducting medical experiments, using human guinea pigs, many of whom commit suicide after the traumatic experiments, which they volunteer for in exchange for free food. There is always this tension throughout the play between the very miniscule element of good bombarded with evil, itself often containing the grain of truth.

Ingmar Bergman is a master of the paradox. While one event is occurring, the undercurrent of

another, opposite strain is always present. Thus the tension climaxes at the beginning of his works and never ceases, often leaving the viewer or reader in the same crisis, unresolved and unlamented. In *The Serpent's Egg* it is evident that here again Bergman has created a stage of intrigue, terror, and historical horror, although the element of understanding and kindness is omniscient, but in an altered state from what one expects as normal. If the movie, starring David Carradine and Liv Ullmann, proves to be as intriguing, complex, and historically truthful and therefore more horrifying, *The Serpent's Egg* will be another legend for filmdom's most provocative director, Ingmar Bergman.

In Victoria

2500 protest

VICTORIA (CUP)—Sporting placards and chanting loud cries of "We want jobs," about 2,500 students and members of 15 labour unions and organizations marched through the streets here March 30 to protest unemployment.

Social Credit premier Bill Bennett did not speak to the demonstrators, who had marched to the legislative buildings on the opening day of the legislature.

"The premier is scared to face the people he is supposed to represent," said Len Guy, secretary-treasurer of the B.C. Federation of Labour. Guy said he was told the premier was "too busy with legislative matters" to talk to demonstrators.

As labour federation president George Johnson began to speak,

there were shouts of "Down with Bennett", "Social Credit stinks", and "Solidarity forever."

"We've had enough of their (the Socreds') hypocritical restraint," he said. "Their government is not on the basis of human needs, but on dollars and cents, a profit and loss basis. They increase Hydro rates, income tax, when they should put money into finding jobs."

Johnson said the Social Credit government had promised jobs, but every month more and more people were unemployed.

"This demonstration will dramatically bring to the attention of the B.C. government and the people of Canada the need to make employment the number one priority. This won't be the last demonstration."

Exposure at Neptune

Exposure, a program to present Maritime musicians in concert, will have its first show at Neptune Theatre on Sunday, April 9th.

This concert will feature Kevin Head, the Original Salt Cod Cowboy, and Red Island, a rock and reeling band from Newfoundland.

There are few opportunities in the Maritimes for musicians who want to get ahead. This has been a problem for a long time and it is the main reason for our best performers moving to Upper Canada. Exposure is intended to give musicians a chance to play in a concert situation where people can come and enjoy a show produced with professional sound and lighting personnel.

Kevin Head, the Original Salt Cod Cowboy, has played as a single act and with his band at every place in

the Maritimes short of discos and the sleaziest of lounges. He is well known as a songwriter, singer, guitarist and all around first class performer.

Red Island was the surprise hit at last summer's Atlantic Folk Festival. The inspiration behind Red Island's success is Jamie Snyder, a talented songwriter and fiddler. He initiated their fusion of traditional dance music and ballads of Newfoundland with the power of a five piece rock and roll band. This combination is drawing crowds wherever they play.

