

Students demand their say in strike talks

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

A rally outside a Board of Governors meeting gave Dalhousie students a chance to say what they thought of the possibility of a faculty strike.

And the word of choice was "bullshit".

More than 500 students marched from the Student Union Building to the MacDonald building on Mar. 17, to protest what they call being caught in the middle of faculty contract renegotiations.

The rally was a response to student frustration about stalled negotiations between the faculty and administration, and an attempt to call both sides back to the bargaining table.

The meeting was broadcast over a PA system to protesters outside, while students inside used walkie-talkies to let the crowd know who was speaking. Depending on who had the floor, rally organizers held up their signs — either "Yay" for the meeting's student presenters or "Boo" for the administration.

Discussing what he said were the university's three options — increased government funding, cutbacks to fit within the current budget, or increased tuition fees — Dalhousie president Tom Traves was drowned out by chants of "bullshit".

But he addressed the students' interruption.

"These problems will not magically go away. Shouting

'bullshit', shouting 'boo' does not make the problems we face go away — it would be nice but it doesn't work that way in the real world," he said.

At the rally, Brian Kellow, Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executive vice-president elect, presented an alternative to Traves' plans.

"[The] fourth option is to allow students into the talks and allow us to take part...in determining our own future for Christ's sake."

DSU president Chris Adams wants a chance to sit in on the negotiations as a student observer.

"The faculty will be fighting for their interests, the administration will be fighting for their interests,"

Adams said. "Who's fighting for student issues? Without that seat there, student issues [are ignored]."

Currently all attempts at settlement have failed, and a faculty strike or university lock-out could legally happen as early as Mar. 25.

Dr. Ismet Ugursal, president of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA), says he supports the rally, and the students bid to sit-in on negotiations.

"It's brilliant," he said. "The students have to put their voice in this thing, [and] have to be heard...I'm on their side."

Despite both sides already rejecting the idea of students at the bargaining table, Ugursal says he

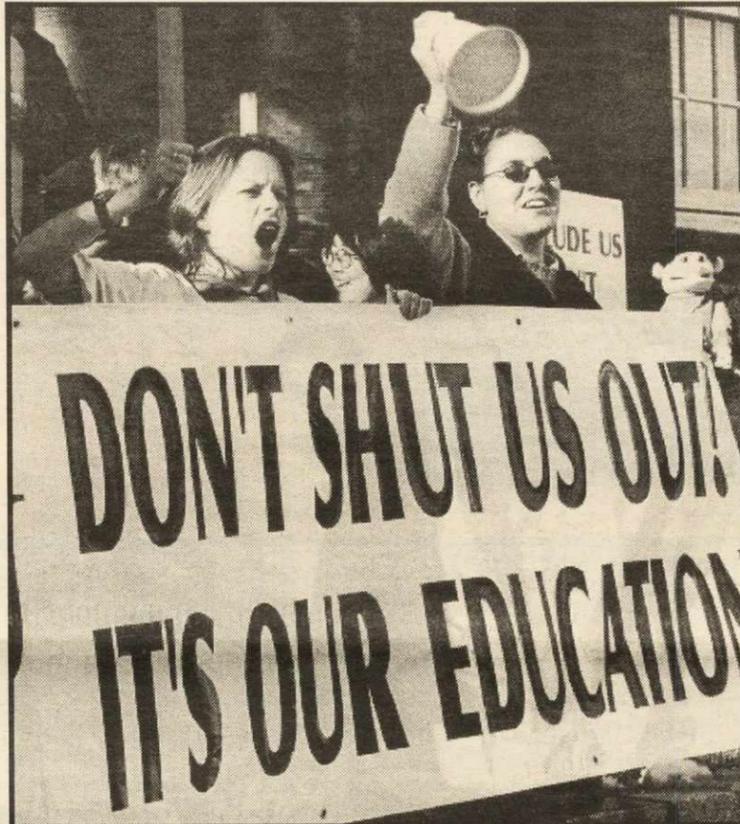
changed his mind, and has signed a DSU proposal to renew talks with a student observer present.

"In retrospect, it would have been better if we had a student observing the negotiations [from the beginning], because they would have first-hand information on how the Board stalled and...didn't cooperate."

Traves, who has not yet signed the proposal, has invited Adams to a meeting to discuss the possibility of further contract talks, and student observation at these talks.

At the rally, Kellow led the students in cheers and chants — the crowd's bongo drumming and sign-

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Students vocally protested their exclusion from faculty contract negotiations at a rally outside the MacDonald Building on Tuesday. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

Chiasson and Kellow win DSU elections

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

Ted Chiasson and Brian Kellow are the new president and vice-president of the Dalhousie Student Union. They captured almost half of the 2,263 votes cast in the student union elections, beating Erin Trail and Gordon Hannah, their closest competitors, by 273 votes.

Voter turnout was disappointingly low, with only 16 per cent of Dalhousie students going to the polls.

"It would have been better if we'd had a higher voter turnout," Chiasson said. "But I think a lot of people don't realize even what the student union is and the significance that it has on student lives. So we'll have to try and work to make them more aware of it in the coming year and see a better turnout next year."

With all that has been going on at Dalhousie lately, the new executive has hardly had time to celebrate their wins before being thrown into work, particularly at Tuesday's strike rally.

"I'm flustered," admitted Chiasson. "There's this little strike thing, and the provincial election — both are really significant. All year we've been talking to politicians and representing student interests and at this point it's time to put our money where the mouth is."

"Politicians pay attention to people that vote, so we've got an election in the school year, and if we don't get a good turnout of

students in this riding, then I think the politicians will be able to say, 'Well students don't vote. I guess we don't have to pay attention to their issues anymore,' and we'll lose any voice we've got on any level of politics for a couple of years. It's put up or shut up time."

Kelly MacKenzie easily beat former Senate rep Jeff Myers to take on the position of vice-president student advocacy, formerly known as vp academic/external.

"I'm really excited and really happy. I just can't wait," MacKenzie said. "It's going to be a tough year I think...but it's going to be really rewarding I hope. I'm looking forward to helping the students out. I just want to make myself visible."

The vice-president community affairs race went to Dean Naugler.

"I'm very excited," Naugler said. "I won Friday night and Saturday I was already right into [the strike rally]. I haven't had any chance to really think about what I'm going to do. My first priority is definitely Shinerama — I want to get that on the go tomorrow."

Naugler stated in the Gazette two weeks ago that he would be going skydiving if he won the election, and he plans to keep that election promise at least.

"I'm probably going to be going in April sometime. I'll keep you guys posted...if anyone wants to come and watch."

There was a new vice-president position up for grabs in this year's

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Part-timers and TAs reach tentative agreement

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

A tentative agreement has been reached between Dalhousie part-time instructors/teaching assistants and the administration.

The agreement, finalized at close to 2am, Mar. 12, could end a three-year struggle between the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 3912 and the Dalhousie Administration.

According to Barbara Moore, president of CUPE 3912, obtaining this first set of contracts is a very important accomplishment.

"The biggest achievement is to firmly establish a collective

bargaining process," Moore said.

Dalhousie's public relations director, Michelle Gallant, says the university is very happy with the settlement.

"We are very pleased and relieved to have a resolution to this situation," she said.

Saint Mary's University (SMU) was the first of three universities represented by the union to reach a settlement. Since then, both Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) have reached tentative agreements, and are in the process of voting to approve the deal. Union members at Dalhousie vote Mar. 19 to accept or reject the

tentative deal with the university.

Moore is excited about the latest developments at all three universities, but realizes that there is much more to do.

"These agreements are just the beginning. Once our members have a chance to vote, we will begin preparations for the next round of bargaining two years from now. We have made a genuine start but we still have a long way to go," Moore said.

In the general terms of the agreement, Dalhousie recognizes the CUPE 3912 bargaining unit to include all those employed to teach,

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Dal and profs still at odds

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

Despite conciliation, informal talks and more than 500 screaming students, the faculty and administration keep plodding towards a strike.

An inability to settle on salary increases and faculty replacement plagues the negotiation process, with both sides saying they're the ones making all the concessions.

The bargaining teams of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the Board of Governors met Mar. 12 to try and re-establish talks after conciliation failed.

The meeting was arranged by the Department of Labour's Robert Durdan. Durdan was the assigned provincial conciliator and has continued to help in the negotiations even though his formal role has ended.

The latest talks were unsuccessful.

Michael Cross, chief negotiator for the DFA, says both sides will have to compromise in order to settle. He says the faculty association made significant compromises in the latest talks, and wonders why the Board rejected their proposal without a counter offer.

"It's hard to understand why they came to the table if they weren't prepared to talk," Cross said.

The DFA went from

asking for a 13 per cent salary increase over 32 months to an 11.8 per cent increase over the same period. Originally, the association was also asking for full replacement of all departing professors, and instead proposed replacement of only those professors leaving through early retirement packages.

The university's latest salary offer is 9.5 per cent over 32 months with no guarantee of a faculty

replacement. But university spokesperson Michelle Gallant says the faculty association is asking for something the administration has already made clear it cannot give.

"The issue at hand is the financial gap...the university has some very serious financial limitations and the DFA continues to have very large expectations," Gallant said.

Cross disagrees.

"Why is there a mania for downsizing in the nineties? It's the managerial philosophy of the

day, and the problem is [the administration is] running the university like a widget factory."

Cross says the university has options in how it can spend its money.

"You choose to build buildings or not to build buildings, you choose to use the endowment or not.