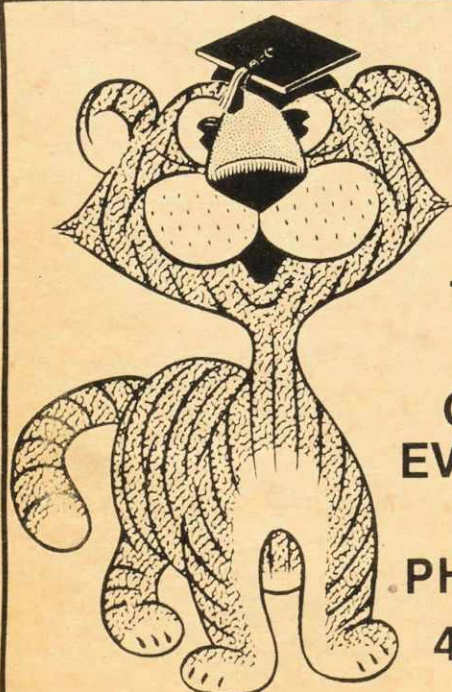
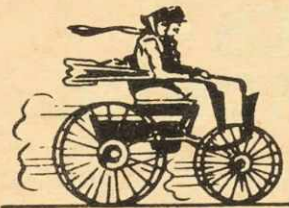
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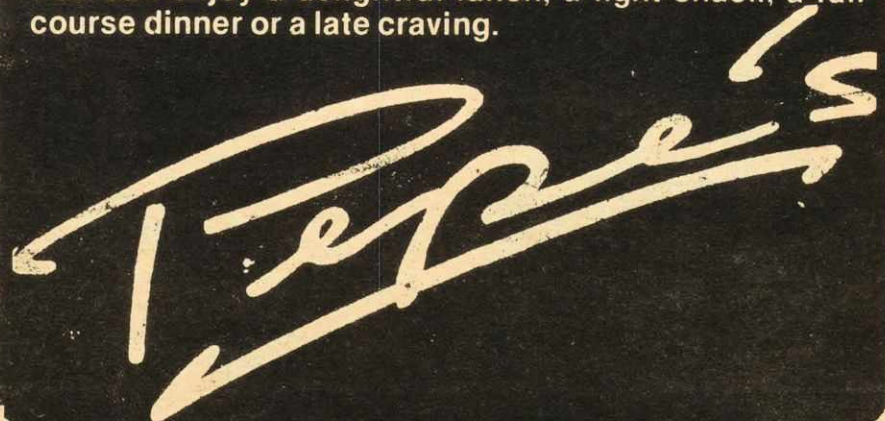
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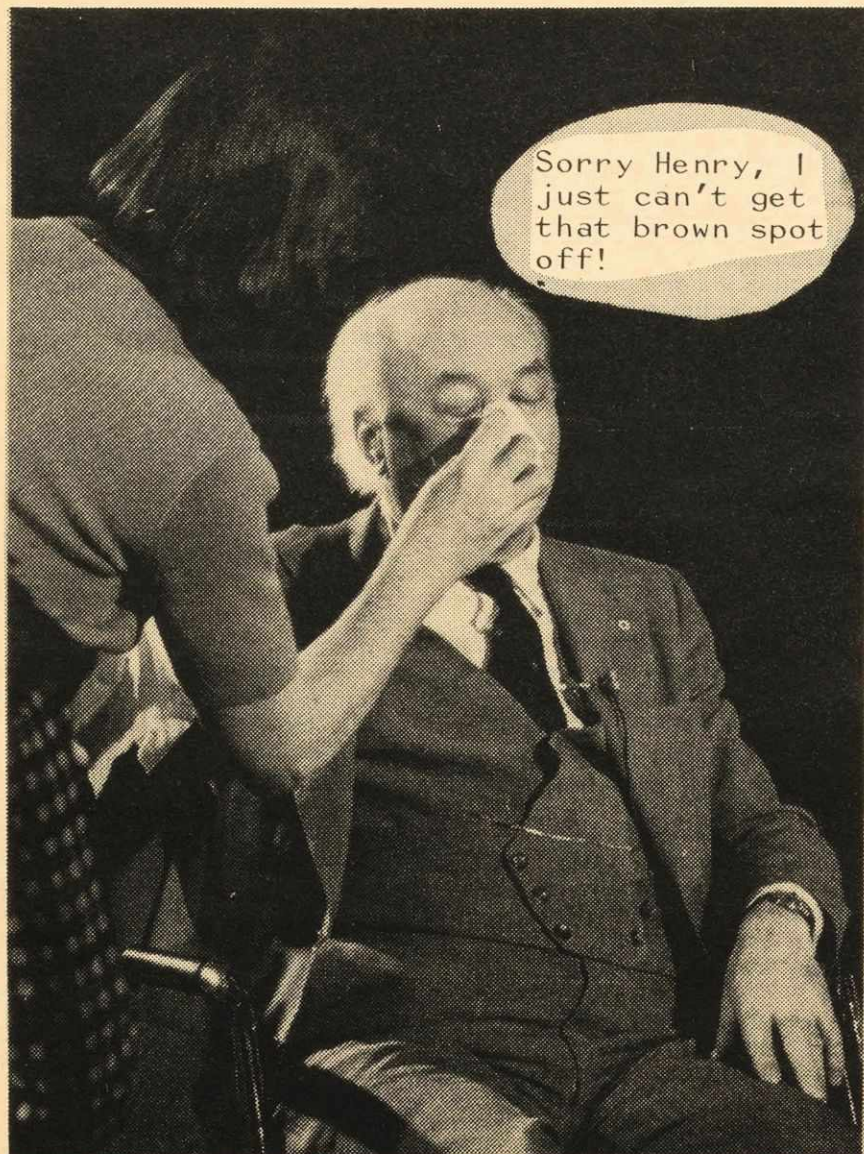
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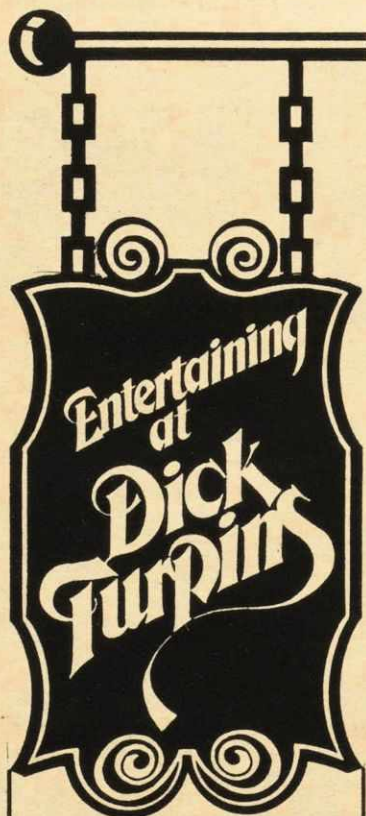
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Answer to last week:

"The legislature is a strange place. A member gets up and says nothing. Nobody listens and then everybody disagrees."

Ron Wallace, MLA

Mosquitoes prove it!

Evolution is silly

To most people, the mosquito is a bothersome pest with an irritating proclivity for drawing blood. But the sex life of the mosquito is a fascinating study in the hidden intricacies of what is usually considered a "simple" organism. Indeed, the structures of the sexual apparatuses of the male and female mosquito are incredibly complex, and the sexual behavior patterns of the mosquito are surprisingly elaborate.

Since space does not permit us to describe all the mysteries and complexities surrounding the sex life of the mosquito, let us focus on

only one specific aspect: the baffling change in male anatomy required for the mating of mosquitoes of the species *Aedes Aegypti*.

What is this mysterious anatomical change? Shortly after a male mosquito emerges as an adult, his rear end undergoes a remarkable rotation. The last two segments of the abdomen begin to rotate until, over a period of 20 hours, they have made a full turn of 180 degrees. In other words, the male's posterior turns upside down—permanently. The female abdomen, by contrast, always remains in its original position.

This curious twist is absolutely essential for mating to occur, since the male must clasp the female in a very complicated fashion to ensure fertilization. A partial twist—say 90 degrees—will not do the job. According to Dr. Jack C. Jones, an entomologist who has conducted extensive research on the amazing reproductive systems of the mosquito, the mechanism responsible for the strange posterior rotation is not known. Jones' studies indicate that the muscles of the body wall do not cause the rotation.

But whatever the mechanism, how could such a revolutionary rotation have evolved? According to evolutionary theory, changes in organisms accumulate over long periods of time, eventually resulting in a superior creature. In the case of longer legs, or bigger horns, such a concept might make sense. But can you imagine male mosquitoes slowly learning, over millions of years, to completely rotate their hind ends so that they could mate with a female? Unless the male mosquito had the ability to effect an essentially complete rotation from the very beginning, the mosquito could not successfully mate, and would now be extinct. Yet mosquitoes quite obviously exist today. And remember, the posterior flip of the male mosquito is only one of a series of spectacular changes and transformations that are vital for mosquito mating and reproduction.

The curious twist in the sex life of the mosquito would seem to provide strong and compelling evidence for the unfathomable inventive genius of God.

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turntable druggist

by Andrew Gillis

If you had come into the Privateer's last Saturday morning at two, trying to get a drink on the last call at the Middle Deck, where normally Bucky Adams and his Basin Street Trio would have been packed up for half an hour and been home in Fairview until Monday night, you would have noticed the band was still playing as you came up the stairs.

You would have been surprised to hear them, with a hard-bopping drummer in the back, satisfying three previously unknown back beats, intriguing Halifax drummer Albert Resk, who watched from the side and had an unmovable grin and a stare at the drum kit, a stare which you could have driven a train on - a stare that was like rails, straight and with no bends or diversions. You would have seen Resk first thing as you came near the door.

Then you would have tried to go in the door, past Resk and the regular drummer of the Basin Street Trio, Tom Gibson, who always grins and this morning would have seemed unable to control himself. But there would have been a big man in the way, a man involved in the jam, with his back to the door and you as well, and you would have felt a bit hesitant to ask this guy to excuse you and let you past, because after all he was in the jam, and there were extra sax players with Bucky, and they were enjoying the big guy enormously. But eventually, you would have asked him "excuse me", or something.