"The first priority in a university is students and faculty."

Graduating student Stu Kemp agrees.

"There's more than a few people who care about what happens at this university," he said. "I support what the faculty's doing...it's the faculty that shapes the [university]."

"The quality of the school is more than finances."

But Gallant says the university is doing what it can, with what it has.

"The board is committed to replacing faculty when there's money available," Gallant said.

So while the faculty and administration tussle over the issues that have been a problem since talks began last September, the possibility of a strike creeps forward.

"We don't want a strike, [and] we don't think it's necessary," Gallant said. "But if there is no flexibility a strike may be unavoidable."



Top left: DSU president Chris Adams rallies the troops outside the MacDonald Building on Tuesday. Above: Protestors warm up their voices outside the SUB. (Photos by Ryan Lash)

No classes if profs strike

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

All classes at Dalhousie will be cancelled in the event of a strike — with only a few exceptions.

Tom Traves, president of Dalhousie University, informed the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and non-DFA instructors that if there is a strike, all classes will be shut down based on recommendations from the Senate.

During the 1988 strike, some classes were taught while others were cancelled. As a result many students were confused — about which classes were still in session and which were cancelled — and missed classes, lectures and assignments.

At the time, Senate decided that if a strike situation was to ever occur again, the university needed to have a plan to handle the situation.

The Senate then adopted the following resolution stating that "in future, all classes in faculties and departments where most

members of the academic staff belong to the DFA bargaining unit be cancelled for the duration of the strike." This step was "to avoid unfairness and uncertainty and create uniform conditions for all students."

Ruth Bleasdale, a history professor at Dalhousie, expressed much relief about the decision the administration made.

"I was very delighted and relieved when the directive came out. I teach over 300 students and I was very worried about the situation that would have developed with certain professors teaching and others not."

Mellisa Furrow, an English teacher at Dal, does not see the benefits of cancelling all classes.

"It is a decision that is...a strategic one on the part of the University. I don't think it is very smart because I don't see how it truly benefits students," she said.

Many students have expressed concerns about assignments and readings they say professors are telling them to do during the

strike.

Bleasdale cannot speak for the other professors, but thinks the rules have been laid down by the administration and should be followed.

"It is really quite inappropriate for teachers to be piling up the work on students," Bleasdale said.

Furrow doesn't see how the lock-out will be a benefit to students, but agrees that work should not be forced on students.

"A strike has a paralyzing affect to students. I'm not moving any assignments up any earlier. I will make other arrangements if a strike occurs after it has ended," Furrow said.

All part-time instructors and teaching assistants (TAs), will be expected to carry out their duties to the best of their abilities for the duration of the strike, and will not be penalized monetarily. Part-time instructors and TAs do not belong to the DFA. They are represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

Student rally

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waving backing him up.

"I'm sorry for interrupting your classes, maybe now you get the point," he yelled to students in the nearby Arts and Administration Building. "We want to scream as loud as we can so people across the country can hear how pissed-off we are."

Psychology student Jeremy Sears may not have screamed, but he says he is pissed-off.

"I think it's just screwing everyone over. We've got one of the highest tuition [fees] in the country but residence is crappy, [and] profs aren't getting paid enough."

Jeff Ostin, a student in the History department, agrees.

"The administration doesn't seem to care. They seem to be pricing Dal out of the range of all the people who want to come here."

Other students expressed anger at the lack of information being provided to them by the university.

"I'm tired of not knowing what is going on with the strike — and the [Board] and the [faculty] not listening to us," said Smith House president Michael Arbuckle.

Psychology and Neuroscience professor John Fentress says he understands students' frustration with both sides of the negotiations.

"As soon as it seems like something's going on behind people's backs — that's bad."

But it doesn't matter to Fentress anymore.

"I'm quitting this place anyway. I'm fed up with it. The deterioration has been so great in terms of...educating students it's a much less attractive position than it used to be.

"It's not the same institution it was twenty years ago."

University spokesperson Michelle Gallant says the administration is doing the best it can with limited resources.

"The university...has to not only be concerned about the students this year, but the students next year, and the next year, and every year after that. We have an absolute responsibility to ensure that the decisions we make now — that have substantial price tags attached to them — are decisions we can live with and that do not totally jeopardize the future of the institution and its students."

Despite the festive mood, fourth-year Psychology student Sunil Bhalla says it's sad it took a crisis to pull students together.

"Dr. Traves should be named Dr. Travesty," he said. "I was upset that the most spirit I've seen at Dal was in order to stop a strike."

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IN THE EVENT OF A STRIKE, ALL CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING...

1. Classes in the Doctor of Dental Surgery and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery programs, and the Doctor of Medicine, Postgraduate Medical Education and Continuing Medical Education programs, except for classes taught by faculty who are members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association. The Faculty of Dentistry and the Faculty of Medicine will notify students of the classes which will not continue.
2. Classes in the Diploma in Health Services Administration and Diploma in Emergency Health Services Management, and classes in the Dalhousie-Yarmouth School of Nursing.
3. DalTech Continuing Technical Education classes.
4. Henson College regular Distance Education Continuing Education classes.
5. Practicum activities, including co-op work term placements, which are conducted or supervised by persons who are not members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

King's profs to stay in the classroom

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Salaries may be on the line for professors at King's, but they will not walk the picket line with their Dalhousie counterparts should a strike take place at the university.

King's professors are not part of the same union as Dalhousie professors, and are not part of the current negotiations. However, any new contract earned by the Dalhousie professors will also apply to professors at King's, who will achieve the same benefits or losses as Dalhousie professors, without any participation.

Eugene Meese, dean of faculty at King's says that as an affiliated college, King's is a separate entity from Dalhousie. Though professors can teach at either school, they are considered King's professors, and will continue to teach their classes in the event of a strike.

Michael Cross, chief negotiator for the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA), says that the DFA does not expect King's professors to join them in strike action.

"We're not going to put pressure on them," Cross said.

"The understanding, as in the last strike, is that King's will not be picketed."

Cross adds that other arrangements will be made for King's classes taught at Dalhousie.

"The majority of King's professors that teach at Dal, won't have classes to teach," Cross said, adding that in the last strike, arrangements were made to teach classes in other locales, such as homes or church basements.

He also put to rest the rumours that some courses are being moved

to King's.

"All Dal classes are being cancelled," he said.

Cross explained that, as in the last strike, professors will make arrangements with students when classes are cancelled.

"We have no desire to cause difficulty with people that have no choice [in the matter]."

Colin Starnes, President of King's, confirmed that classes at the school will continue.

"King's is not involved in the negotiations. Therefore our classes will go on," he said.

"There is a question with respect to joint faculty," he added, saying that in those cases where King's professors teach Dal classes, attempts will be made to work around the strike.

"The universities position is that we will attempt to provide classroom space over here," he said.

Starnes said that professors are expected to accommodate students where possible. If a student has only one class still being taught, and feels that they should either go home, or find employment, professors will make arrangements to accommodate them.

"No student should be disadvantaged because of alternate arrangements," he said.

Chris King, is in foundation year at King's. He does not feel his professors should be obligated to walk the picket line.

"I'd be strongly disappointed if they did strike, because I'm paying for this," he said.

"It's a no-win situation. You want your profs to be paid well, but you don't want to pay more in tuition."

Francis Woobey, president of the

King's Day Students' Society says even though King's profs will not picket, students will still be affected.

"[We're] just like everybody else here. They're [DFA and

administration] talking as if [students] don't exist — it's kind of insulting.

"[King's students] suffer...I take my classes at Dal, we're going to suffer just as much."

Cross pointed out that King's professors are not the only ones affected by DFA negotiations. Ironically, the university administration will also fall under the new contract.

TAs reach agreement

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demonstrate, tutor, or mark in degree credit courses at Dalhousie who are not in the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

Under the tentative agreement, the union has the right to collect dues from its members. In addition, CUPE will establish a 'no discrimination' policy. And a labour-management committee between members of CUPE and the administration will also be formed. And members who miss work due to sickness or other appropriate situations won't be penalized.

The agreement will last two and a half years, ending Aug. 31, 2000. There will be two basic pay schemes for the teaching assistants (TAs)—one for 180 hours of work, the other for 260 hours of work. The pay rate will be set at \$14 per hour for 1998, and \$14.25 per hour for 1999 for both groups. Markers and demos will make \$9 per hour for 1998, and will go up to \$10 per hour for 1999.

Part-time instructors will be also broken down into two categories, but not according to hours worked. Their pay will be based on experience. All instructors at the basic rate will see a jump from \$5,700 per credit in 1997 to \$6,400 in 1999. All part-timers who have taught more than four full-credits will see a jump from \$6,100 per credit in 1997 to \$6,700 in 1999.

Instructors who teach clinics in Nursing, Dental Hygiene,

Physiotherapy & Music/Theatre will also be getting an hourly increase. Nursing will go from \$18.35 per hour in 1997 to \$19.05 in 1999; Dental Hygiene will jump from \$24.45 this year to \$25.35 in 1999; Physiotherapy will move from \$28.00 per hour in 1997 to \$29.00 in 1999 and Music/Theatre will go from \$40.80 to \$42.40 in 1999.

Individuals in all three units —

teaching assistants, clinical instructors and part-time instructors — who are getting paid more than the current offer will continue to be paid at the higher rate.

In addition, the union states that the charges against the Dal administration of unfair labour practices and bargaining in bad faith made by CUPE are expected to be dropped.