And he would have turned around (carefully, so as not to nudge anybody with the neck of his guitar) and he would have looked you in the face, and you would have looked him in the face, and you would have been glad to see him smile and politely step aside, and he would have been B.B. King.

During the evening previous to that early-morning jam at the Middle Deck, B.B. King had done two shows at Q.E.H. auditorium, and had met the turntable druggist there. He had appeared, near me, after B.B.'s version of "Sweet Sixteen", late in the second show, a show which went until ten minutes to twelve, a continuous two hours.) The turntable druggist came down to the Middle Deck, could not stand it that B.B. King was in the same small club with him, and left. The version of "Sweet Sixteen" at Q.E.H. had been bad enough; the turntable druggist had been seen rolling in ecstasy down a side aisle, of the auditorium, jumping frantically to get on stage, trying beat incantations to transmit his astral body to Beale Street, Memphis,

Tennessee, 1954. After that, the Middle Deck simply put the turntable druggist away.

Even though the Middle Deck jam was not the most amazing musical event of the decade, one of the most amazing ever in this city. The Deck was rocking as if it were a real deck of a real ship; and as if the sea on which it rode was a psychic thing, which behaved the way everyone wanted it to behave; and as if it arrived with B.B. King, because somehow B.B. King had been sent with it.

The drummer, the very funky Caleb Emphrey, of Greenville, Mississippi, and the sax players, Cato Walker III, of Memphis (alto), and Walter King, of Nashville (tenor, B.B.'s nephew) helped B.B. out. Walker cut in on "Good Night My Love", which Sleepy Thomas was doing, and used a Benson-like vocal which was at least as clear and charming as his alto sax. His voice, like his sax, functioned only if his eyes were smoothly shut. That man, and Emphrey, and B.B. all seemed to be sent to do what they did.

The question was: who made B.B. King? What thing could create B.B. King? How could an electric guitar be played so accurately, and a voice be so careful and strong? B.B. King is one man. In that one man, how could there be talents which are so absolutely designed to be musical talents - the question struck the turntable druggist right away at Q.E.H. How could there be talent of this kind, talent which does not perform blues, but which is blues? That's what I mean by 'sent': somebody must have made B.B. King, with some idea in mind, and when that certain somebody delivered B.B. King, then there was blues. The blues seems to result from B.B. King; it doesn't occur to me that it could be the other way around. I'm not kidding. The concert was enough to make me religious.

You can find tradition all over the place. Every performer owes something to some tradition or other. With B.B. King on stage, though, it was different. All the tradition to be found on stage with him was his own tradition. In effect it was hard to say that the show was traditional at all. After all, the performer was doing what came naturally, (and uniquely for him, it has come naturally for 33 years). The show is traditional only in the historical sense. It doesn't occur to B.B. King at any moment that his show is traditional. It is just his show.

The guitar playing killed every-

body at Q.E.H. The Gibson 335 B.B. King borrowed for the night produced a fat, unidirectional tone from a Kustom stereo guitar amp which I believe contained two stock 12" speakers and 120 watts. The guitar was borrowed to replace the absent Lucille, which this year is a Gibson. Lucille once was a 335 - for about 14 years, actually - so the replacement was a familiar looking 350. Lucille was snowed in, where B.B. King had been snowed in the night before. Lucille was not sorely

tain, balls and everything any electric guitar player has ever found in any set-up I can think of. He found it on a borrowed guitar, in ten minutes.

The voice. Stunning. Portrayed through a stereo p.a. which Russell Brannon of Music Stop compiled of new Yamaha, Kustom, University and Altec equipment. The voice, delivered to the microphone from a distance of ten feet, convinced the audience that it was so strong it could be heard without the p.a. It was almost embarrassing how many people began to chat about this wicked throat when B.B. introduced it. It was wild. No such blues singing has ever been heard here before.

In the blues format, a singer is given more room for imaginative work - the room for it is given because the chord progressions of the blues are reliable. So B.B. would pause before each line, delay it a bit, while thinking up a new melodic approach for each one. Joe Williams, who cut many blues for Count Basie's big band, was here a year and a half ago, and he could in no way shout the blues like B.B. King. Stunning. Big.

The turntable druggist told me he will always remember B.B. King's left hand, resting above the fretboard, and then vibrating as if through a sudden electric shock, producing a sigh that many people have heard in their heads, but that has never been spoken in solid words.

I told myself I will always remember that last Saturday, it was three o'clock in the morning, and I couldn't even close my eyes.



Andrew Gillis, your turntable druggist, after hearing B.B. King.

missed by anyone, although its owner did complain a bit. B.B. leaves his fingernails long, to support the flesh at the fingertips, and ensure the same richness from each fretted string. This seems to work on borrowed guitars as well as it does on Lucille.

The sound you think of as being B.B. King's entered the show later, as he cranked in the front pickup of the guitar with the guitar's own control. He found feedback, sus-



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Waterpolo among Swimmers in Canada

by George Mullalley
Last weekend Dalhousie's best swimmers competed in the International Tournament in Quebec

Facing competition from Memorial University and Universite de Moncton at Centennial Pool last Friday, Dalhousie teams propelled themselves to victory. Their consistency came from the consistent strong Memorial men's squad who tested Dal's team depth. Dal, thanks to winning board performer Marcel Arsenault, and in the pool by Ray Kelley, Marcel Arsenault, and Geoff...

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Dal wrestlers strongest in Scuba squad 2 in hockey

by Randy Angus

Dal SCUBA took a strong 2nd place finish in the Maritime Underwater Hockey Championships held Sunday April 2. In a series of four games Dal defeated the Greenwood Dive Club 9 to 1, Timberlea Dive Club 22 to 0, and the Dartmouth Dolphins 16 to 0. The one loss coming at the hands of the Kraken Dive Club, with a score of 9 to 2. The Kraken Club were the eventual winners of the championships.

Dal SCUBA were a dark horse entry, having been invited to the championships only a few days before the games as an extra team. After the first game with the Kraken team, the inexperienced Dal divers learned the basics of the game and played the rest of the matches superbly. The divers present were Bill Forsyth, Glenn Murray, Greg McKinnon, Brian Conway, Paul Boudreau, Dale Roddick, Randy Angus, and the team captain, Trevor Kenchington. The top scorers for Dal were Murray, McKinnon, and Angus.

Originally a game played by a few SCUBA divers to keep in shape over the winter months, Underwater hockey has gained international recognition. Played with mask, fins, and snorkel only the team consists of five players. A brass puck the size of a hockey puck is pushed on the bottom of the pool using 8 inch plywood push-sticks. Rules are similar to those in ice hockey with exceptions being made for the medium in which the game is played. Players must possess strength, quickness, and a good breath holding capacity. There are two sixteen minute periods and the play commonly continues for this length of time with few interruptions. Penalties are assessed, but are very rare.

There are Canadian Championships to be held in a western province on the May 20th long weekend. Although Dal could not make it this year, they will certainly be a strong contender in next year's season.

Social workers win

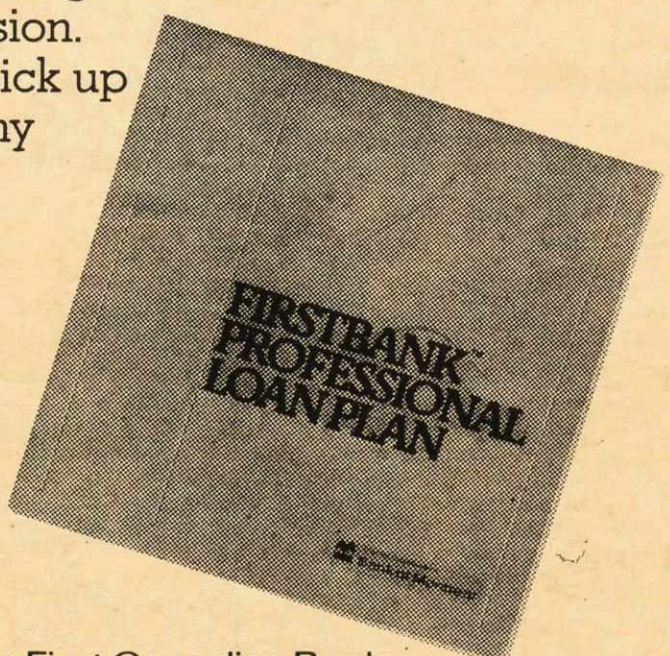
The Maritime School of Social Work has won the Metro Social Service League volleyball tournament. The competition, which took place last Saturday, included such teams as the Dartmouth Social Service, Manpower, Atlantic Child Guidance and the Provincial Social Services.

The Maritime School of Social Work team has been playing together since September.