DSU elections

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election as well. Nick Murphy has become the first vice-president internal of the Dalhousie Student Union.

"I think this is going to be a big year," Murphy said, "especially because this internal position brings together the societies and communications that were split up and...kind of off to the side of the other person's portfolio. Here with them all in one portfolio, you can work with them better, work with the societies more, get the word out. I think it will build a lot of spirit because people have to know what's going on and have to be excited. I think we'll get more student involvement and bigger better societies."

Level Chan and Andrew Philopoulos were elected student representatives on the Board of Governors and Marie Abi Daoud, Mark Galley, and Amyn Lalji were

elected to represent students on the Senate.

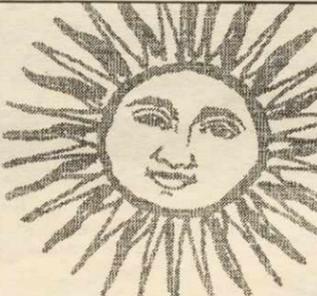
There were also four referendum questions included on the ballot. Both the Dalhousie Women's Centre and the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) easily obtained an increase in student fees. The attempt to reintroduce a student health plan wasn't as successful, and was defeated by more than 200 votes.

DalTech students came to the polls more to support their student newspaper, the Sextant, than for any concern over candidates. Of the 281 votes cast at stations on the DalTech campus, 61 students didn't even vote for candidates, answering only the referendum questions. DalTech students voted 217/37 in support of the Sextant, which just scraped through after Dal votes were added, winning their 50 cent levy by 131 votes.

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Are professors being helpful or self-serving?

Discussing the labour dispute in class

BY BRIANNE JOHNSTON
AND GREG MCFARLANE

With a strike looming, many professors are using class time to inform students about the negotiations and, generally, students seem willing to listen.

With the potential loss of class time after Mar. 24, you might think professors and students would want to cram as much work in as possible. However, most students seem to appreciate the professors' updates on negotiations.

Johannes Wheeldon, a second-year political science student, believes that due to the impact a strike would have on students, professors should discuss the issues in class.

"If they're in a position where it will directly affect us to the point that it will, it does little harm to take ten minutes out of a class or an hour out of one class throughout the term to discuss something that is so important to everyone," he said.

Wheeldon admits that students are probably getting a biased view from professors, but he would still like to hear their side.

"At least [professors] inform us somewhat. I'd rather be informed halfway than not informed at all. And it gives us

an opportunity to ask questions that we want."

Logan Ward, another Dalhousie student, echoes Wheeldon's sentiments. He feels that because of the lack of information he is getting from the administration, the couple minutes a day his professors take are well worth it.

"I wouldn't know much about the [faculty dispute] otherwise, besides hearsay, so I'd like to hear their position.

"I don't hear much from [the administration]. I'm sure that if you go ask they would tell you more, but the pros and students are the only way you hear about it."

For most students, professors are their only source of information. They interact with professors daily and rarely, if ever, take the time to talk to administrators. While the nature of this situation allows professors a greater opportunity to talk to students about a strike, it also gives them an up-front look at the problems facing students.

"Management aren't in the classroom. They don't teach," said English professor Andy Wainwright. "They manage money. That's what they do. Sometimes they do it well and sometimes they obviously don't do it well."

The fact that many students feel that management is so far removed means student

naturally feel closer to professors.

"Students need to have as much information as they can," Wainwright said.

"Whatever it is I say to students has an impact within a particular period of time. They go outside of that classroom and they get a whole lot of other information."

But Dalhousie Student Union [DSU] President Chris Adams says that professors should be careful when discussing the strike in class.

"The reason I am most hesitant about the professors is because, with their power as teachers, sometimes misinformation is promoted in classrooms; and maybe that isn't the fault of professors," Adams said.

"I know some classes where a significant amount of time has been taken by the faculty to discuss the issue...but professors have to understand...some students would feel intimidated to ask a professor to stop talking about this sort of thing in class or say, 'this information is wrong or biased'."

Judith Thompson, an adjunct professor in the English Department, has not discussed the strike in class because of the peculiar situation that she finds herself in. Although she teaches courses at Dal, she is paid by King's and is therefore

not a member of the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA).

"I haven't talked about [the strike] because I don't exactly know [what I'm going to do]. I have to consult with other members of joint faculty...my situation is a very difficult one."

Although she doesn't talk about the strike in her classes, she does see how classroom discussion could have both positive and negative affects.

"I don't think it's necessarily appropriate for people to be engaging in demagoguery in class, but I don't suppose that many people are actually doing that," Thompson said. "I believe that one does spend time in classes...trying to link what they are doing to broader issues outside the class."

However, some people on campus do believe that students and faculty should be on the same side.

"The alliance should be between students and faculty — that is what the quality of the university is based on," Wainwright said. "Why should they be split when faculty is saying 'there is something very wrong here'?"

Wheeldon agrees.

"It is in our best interests to have professors that are happy, professors that are being paid well, professors that are being represented and have a good arrangement with the Board of

Governors," he said.

"I simply don't believe that the money is not there; the board is under mismanagement. It is expensive to run this university, but if you want to have a major institution you have to pay for it."

Adams, on the other hand, prefers to be critical of both the DFA and the administration.

"Both sides are using the students as bargaining chips," he said. "They're saying that, 'hey, we're interested in students...we're looking out for the best interests of students.' I would disagree."

"They're looking out for their own interests. [The DFA] is saying that they will go out on strike if they do not receive what they've been asking for. [The administration] is saying that our tuition will go up exponentially or we'll have cuts to other services, and this is definitely detrimental to students."

Krista Warnica, a third-year statistics student, believes that throughout everything students are the ones who are ultimately going to suffer.

"[We're] victims. We should be allowed to be among the negotiations," she said.

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Wondering whether you still have to go to class during a strike? What about that big essay that's due? This is not the first time the university and the professors have gone head to head, and students have rights in the event of a strike or lockout.

Some professors have been pushing assignment dates forward in order to get work marked in the event of a strike. However, according to the Academic Regulations in the 1997/98 Dalhousie Calendar, professors have no right to do so without the approval of the class.

Section 18.1 of the Academic Regulations state: "any changes to the course outline which affect assessment components, the weight of individual assessment components, or examination requirements with a value of ten percent or more must have the approval of at least two-thirds of enrolled students in order to be valid."

In the event of a strike, Senate adopted resolutions in Oct. 1988 affirming that:

1. Any [academic] regulations requiring attendance at classes and participation in examinations or tests shall not be enforced for the duration of any legal strike [or lockout];
2. Students have the right to cross or not to cross picket lines during a legal strike [or lockout] without any formal academic penalty.

And in 1991, Senate adopted the general principle that no student be adversely affected by missing a deadline because of a strike or lockout.

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Inequalities emerge as universities bite fundraising hook

BY ANDREW SUNSTRUM

TORONTO (CUP) — Smaller Canadian universities say they are getting the short end of the stick as the competition for private funds proceeds at a frenzied pace — and big schools continue to make a killing.

The current \$400-million University of Toronto fundraising campaign, boasted to be the most ambitious for a post-secondary institution in Canadian history, has already secured three-quarters of its goal just seven months into its public phase.

This mammoth donor-wooing drive is just one example of the new energy colleges and universities are putting towards raising private donations. U of T's closest competition to date includes two big-time rivals hailing from Montreal and Vancouver.

In 1996, McGill University put a cap on its 'Twenty-first century fund', which raised \$205-million. They were beat out three years earlier, however, by the University of British Columbia, which successfully completed a campaign that raised \$262-million.

Smaller schools were not so lucky. Saint Mary's University, Lakehead University in Northern Ontario, and the University of Winnipeg have wrapped up fundraising bonanzas over the last five years, pulling in a combined total of \$52.9-million.

Other universities are just breaking into the fray with ongoing campaigns designed to lure a few private dollars their way. Dalhousie, Carleton, York, Laurentian and Concordia have all jumped aboard with their own campaigns.

Amidst what may appear to be good-spirited competition lies a

formula for disaster, warns Jennifer Story, national deputy chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students.

"Those institutions who can recruit corporate funding will have a better level of education than the smaller and newer schools," she said. "Reliance on private funds leads to a system of have and have-not schools."

Derek Drummond, vice-principal of development and alumni relations at McGill, said there is no need to fret about smaller schools which aren't exactly in the big leagues from the outset.

"Their needs are not as great as ours, proportionately. It's all relative."

But a quick glance at just how much

universities are raking in relative to their needs speaks volumes. At the larger schools, private proceeds are sometimes more than half the size of the university's entire annual operating

return is the equivalent to 48 per cent.

Their smaller counterparts rarely hope to reach the half-way mark. The University of Winnipeg has targeted the equivalent of only 20 per cent of its annual budget. And with a \$7.7-million goal, the University of Prince Edward Island can only hope to raise 15 per cent of its budget.

The advertising glitz and glamour available to the big wigs makes gaining even modest ground difficult for smaller schools said Catherine Gillan, a spokesperson for UPEI.