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Julie West wins Class of '55 Trophy; Bob Fagan wins Climo Trophy

The final tribute

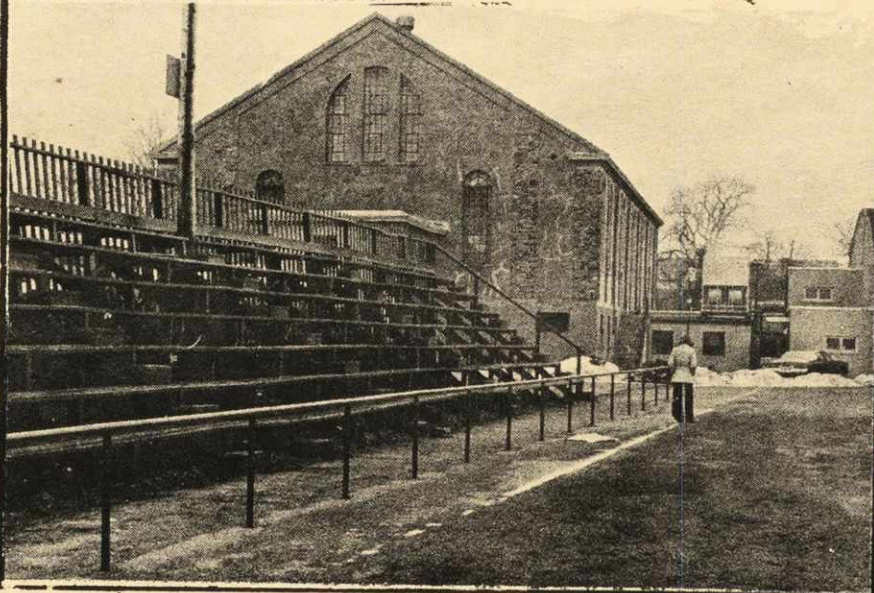
by Peter Hayes

The sports scene at Dalhousie has come to a close once again this year, and like most other aspects of University life, athletics have had a year of ups and downs. With no football team most of the Tiger faithful was keeping tabs on activities in soccer, cross country, tennis, and field hockey last fall; sports which set the trend of excitement that was to continue through a long winter.

Once the balls (and pucks) got rolling, the swimmers swimming, the skiers skiing, the wrestlers wrestling, and the gymnasts doing their thing (gymning somehow didn't fit here!), there was never a loss for something to talk about—the accomplishments and heartbreaks of the Tigers or the fact that Dentistry had just defeated Medicine in a big game.

These two pages are dedicated to all of the players, coaches, managers, trainers and fans who have worked so hard this year, as well as the Dalhousie athletic department who has made it possible for all of these people to both participate and spectate.

Finally, a special thank you from all of the sports department to Rod Shoveller, who worked as hard as we did in keeping students informed of the athletics around Dalhousie.



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A preview

Intramural
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The intramural winners

The Annual Intramural-Recreation Awards Dinner was held last week in the McInnes Room of the S.U.B. Approximately 225 people were in attendance and they were treated to an evening which featured a delicious buffet dinner, entertaining and informative slide presentations featuring the new athletic complex by Ken Bellemare and one featuring Olympic Sport History by Prof. Sandy Young. The main highlight of the enjoyable evening was the presentation of Supremacy Awards by Ken Bellemare, Head of Athletics and Recreation Services. The Co-Ed Supremacy Award went to Dentistry and was accepted by Tim Foley, while Greg Donald and Ellen Wood accepted the Men's Supremacy Award on behalf of Medicine. Men's Inter-Faculty winners included:

- Flag Football**
 "A" Division - Law
 "B" Division - Medicine

- Soccer**
 "A" Division - Science
 "B" Division - Engineers
Volleyball
 "A" Division - Dentistry
 "B" Division - Medicine
Softball
 - Medicine
Basketball
 "A" Division - T.Y.P.
 "B" Division - Oceanography
 "C" Division - Psychology
Bowling
 - Dentistry
Ice Hockey
 "A" Division - Medicine
 "B" Division - Commerce
Floor Hockey
 - T.Y.P.

To round out the enjoyable evening, Jim Ferguson, acting Intramural Council President, made a special presentation to retiring Director of the School of Physical Education, Dr. Michael Ellis for his continued support of Intramural Athletics at Dalhousie.

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Government, business implicated

RCMP expose conspiracy

OTTAWA (CUP)—In a daring raid of Statistics Canada offices here yesterday an RCMP anti-subversive squad has uncovered evidence of over 60,000 capitalist controlled groups operating in Canada.

The pre-dawn raid, which netted several hundred pounds of evidence—mainly undistributed Stats-Can publications—was part of a new RCMP investigation into right-wing influence in Canada.

The network seems to centre around about 6,000 foreign capitalist groups, according to the Mounties' conspiracy researcher Sergeant Fred Sharpe.

After sifting through the evidence, he concludes that the foreign firms are the "ring-leaders": they are by far the largest and most powerful and in his view, "provide most of the leadership in the conspiracy".

capitalists.

These "Chambers" have youth wings or "Junior Chambers" to indoctrinate teenagers when they are most susceptible.

With all these resources at their disposal, their power to influence the minds of Canadian citizens is

trated by capitalists.

"These revelations are only the tip of the iceberg," he said. "There are strong indications that capitalists have worked their way into key government posts."

The Department of Trade and Commerce, he says, seems to be

They have set up front groups to push propagan-da called "Chambers of Commerce." Interestingly, the capitalist conspiracy has no contradictions between their means and ends. Both are a ruthless dictatorship of the bosses."

truly vast. The right wing propa-ganda is sugar-coated and called "free enterprise" to confuse citizens who naturally enough support freedom.

The rarely articulated, but ever-present message in all this propa-ganda is the key capitalist mes-sage: that it's alright for one person to gain at the expense of others.

They have infiltrated most tech-nical and vocational schools. As a result, numerous departments across the country train students to produce effective capitalist adver-tising and propaganda.

Most of the military seems to have been won over to the capitalist "cause". Many fanatic soldiers, and especially officers, are prepared to fight to the death for their cause.

Each group is organized into a tight, rigidly-disciplined cell—om-niously called a "firm"—with one leader in complete control. Those who join a "firm" cannot question the orders of the leader—some-times known as the "boss" who can expell them from the cell at whim.

These huge sums of money—usually called profit—are controlled by the cell leader. Most of it (\$20 million in 1974) goes to finance further expansion of the cell, more propaganda, and the luxuriant lifestyle of the leaders.

"It's quite sleazy how they operate," according to propaganda researcher Private James Wordsworth II.

"First they inculcate young people with what they call a "work ethic" and tempt them with opulent conspicuous consumption. At the same time they oppose any government measures that would give people a secure minimum standard of living.

"So, out of a sense of guilt or exaggerated needs or just plain necessity, people look for work. But they find increasingly they have no alternative save to hire themselves out to one of these exploitative anti-democratic capitalist cells.

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When an unwitting citizen does

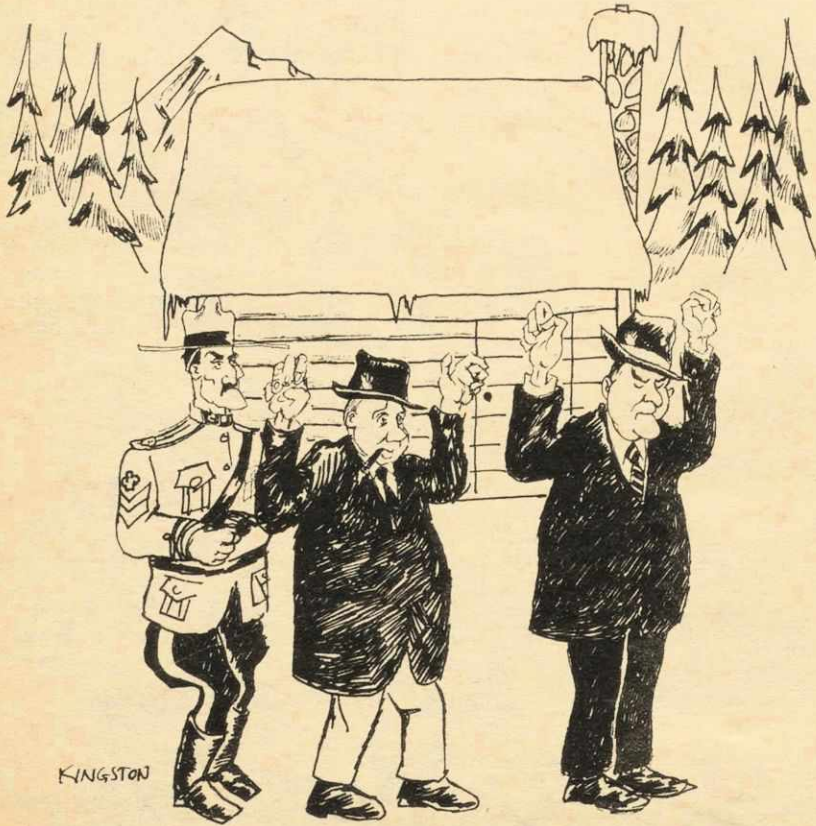
almost completely taken over. And Statistics Canada will almost certainly be investigated. "After all, they've had this information about capitalist control of our country for years, and they just sat on it."