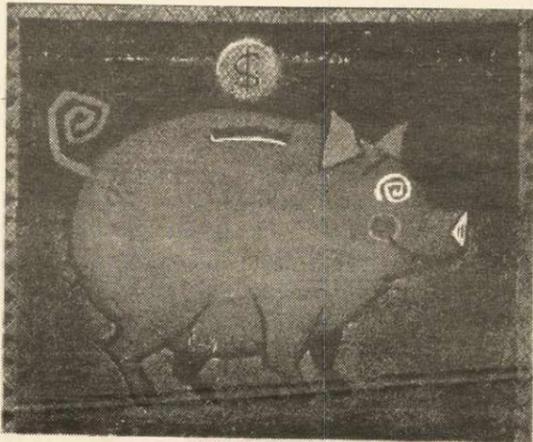
"Everyone is going to be out there looking for the same limited dollars, so competition will become a bigger issue," she said, explaining that attracting donations from national corporations is difficult when competing against

schools with cross-country exposure, such as U of T or UBC.

"I think inequity will become an issue over the years," Gillan said.

Certainly, the people power behind these fundraising drives differs wildly. Jon Dellandrea, U of T's chief development officer and the school's highest paid employee, netting a quarter of a million bucks for his services, estimates the university will spend \$2-million on its colossal campaign — nearly three times the actual fundraising goal at UPEI.

U of T currently employs a cast of 62 employees working out of their development office. McGill had 60 working on their huge campaign. But out in Halifax, St. Mary's only had five working on donor-wooing, while Lakehead had four and UPEI boasted two full-time fundraisers.



budget. U of T's \$400-million equates to about 65 per cent of its budget, while McGill's \$205-million fundraising

UPEI wary of impending government audit

BY KAREN RAWLINES,
CINDY CAMERON
AND PETER GILLIS

CHARLOTTETOWN (CUP) — Officials at the University of Prince Edward Island are skeptical about provincial plans to do a value-for-money audit of the school to see if taxpayers are getting their money's worth from the institution.

Wayne Murphy, PEI's auditor general, says both taxpayers and students will benefit from knowing if the university is spending their money wisely, adding that the audit will help UPEI make better use of its resources.

"The insights and

observations arising from such audits often suggest actions that allow the organizations to be more economical and efficient and to achieve better results with the resources available," he said.

Last year, UPEI received \$15-million in funding from the provincial government, with students adding approximately \$7-million of revenue in tuition fees.

University president Elizabeth Epperly says an audit is not necessary, as the school is already accountable for the funds it receives. Given the fact that UPEI regularly submits financial reports to the provincial government and has

outside consultants evaluate operations, she says a value-for-money audit is redundant.

"It is a waste of time, a waste of taxpayers' money, and it is inappropriate for this university," she said.

Neil Henry, the UPEI vice-president responsible for coordinating the university's response to the auditors, agrees.

"A value-for-money audit is simply jargon for what is, technically, a comprehensive audit," he said. "It was never designed for application to universities. It was designed to go beyond regular audits to determine if government programs were actually accomplishing what they were designed to accomplish."

Henry adds that the audit will be time-consuming for those involved.

"There is a great deal of time spent in explaining to the auditors the system in use for universities. Some professors may find the time normally reserved for students spent in

the audit process," he said.

According to Henry, the auditors requests for documentation has gone well beyond finances and facilities to include all aspects of the administration. There are concerns at the university that the audit could be used to evaluate the worth of specific academic programs, but Murphy says the government has no intention of evaluating the school's curriculum. He adds, however, that auditors may examine how the university evaluates programs and establishes new ones.

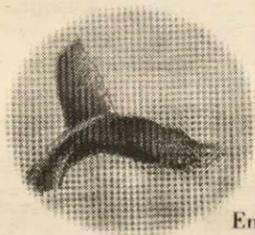
Epperly says this is the first time that a value-for-money audit has been performed on a Canadian university. Both the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada oppose applying the tool to post-secondary institutions.

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Exclusive airline deal angers UBC faculty

BY ALEX BUSTOS

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A business deal between Canadian Airlines and the University of British Columbia has ignited a debate about who controls professors' wallets.

The arrangement, which took effect at the beginning of the year, obliges university employees on academic business to fly with the airline. Those who can find a cheaper flight with another airline or those travelling to a destination not covered by Canadian are exempt from the rule.

The contract coincides with changes to UBC's travel policy requiring staff to choose between two university-approved travel agencies.

George Bluman, head of the Mathematics Department, says

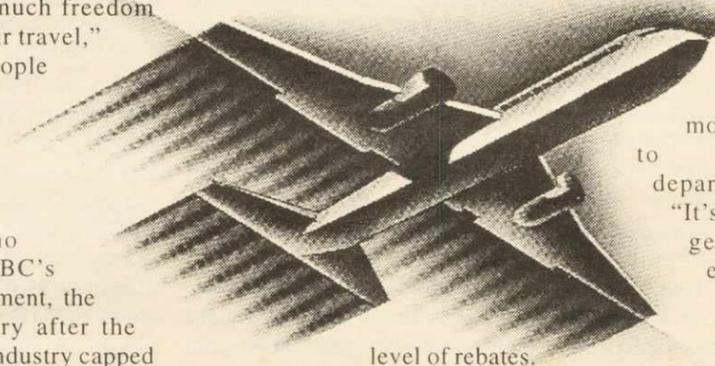
he is not convinced that the airline deal makes economic sense.

"[Professors] want to spend their grants wisely and they want to have as much freedom as possible on their travel," he said. "Many people are not convinced there will be any savings at all."

But according to a recent memo distributed by UBC's purchasing department, the deal was necessary after the Canadian airline industry capped the commissions travel agencies made on airfares. Those caps cut the amount agencies rebated to clients like UBC.

"Estimates indicate travel agency commission rebates to UBC would decline from

\$150,000 in 1997 to \$50,000 in 1998," the memo stated. By signing with Canadian Airlines the university says it could maintain a high



level of rebates. But the Canadian deal is really an example of administration dictating how faculty can use their research grants says one professor who wished to remain anonymous.

"Why does UBC have a travel

agency at all?" the professor asked. "This [may be] a way to avert research [grants]...to administration."

Connie Fabro, UBC's travel manager, disagrees.

"The [rebate] money is going back to each faculty department," she said. "It's not intended for general operating expenses."

According to the deal, Canadian will

provide the university with the lowest fares and give an additional rebate based on the volume of travel.

"Six per cent of the net travel [cost] will go back to each faculty," Fabro said, "and it's

proportional to the amount of travel."

The deal, following in the footsteps of a 1995 contract making Coca-Cola the sole beverage supplier on campus, has also reopened the debate on the relationship between academia and the private sector.

Robert Blake, president of the UBC's faculty association, says there has not been enough campus discussion on the level of corporate presence at the university.

"The general debate on the philosophical and political connotations of the corporate presence on campus should precede discussions on the practical advantages of business-education partnerships," he said. "To date, this debate has not occurred to any great extent."

U of M to establish common first-year program

BY ALI KHAN

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Hoping to counter high first-year dropout rates, the University of Manitoba is introducing a program that will dramatically change the way students experience their first year at university.

Called University 1, the new program requires new U of M students to take a common year of somewhat altered arts and sciences courses before applying to any specific faculty. The new program, which starts this September, is meant to make the transition from high school to university less of an ordeal by giving students more

time to explore their interests.

"University is like having a computer without a manual," said Joan McConnell, an assistant co-ordinator of the program. "You know you're supposed to do something with it, but without guidelines, you're not entirely sure just what."

The new program will be administered by a council, consisting of representatives from most U of M faculties and one student. It has already been determined that in their first year students will have to take a minimum number of arts and science course hours, with some time set aside for courses from other faculties, provided the

student has the required prerequisites.

Only students with a high school average of 85 per cent or higher will be able to enter the faculty of their choice directly in their first year.

There are a couple of faculties, such as the school of music, which students will be allowed to enter directly.

But while the goal of the program is to keep enrollment high, it may actually do the reverse, according to Winnipeg high school student Chris Millar.

"I will not be going to the University of Winnipeg next year and one of the key factors in that [decision] was

University 1," Millar said. "I think for most people who know what they want to do, University 1 is kind of unnecessary."

But Dave Burton, chair of the University 1 council, defends the program. He says for many students, the first year of university forces them to make some choices they may not necessarily be prepared to make.

Burton, along with University 1 staff, have been aggressively promoting the new program. More than 30,000 pamphlets have been distributed and there have been speaking engagements at 150 schools.

But for at least one high school administrator, the efforts have fallen short of what's required for such a major change.

According to Denis Granger, vice principal of Dakota Collegiate, the University 1 council has not been clear on what admission requirements are for the new program.

"The drawback is that there is no directive or support from either [the] Manitoba [Ministry of] Education and Training or the U of M in addressing concerns about University 1."

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Quebec students say enough is enough to government

BY PHILIPPE ROY AND KAREN CHO

QUEBEC CITY (CUP) — Students, teachers and support staff representing over 37 Quebec colleges gathered in front of the provincial legislature March 11 to protest impending funding cuts and a "failure fee" introduced by Quebec Education Minister Pauline Marois.

The demonstrators were opposing a rumoured \$82-million in proposed cuts to Quebec's colleges, as well as the new provincial "failure fee". College students who fail more than one class are now charged \$2 per class hour for their failed courses. The new fee was introduced in January.

Protesters arrived by bus from across the province to participate in the demonstration, organized by the

Federation des etudiants du Collegiale du Quebec. Braving sub-zero weather, participants marched from the historic Plains of Abraham to the National Assembly, bearing picket signs, banners and bells as they made their message loud and clear: "Down with the failure fee, education should be free!"

Philippe Leclerc, president of the federation, stressed that the province's colleges cannot withstand another round of cutbacks.