Krupp may transfer even more Mounties to work on the case. "This, it seems to me, is the most pressing threat to the people of Canada. It would be negligent of the Force not to find the whole truth. Hopefully we can stop the takeover of our country before it is too late."

Sixty-one thousand businessmen contacted by Canadian University Press April 1 denied the charges.

Most said they had set up their operations only to "help the community" or "serve the people" or "advance the progress of the country" and not to benefit themselves. All denied any knowledge of the alleged conspiracy.

The president of a multinational fast (alleged) food chain insisted "We do it all for you."



According to RCMP superintendent S. Krupp, who ordered the raid, the Mounties began investigating the right after complaints three months ago that the force was whipping up anti-communist hysteria and persecuting the left.

(Last December, the Mounties released documents showing "over 60 communist groups operating in Canada".)

"These capitalist groups are at least a thousand times more numerous than the communist groups."

"People accused us of being biased, being capitalist lackeys, what have you," said Krupp. "So we began this investigation, not expecting to find much. We were in for a rude awakening."

The massive evidence has left even hard-nosed Mounties worried.

"We have found a massive international capitalist network dedicated to controlling the wealth of our country," said squad commander Captain Ernest Smythe after the operation. Many Canadian cities have already fallen to the conspiracy, he warned.

"Frankly, I'm flabbergasted. It looks like these capitalist groups are much more of a threat than we ever suspected. They are at least a thousand times more numerous than the communist groups. And their financial punch is just staggering."

The documents show Statistics Canada had records of 61,000 capitalist groups controlling a full \$210 billion in assets. That's more than the government controls and the documents show that figure is increasing yearly, said Krupp. "We are coming to realize that the capitalists' aim is nothing short of complete control of the economy."

"While the foreign capitalist groups are only 1 / 10 of the total number," he points out, "they control between 1 / 3 and 1 / 2 of the wealth."

"We're also sure now that the conspiracy is an international one," Sharpe told a late-night press conference. "The same network of groups is trying to take over almost every country in the free world."

Sharpe is now researching the theory that many of the 60,000 groups are actually front groups controlled by a very few powerful "families centered in the United States, Europe and Japan."

Sobered by the revelations, Krupp has transferred a team of four investigators and a dozen undercover agents from their anti-communist duties to a new "capitalist subversion" branch.

The following are preliminary results of research into the capitalist groups' propaganda activities and their internal organization.

The massive evidence has left even hard-nosed Mounties worried.

Most of the groups have large and effective propaganda sections, used to brainwash Canadian citizens through posters and advertisements which they plaster almost everywhere in major cities.

Many groups convertly fund movies, television programs and magazines. Some own movie studios, TV and radio stations, newspapers and magazines outright.

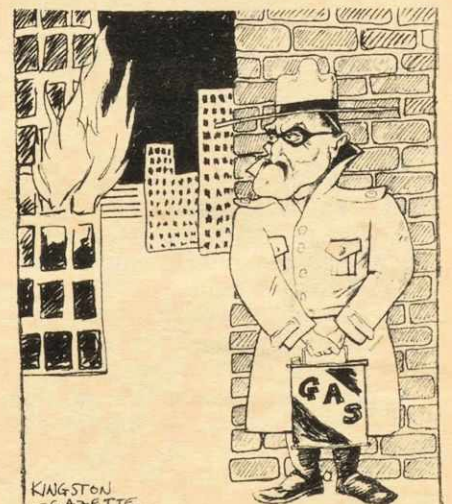
They have set up front groups to push propaganda. Called "Chambers of Commerce", these bodies are almost completely controlled by

join a cell, she or he must donate a certain amount of surplus labour [the difference between the value of what they produce and what they are paid] each day to the cell.

"Sure they realize they're getting ripped off. Many of them probably have some inkling of the international conspiracy they are supporting. But they have little choice, what with house payments, the price of food and all.

"It's really sad."

Krupp warned that even the government may have been infil-



Nineteen RCMP officers killed

OTTAWA (CUP)—Nineteen RCMP personnel died yesterday in unrelated incidents.

Four were found dead in their homes this morning, victims of unrelated suicide. They were: Superintendent S. Krupp, Captain Ernest Smythe, Sergeant Fred Sharpe, and Private James Wordsworth II.

Four researchers died of shrapnel wounds this morning while opening unrelated mail. And twelve undercover agents died in unrelated car accidents.

A short, uneventful service will be held tomorrow afternoon.