"There is [already] a loss of the quality of life in [the colleges]...and they're asking for another \$80-million," Leclerc said, referring to previous cutbacks in provincial education spending.

According to the federation, between 1982 and 1995, \$262-

million was cut from Quebec's colleges. Last year alone, they were hit with a \$70-million cut.

"I think it's important the government know what they are cutting isn't just numbers — it's possibilities," Dawson college student Rachelle Houde said of the protest.

Rosaire Margoux, a teacher from Ville de Lauzon, reiterated Leclerc's assertion that colleges have suffered enough. "The government has cut our salaries and [worsened] our working conditions," he said.

The demonstration, however, quickly gave way to political maneuvering as politicians came out of the provincial legislature to

jostle student representatives and union leaders for the attention of the crowd.

One Quebec City Liberal candidate even urged the crowd to vote Liberal to avoid the consequences of the Parti Quebecois' zero-deficit objective.

The political implications of the cuts were not lost on Sandra Hernandez, a student from Edouard-Monpetit. She pointed out that Quebec college students represent about 10,000 votes. If students are unhappy with the PQ government, she said, they won't vote for them in the next provincial election. Many observers expect an election to be called within a few months.

"When you cut education, you cut your future," Hernandez said.

Aside from the mass action in Quebec City, which organizers say over 4,000 people participated in — francophone and anglophone colleges across the province held their own demonstrations. Seventeen schools also held day-long strikes to protest the new fee and the coming cuts.

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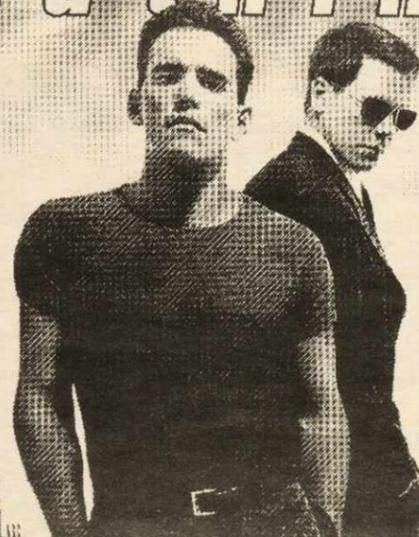
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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Candidates crumble over conservation questions

BY GINA STACK

Environmental conservation is not a pressing issue for politicians in this month's provincial election.

Students in the Nature Conservation class of the Biology Department sent a questionnaire to the Progressive Conservative, Liberal and New Democratic parties of Nova Scotia, in an attempt to discover the parties' stance on conservation issues.

Jessica Maddison, one of four members of the group completing the project says that the group was both happy and disappointed with the responses by the parties.

"We hope that the results have an impact on the student vote," she said.

Maddison says the group was pleased with the responses given by the NDP party, but disappointed with those from the PCs and the Liberals.

However, a quick glance at the responses by all three parties shows little depth of thought, or commitment to the conservation issues.

For example, the third question in the survey read: "Following the restitution of the Jim Campbell's Barren into the system plan of protected areas, it was announced that the parks division of the Department of Natural Resources would

move to the Department of Environment. Will your party, as a government, continue with this move? If no, what future do you plan for the parks division?"

The Conservative party stated that it raised the issue in the NS Legislature on Nov. 26, but no definitive action has been taken by the governing

Liberals. In his response, PC leader John Hamm did not state which department he believed should be responsible for parks, but the fact that parks require significant manpower must be taken into consideration.

The Liberal's answer was more definitive, stating that "at this time there are no plans to change the move of the Parks

Division from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of the Environment.

The NDP answer was the briefest, stating a simple "yes".

Despite the effort by students in the Nature Conservation class to get politicians to talk about an issue of importance to them, the responses to their

survey illustrate a lack of interest on the part of provincial politicians.

Maddison says that the questionnaires were handed out on Mar. 9 to both the provincial leaders and the three candidates for the Halifax-Citadel riding. Of the six questionnaires, three were returned (one from each party) and all were late.

Electric Odyssey shocks thousands

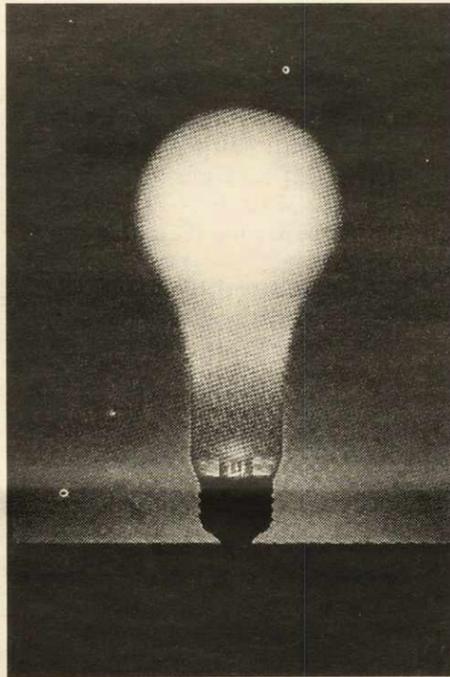
BY ERIN SPERLING

People who usually play with electricity are in for a shock. The Discovery Centre has found a way to educate the public about electricity with a hands-on approach that is not quite a hair-raising experience.

The Barrington Street Science Education Centre has made electricity into interactive fun through an exhibition called "Electric Odyssey".

Some of the 15 exhibits include a look inside a microwave and a hair dryer. There is also the chance to jump on a stationary bike to generate enough electricity to light up a doll house big enough for a student to live in. Of course, the favourite is the plasma ball, which emits rays of violet energy to points on a

clear sphere wherever a body part touches it.



The "Electric Odyssey", which will be running for the

next four months, is in addition to the centre's regular displays, interactive excitement areas, shows and films.

Upstairs on the third floor the Discovery Centre has made a home for bridges, which is understandable considering the affinity this area seems to have for these impressive structures. In this room everyone has the opportunity to build a bridge, both with a computer and with your hands.

Another famous attraction of the centre is the Bubble Room, where there is an never-ending supply of dish-soap. Standing inside a bubble becomes a reality here.

Despite the fact that the average age of entry is seven-and-a-half, there were many adults present. And they

were enjoying themselves as much as the kids. There was definitely some healthy competition for access to the exhibits.

"Our highest attendance rate has been 1500 [during Halloween of 1997]. Yesterday we cracked over a thousand and today, I suspect, we are quite on par to do the same. Attendance is greatly increasing," said Ashli MacInnis, the coordinator of marketing and special events at the Discovery Centre.

"I get a big kick out of watching the parents when they go in the bubble room...they have just as much fun as the kids," she said.

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If you have got the attention span or lust for politics to carry you through our 3-page Rhetoric Supplement, it's not too hard to realize these candidates are serving up the same bland, lean and cheap meal. The only difference is the method of cooking.

Ed Kinley seems to be hiding his party's dreadful track-record in the kitchen behind filler side-dishes. The Liberals dropped a charred, \$80-million nugget on the health care fire, but they haven't even checked the cold-storage to see if there is any wood left to keep the embers glowing.

Do Liberal spin doctors think the electorate is so stupid that they can't identify band-aid remedies for a health care system that their party decimated in 1993? It's embarrassing to sit and watch a man with a history in medicine scramble to fix a problem like that just to get votes.

Kinley was bent on

identifying with students through his stance on the environment. He talks about his party's decisions always having an underlying environmental check and balance. What about the Sydney Tar Ponds? Festering PCB sores on Cape

federal election in 1993. He wanted to retain Canada's social safety net while slashing the deficit. Chretien realized that you can't have your cake and eat it too, and should New Democrats form the government of Nova Scotia, Chisholm will as well. Because of the public affection for balanced budgets and fiscal responsibility, and because of the NDP's yearnings to become a legitimate political force, the NDP will lose its left-wing stance pretty quickly.

PC candidate Tara Erskine has yet to spend the obligatory twenty-eight day waiting period hanging in the political meat locker. She's still raw, and her toeing of the party line shows that she's not ready to get adventurous or out-spoken with politics. Erskine feels she is the obvious choice for student voters because she is young and has student loans hanging over her head. Erskine will only have a chance if she realizes that students don't want rhetoric. They want straight talk and someone who doesn't sound like a puppet for their party's elite.

When you get right down to it, Nova Scotia is stuck with one party in three different packages. Their menus are about as diverse as that hot dog vendor outside the Dome on Saturday nights.

We shouldn't be so mean. We do get a kick out of listening to each party's platforms. But when March 25 rolls around, it will be obvious that election hype and talk amounts to very little. All three candidates are greasing us up with promises, but we all know they're going to chuck us back in the oven for another five years.

JOHN CULLEN
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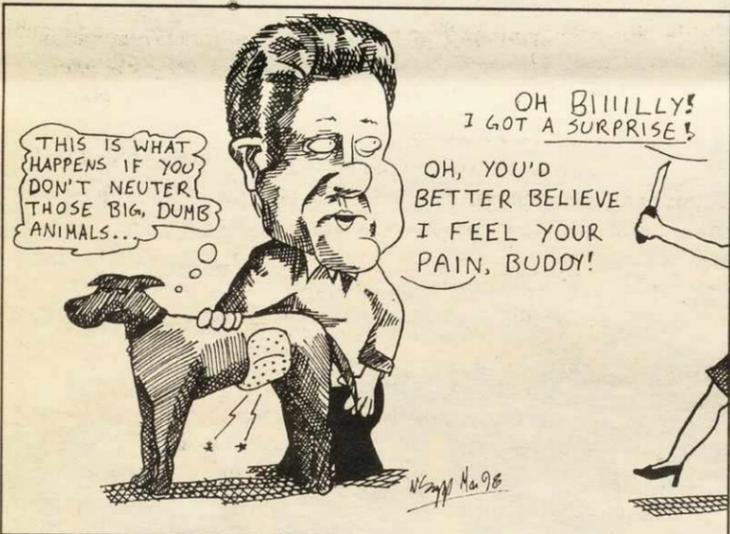
Breton's face kind of blows that stance out of the water.

Peter Delefos, our NDP candidate, offers a whole lot in the way of a tasty feast, but he doesn't really tell us what's in Colonel Chisholm's secret recipe. He promises that we'll get nothing more than what we can pay for. So, given Nova Scotia's economic state, it looks like meat and potatoes.

Because NDP leader Robert Chisholm has never seen a ledger in his life, he has the luxury of making vague promises about tuition freezes and increased social spending. But he adds a caveat: he "won't add one red cent to the operating deficit of Nova Scotia".

We're glad we can see through this sham. Chisholm sounds an awful lot like Jean Chretien did before he won the

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Students with disabilities seek equal as Advisor

To the editor,

I am a physically challenged student who has attended Dalhousie since 1993. My heart leapt for joy when I read the headline on page eight of the Dalhousie News, "Kolmer, Shokry receive new appointments".

I prematurely jumped to the conclusion that Ms. Shokry, Dalhousie's "able-bodied" Advisor to Students with Disabilities, had transferred out of the university. Unfortunately, my assumption was too good to be true, as the article went on to explain.

Meanwhile, I intend to keep the faith that some day a person with a disability will be appointed to this position at Dalhousie.

MARY MACDONALD
IDS Program

The Liberals — the lesser of two evils

To the editor,

This letter is in regards to Daniel Clark's March 12 political commentary on Russell MacLellan's silence during the provincial debate. Well, everyone is wondering why Russell MacLellan was caught silent after being asked if he would resign if the budget isn't balanced.

Premier MacLellan was stunned by the question; he was stunned by the complete lack of understanding of the political system from the leader of the opposition, Dr. Hamm, who asked the question. Dr. Hamm's question is equivalent to that of a child on a swing set saying to another, "If you don't spin so high, you have to get off".

After the debate, Mr. MacLellan said that he knew both underdogs would take cheap shots all night. That's all they could do. What do you expect? There exists a party that doesn't want to deal with big business and another that expects people to vote for them because they're going to give them \$50 a year for heating costs! That's less than a dollar a week, something that will collectively make the government lose \$14-million. The PCs might as well be handing out liquor as you go to the voting booths.

I'm not defending the Liberal party's cuts over the last couple of years. There were many which had to be done, and someone had to do it. Basically, when you're voting, you have to look at who is doing the lesser of the evils. I believe that the Liberals need our continued support because what are the PCs going to do?

HUGHIE FRASER

No vote for Kinley

To the editor,

The good Dr. Kinley thinks that the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) should refrain from striking until after the term has been completed, so as not to disrupt life at Dalhousie. How is an undistruptive strike going to be a useful bargaining tool?

The good doctor, an MLA for Halifax-Citadel, must think that the

students of Dalhousie University are brain-dead if he thinks he can score votes with such a stand against his own union. I will be graduating this year, but I support the DFA, and if my graduation has to be postponed in order that the quality of education for future students is not further impaired, so be it. Dr. Kinley, you will never have my vote.

ORIANE LANDRY

Kinley concerned for Dal students in event of a strike

To the editor,

Last week I wrote to express my concerns about the pending faculty strike at Dalhousie. Once again, I urge both sides to settle their differences, or wait until the end of the academic year before taking strike action. There will be no winners if the students lose their year at Dalhousie.

Over the past week I have received phone calls from constituents alarmed about NDP literature blaming Liberals "for dumping on students". This is not true. The Liberal Party instituted the social programs we cherish, such as universal health care and high quality education.

We eliminated the deficit to prevent Nova Scotia from going bankrupt. We did this to protect the future of the health and education system. Any suggestion that we do not care about social programs is false, NDP rhetoric. Instead of being negative, I stress the bright future ahead for Nova Scotia. We are on the brink of an economic boom in this province.

The provincial government will be receiving new revenue from the 30,000 new jobs created in the last four years. The Nova Scotia Government can now re-invest in social programs. For example, last week I pledged my support behind the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education's recommendation to inject \$23-million in university funding.

I feel this funding is necessary to keep tuition costs at their current levels and to help each university provide a higher quality of education. At Dalhousie this means the Board of Governors will have more money to improve faculty salaries, without raising tuition.

University education and health care are important issues to me. I have spent my life as a teacher, a researcher, and a heart surgeon at the Dalhousie Medical School. I have dedicated my life to these endeavours and I will do everything I can to make them better. I ask you to help me accomplish this by voting Liberal on March 24.

ED KINLEY

Liberal candidate, Halifax-Citadel

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Charest can join French and English Canada

It seemed like your average publicity shot. Jean Charest was touring his home riding on Sherbrooke on March 13. On a visit to a science fair the federal leader of the Progressive Conservative party was asked to illustrate how liquid carbon dioxide can freeze two roses. Banging the two of them together, Charest and a demonstrator smashed the two roses apart. For some, it was a neat science trick. For others, it symbolized the potential fracturing of the greatest nation around, and how this man could potentially turn that process around.

Charest has been hinting around the idea of running for the Quebec Liberal leadership for a few days, but already his office has been flooded with calls and letters begging him to take the opportunity. At first Charest was adamant that he would not replace Liberal leader Daniel Johnson, who announced on March 2 that he would be resigning the post.

Johnson, since the 1994 election that saw him move to opposition status, had been little more than a federalist lame duck in the Quebec legislature. His acquiescence to the Parti Quebecois prior to the

referendum saw him lose favour to many federalists in and out of the province.

Johnson's decision to quit was a difficult, but necessary, one. His Liberals seemed to be relegating to anglophone-only status, which might have appeared — to many francophones — that only anglophones are in support of staying in Canada. If this seems like a generalization of francophones, I apologize. Lately I seem susceptible to making stereotypes.

Johnson's withdrawal leaves the Liberals in virtual political limbo. Ottawa needs someone

with the charisma and the support in Quebec that Charest can provide. Is he being coerced into the job? Well, maybe.

It seems as if the media pundits have made up his mind for him. Suzanne Poulin, Charest's riding assistant, reported that "whatever his decision is going to be, they are going to support him anyway." She based that on calls coming into her office, which seem split evenly on which way to go.

His reluctance may seem a bit narcissistic, but he has good reasons to be. He has worked fervently to rebuild the Conservative party after the

major election defeat of 1993. Since then the Tories have become a significant opposition. But while rebuilding the federal Tories was a difficult task, rebuilding the Quebec Liberals could be relatively easy.

An Angus Reid poll released last week said that 44 per cent of Quebecers would vote for Charest as premier, with only 34 per cent voting for Bouchard.

People sometimes forget that Charest and Bouchard were not only allies in the Mulroney cabinet, but personal friends as well. In 1990 the friendship ended when Bouchard accused Charest of softening the agreements in the Meech Lake accord, betraying Quebec's interests in the process. Three years later, Bouchard became leader of the official opposition.

The political analysts have all been voraciously against Charest stepping down as leader of the PC party, afraid the Tories will be consumed by the Reformers or that Ralph Klein will assume leadership and destroy politics as we know it. In their minds Charest would be much happier in perpetual opposition status.

The public is pulling him the other way, saying he's the only hope for federalism in Quebec. It's a catch-22 for the party: either Charest runs for the Liberals and

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LETTERS CONTINUED

The big picture in the Gulf

To the editor,

I read with great dismay Alan LeBlanc's enlightening opinion piece entitled "Standing up for hostility in the Gulf", in the March 5 issue of the Gazette. As much as it surprises me to find out that material of such discriminatory slant is still publishable in Canada, I feel obliged to help Mr. LeBlanc rid himself of the parasites that infect his mind.

It truly intrigues me how Mr. LeBlanc can overlook the negative implications that his article has on his image as a writer. Buddy, to be very frank, your article makes you look like a racist warmonger. I don't know whether you plan for a career in journalism, but I assure you that this is one article you shouldn't include in your portfolio.

I will now dissect your article to teach you about an area of the world which you know very little about. And I hope to God you can pick up a few simple manners along the way.

You claim that Canada has been criticized in the past for using diplomacy as a deterrent to war. When was that? Where in the world is anyone criticized for being a diplomat? What kind of a high were you in when you wrote this?

You claim that the march we organized was a pro-Saddam initiative. Do you even know how ignorant this statement makes you look? Obviously not. We have made it clear over and over again that we do not support the dictatorial Iraqi regime, and any human with a shoe for a brain would have realized this fact, as most of the Arabs in Halifax have suffered in one way or another from Saddam's tyrannical rule and offensive foreign policy.

You seem to imply in your article that because Iraq is not a liberal democracy, it is not eligible for international humanitarian relief efforts. Tremendous thinking. You then move on to question the reliability of a statistic that places child deaths in Iraq since the Gulf War at 5,000 children annually.

How do you know the loss of human lives in Iraq since the war is not substantial? I, too, am sceptical of the source of this statistic, yet I refuse to refer to this statistic as

"stupid". Do you even know what life in Iraq is like right now? When were you last in Iraq?

You then try to justify denying the people of Iraq even basic humanitarian aid through the lifting of the economic embargo. You do that on the assumption that Iraq's economy must remain submerged, since any economic revival in Iraq would increase government revenue, thereby increasing weapons research. By virtue of this statement, you are clearly denying Iraq the right to economic growth, as enshrined in the UN Charter of Rights.

I agree with you that it is not the US administration's intention to bomb villages and people. However, it is inevitable that the human cost of such a strike will be horrendous. This is mainly because these "key military targets" have not been confirmed as armour sites. In addition, inspector reports stated that if WMD locations are bombed, there is the overwhelming threat of unleashing these lethal agents.

And to quote the US Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, on sacrificing human lives, "People always die in wars, it's worth it in the long run." Well said.

You refer to the protesters as "Middle Eastern students." In fact, these students are as much Canadians as you are. Then you ask us if we care about the threat that Iraq's WMDs have on neighbouring Arab nations.

Well, the answer is yes. However, by virtue of our knowledge of Middle Eastern politics, we can make the judgement call as to whether it is appropriate to embrace diplomacy or resort to war. That is why all but a couple of Arab countries supported a military strike, a situation very different from that which resulted in the Gulf War of 1991.

You then justify a military strike by saying that it is the only thing Hussein responds to. Well, on this matter, history has proved you mistaken. Despite the use of extensive force against Saddam in 1991, the tyrant is still here, outliving most western leaders that led the war against him. Bad news.

And to further embarrass you, diplomacy has worked with Saddam this time.

No single paragraph in any paper I've ever read has been as personally offensive as the last one in your article. Do you not know that the Canadian government was and is still being paid for every army soldier it sent, and for every hour this soldier spent protecting Arab lands? Kuwait owes 38 nations oil-money for its liberation, most of which has been paid. But I don't. Canada sacrificed for its economic wellbeing.

It was the Gulf War that secured

every Canadian's ability to be able afford to fill their cars up with gas, not liberate faraway Kuwait's from a horrid invasion.

In closing, I want to further stress that despite your dismay, most of the people you have so conveniently antagonized are Canadians. Trash those thoughts of yours and get a grip of the big picture, my friend. Things are not always what they seem.

ADEL ISKANDAR

President,

Dalhousie Arabic Society

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DSU should support faculty's side

To the editor,

I am writing with regards to the strike, and the DSU's position. I am very upset that the DSU is not supporting the teachers in this important issue.

They concentrate on what effects the strike will have on the student body, which is important and fair, but they should also concentrate on the effects the lack of supporting the faculty will have on the students.

The fact is that we have the third highest tuition in Canada. The fact is that with comparable universities, we rank 10th place in salaries for the faculty. Where is the money going? To pay DSU salaries? (Which I hear are \$16,000 and they want to increase to \$17 or \$18,000).

One of my professors said that he used to work at Queen's 20 or 30 years ago, and that if he were still there he would be making \$20,000 a year more

than he makes at Dalhousie, and that throughout his time at Dalhousie, the administration has not wanted to deal with, or agree, with the faculty requests. They always blew it off and "didn't have the funds" to increase salary.

After Chris Adams came to talk to one of my classes, the teacher said that Chris gave misleading information.

He explained the situation to us. He said that the current pay at Dalhousie is not good incentive for new professors to come, nor for new ones to stay.

The DSU keeps focusing on the short term losses of a strike, but never mentions the long term effects of these negotiations. These include the fact that if Dalhousie does not pay sufficiently, the quality will decrease. The quality of education will also decrease if the full-time faculty are not replaced, as well as if current

trends of hiring part-time (underpaid) teachers continue.

My reasoning is that part-time faculty do not spend as much time in school (they already spend enough time preparing lectures for which they don't get paid enough...about one third of a DSU salary) which not only decreases the amount of teachers available for the students, but puts a greater burden and pressure on teachers (faculty) who must fill in for them.

Part-time employers also do not have "roots" set in, and do not know the system or the way things are run, and they do not have the time to learn it because they are not in school very much. This makes them less adequate than full-time faculty, and as mentioned before, adds pressure on the present faculty. Part-time employees should be used only occasionally, or as

substitutes or "trials" before a full-time position is given, but not as a replacement for full-time faculty.

What I have said does not come from "nowhere", but from speaking with faculty, and having worked as a co-op student at SMU in the Chemistry department — where there is a great trend to hire part-time instructors, rather than full-time instructors. And I have seen and felt the effects as an employee.

The DSU focuses on the loss of summer jobs or post-graduation jobs if a strike occurs. But if we do not support our faculty in this fight the quality of education will be affected, and my Dalhousie diploma will not be worth very much. Others will look at it and snicker, thinking of the low quality education.

The fact is, governments are cutting everywhere, and we get

out with our degrees, with no jobs to look forward to. And if we do find a job, we will most likely get a contract job, with no benefits, because that is the current trend.

We must support our teachers in their fight for good working conditions, pay and support, because it sets up standards for ourselves when we get to the working world.

If we only look at short term gains and benefits and losses, such as the DSU's position to not support the DFA, we are following the destructive trends of our society. We must look at the long term, for the benefit of our school, our teachers, and most importantly, ourselves.

P.S. I am not alone in these opinions.

BARBARA MULLER

Charest catch 22

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the Tories lose support, or he stays and they lose support.

If he does run, the plan would work out great for Charest. Not only would he be heralded as the man who renewed the federalist spirit in Quebec, but his party will have an excuse to join with the Reform party in the "unite the right" movement that the more conservative-minded have been pressuring them to do.

Charest's long-time rivalry with the Prime Minister will also give him the reputation that made Bouchard so popular — standing up to Ottawa rather than trying to play along with them. Negotiating with the federal government gave us a sucker deal with the BST. All you would-be premiers take note: start standing up for your province if you want popularity with your voters.

Last year I had the opportunity

to see Jean Charest at the Weldon Law Building. He was doing local campaigning for the PC candidates from the Maritimes and giving a lecture to a handful of law students. What impressed me the most was his candour about national affairs.

As the premier of Quebec, he might be well suited to fulfil the job requirements. Bouchard is obligated to hold an election by next year, and I know Charest can take that province. Mind you, his becoming premier may not be a panacea for the separatist movement, but Charest can help bridge the gap between French and English Canada.

For the nation's sake, I hope he does it. Good luck, Jean.

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Peter Delefes
NDP

Peter Delefes is a former school teacher and school principal. He lost the November by-election to Ed Kinley by just 161 votes.



Ed Kinley
Liberal

Ed Kinley is a distinguished heart surgeon and member of the faculty of medicine at Dalhousie. He won the provincial by-election for the Halifax-Citadel seat last November.



Tara Erskine
PC

Tara Erskine is a labour lawyer with a downtown Halifax law firm. She attended Dalhousie for six years, completing degrees in both political science and law.

The Gazette met with the candidates of the Halifax-Citadel riding to ask them some questions of concern to students. In an attempt to be as unbiased as possible, we asked each candidate ten scripted questions. Candidates were presented with the questions five minutes before the interview began, so that they could organize their thoughts and avoid repeating themselves. No supplementary questions were asked. The answers have been edited for brevity.

What do you think of the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education's recommended \$22-million increase to post-secondary education funding?

NDP: As I understand it, the increase is based on the new funding arrangement that's been proposed and that it is a viable and warranted increase. The question is whether the funding is really forthcoming from the provincial government. I think [funding is] absolutely necessary and absolutely essential. If funds

"...It's too much to expect that our provincial government can provide all the monies that are needed for education and healthcare and social programs without additional federal funds."

Peter Delefes

aren't forthcoming, then I'd expect there would be real problems operating educational institutions. I laud the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education for making the recommendation, and I hope the money is forthcoming.

LIB: Well I think their recommendation is probably the most relevant because they are the only organization whose mandate and commitment seems to be to assess the funding needs of post secondary education. I think we have to take their recommendation seriously — they've put a lot of time and research into developing these recommendations. So I think they are probably the most probable ones around.

The only way at the present time we can spend more money on any programs is through economic growth. Nobody wants us to borrow more money. So it's a matter of economic growth or seeking it from somewhere else.

PC: I am personally in support of increased funding for the universities. I think the question of accessibility is very important. We have to keep tuition at a manageable level in order to allow students to attend Dal.

The Progressive Conservative party has not come out and said they are totally in support of a freeze on tuition, but I personally think it is something that must be considered. The cost of a tuition freeze is also something which has to be measured. I think the NDP has been talking about a tuition freeze [and] they haven't considered the financial implications in their platform on how much [a freeze] is going to cost. To my knowledge they haven't provided those numbers. And especially what's happening with the strike, the university has to consider the issue of keeping a quality faculty here at Dal. So I'm totally in support of the increase and certainly supportive of pressuring the federal government to take up their side of it.

How would you address the fact that Nova Scotia universities have a high number of out-of-province students, but the funding our universities receive does not account for these students?

NDP: It's something I've been made aware of — that many of our students are from out-of-province. There has to be some sort of arrangement made inter-provincially so there can be adequate funding for Nova Scotia and these students.

"If [universities] are a resource and people want to come and use them, we should not have to support them ourselves. The people who come should bring their funding with them."

Ed Kinley

LIB: Well I think that's an issue which has been sitting around a long time and I don't know why it hasn't been addressed before. I think it's great that our universities attract out-of-province students. It's good for the university as well as the students.

Our universities are a resource. It just so happens the way the province developed, the universities started up in different locations. They started up because people thought that education was the key to their future. And if they are a resource and people want to come and use them, we should not have to support them ourselves. The people who come should bring their funding with them.

As you know, a quarter or more of our students come from out-of-province and the provincial funding for those students stays in their home province. I just don't understand that. We did bring it up with Paul Martin, the [federal] finance minister, a week ago when he was in Halifax. I think the province has to take a very strong stand on this because the money those students could bring to this province could actually be more than [the funding recommended by] the Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education.

PC: The conservative party has included in its platform a plan to deal with this. Right now the federal government provides funding to provinces for education based on the number of students. So right now Nova Scotia is funding the education of a number of out-of-province students.

I don't think the answer to this problem is to increase fees for out-of-province students like Quebec does, and I certainly would not want to discourage out-of-province students to study in Nova Scotia. Dalhousie and King's have a very high proportion of out-of-province students and that's something that should be encouraged because it lends to the prestige of the university. But the fact is that Nova Scotia has been a have-not province with funding, and we're bearing the brunt of funding the education of a lot of out-of-province students. So we're going to lobby the federal government to change the way that they fund education so that the funding follows the student to the province they choose to study in.

The Dalhousie administration says that it cannot meet the demands of its professors due to a lack of government funding. As a result, students are faced with a possible faculty strike/lockout. How can a provincial government have a positive impact on this situation?

NDP: The lack of government funding comes as a result of the amount of cutbacks in federal government allocations. Billions of dollars have been cut over the last few years, having a terrible impact on the funding of universities and healthcare in this province. I think it's too much to expect that our provincial government can provide all the monies that are needed for education and healthcare and social programs without additional federal funds. So it's an unfortunate situation we find ourselves in. But again, the provincial government is going to have to provide whatever monies it can. Myself and the NDP have indicated that if elected, we would reallocate funds within the spending envelope permitted. We have pledged ourselves to a balanced budget — not adding two red cents to the deficit. We'd allocate as much money as possible in consultation with the universities to ensure they can operate and maintain a standard of quality.

"I think the faculty has to remember that they are dealing with a finite resource. Their expectations have to be adjusted to what is financially responsible in the province. The health workers have done it, the teachers have done it, and the faculty has to do it."

Ed Kinley

LIB: I think everyone who is in those bargaining units has to remember that four years ago this government was virtually bankrupt. We had a deficit of \$617-million and it was rising every year. We were losing control of our money — we were being owned by foreign creditors. We would not have had a good post-secondary education system in this province if we had lost control of the whole financial picture. The Liberal government has been able to turn this around in four years. It has come around because of cuts the government has had to make in its programs.

The only way you can balance [a budget] and eliminate a deficit is to cut spending or bring more money into the system. Bringing more money into the system means you have to raise taxes. The economy has to grow to produce more taxes, so you [can] get more tax transfers from Ottawa. No one thought we could tax any further because [taxes] are already so high, so cuts had to be made. The cuts were chiefly in health and education because those are the two main constitutional responsibilities of the provincial government. Those are the big areas of spending. Healthcare takes 30 per cent [of the budget's funding] and the education system takes 25 per cent, so that's where the largest cuts had to be made.

They were made as carefully as possible. But they hurt. In the education system, in an attempt to deal with [the cuts], there had to be some tuition increases.

In terms of the current situation, I think the faculty has to remember that they are dealing with a finite resource. Their expectations have to be adjusted to what is financially responsible in the province. The health workers have done it, the teachers have done it, and the faculty has to do it. It may be that they are not well paid, but no one in the province is. The government is going to have to point out to the parties [involved] that they have to live within the budget — the government can't suddenly produce money.

PC: I think the current situation is due to the Liberal government's approach to these negotiations. The government has been dragging its feet here on the funding. I certainly wouldn't want to put the blame on the administration because the funding comes from the provincial government. I think the students, faculty and administration would not be faced with this if it wasn't for the attitude of the current government.

There has been much talk of a new economic prosperity for Nova Scotia. What role will Nova Scotia students play in this new economy?

NDP: Well of course, the students will become the next generation of employees. Right now the economy is not that buoyant, although Mr. MacLellan would like us to think it is. You may not be aware, but the poverty rate in this province has increased since 1993 by thousands of persons. Our concern is that we're going to lose a lot of our young people. They will seek employment elsewhere. What we're going to try to do is provide a large number of good, well paying jobs — permanent jobs — here in this province. So when students graduate, there's something there for them.

LIB: The new economic prosperity is showing signs — it is quite encouraging. The investment capital rate of increase is higher in Nova Scotia than any other province. The unemployment rate in Metro is down to 8.5 per cent, so the economy is entering a boom stage. There are more jobs in Nova Scotia now than there were four years ago. This new economy provides an opportunity for students to work, and the students are the engine for the growth in the economy — it works both ways. If you don't have an educated workforce, you won't have the economic growth, and the economic growth provides the jobs for the students. It's two sides to the same coin.

PC: Well, Nova Scotia students will soon be the professionals and the labour force of this new economy. And I think that's why education and job creation is so important. I mentioned previously what we're trying to do to make students more prepared for this new economy, but I failed to mention that we are setting up a co-op program within the provincial civil service so students can get work experience in their area of study. So when they graduate, not only will they have [been] working as a student, they'll have something on their resumé that will make them more able to get a job. Students are vital, I mean the future of Nova Scotia depends on having a work force that's educated and trained. There are jobs out there. If you look in the employment section of the newspaper — if you are unemployed you certainly don't want to hear this — there are jobs out there. The challenge is to make sure that people are trained so that Nova Scotians can take these jobs.

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Given that tuition and student debt levels are becoming prohibitive, what is the best approach to making education more accessible?

NDP: Certainly the debt load is becoming onerous. In canvassing this riding, I have encountered many students. I'm finding that many of them are carrying debt loads of \$20,000-30,000. Basically their future is being mortgaged, and I find that very worrisome.

I don't think the public at large is aware of the magnitude of these problems. When I went to Dalhousie in the 1960s, I was able to leave university without a debt and actually have my first year of education — I was an education student — paid for by the provincial government. We've come a far cry from that day.

Students now have to defer decisions like buying a house, getting married, putting money in an RRSP, because of their debt loads. There's also the difficulty of finding a job. It takes five or six years for most university graduates to find a permanent job. That's a very serious problem.

What can we do? Well, we've got to establish a cap on tuition fees — that would be our first step. This is not a long-term measure, but an essential first step. Tuition fees have been skyrocketing in recent years. In the last 10 years they have gone up 135 per cent. Tuition fees of \$5,000-6,000 are making education inaccessible to low income families. This is a concern for our party. With respect to debt, the province now has a loans remission program, and it's not a bad one. We would see adjustments and improvements to that program. We would also like to see the reintroduction of a Nova Scotia bursary program which was in place in 1993, which provided upfront grants to students in need.

Those are some of our plans. Of course we would lobby hard; we would fight the federal government to make more monies available.

LIB: The best approach to making it accessible is to keep the tuition costs as low as possible. No one that I've talked with seriously suggests that we abolish tuition and I think most of society would agree. There are too many other demands on the limited resources of government. There are other social programs in existence and additional programs which are being looked at — such as child care. But we have to control the tuition, keep it

reasonable, and make loans to students accessible.

The loan revision program is part of accessibility. We have provincial loans and Canada student loans. Harmonization of the loans has to be looked at.

The other part of the loan, of course, is... repayment. It has to be based on the ability of the student to repay. The interest should be deferred until you are able to pay. There is a loans remission program in Nova Scotia. The province together with the students should try to get the Canada student loan repayment scheme more in line with what the province has. I think we have to remember that remissions does mean that [loans] are paid [back].

PC: I think there are a number of sides to this and it should not be done in one front. As I stated before, I think there has to be increased funding for education. I think the question of relieving the crippling debt load on students is a big issue and our platform addresses this as well. Students come out of Dalhousie

with an average of \$25,000 debt. They're not moving directly into paying jobs, so they can't pay back the loans. So what we'd do is set up a job search and support program for those students who are nearing the end of their industry program.

Provided that the student is participating in this program — looking for jobs and deciding on the training they may need — the interest-free period would be extended.

For those students who are lucky enough to get a job when they're finished university, we would allow them to set off a portion of their student loan payments against their provincial income tax, so they'll get to reduce up to 30 per cent what they're paying in provincial income tax. We've costed out all the implications of this platform and this would cost the government \$1.8-million, but I think it will help former students who are struggling. We've also announced bursary programs and bursaries for medical students.

"Students now have to defer decisions like buying a house, getting married, putting money in an RRSP, because of their debt loads." Peter Delefos

Do you see the rise of corporate influence in government as positive or negative? Why?

NDP: I see it as negative. I see our governments now moving more to the right and I see more of a corporate mentality. As evidence, the government is trying to privatize everything — our social services, for example. And so now we see the phenomena of the "Three P" schools. They are built by the private sector and then leased to the province over a number of years. Our province claims this method of funding buildings is advantageous — cheaper schools built fairly quickly. They have started a number of schools under this arrangement, but they haven't concluded any leases yet. I guess the private sector now is having second thoughts. It will be interesting to see what will come of that.

But that whole mentality, the privatization of the public sector, comes from the whole corporatist mentality "better make a buck on everything."

Now we have the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. Canada has been secretly involved in negotiations with 29 other developed countries to sign an agreement which is basically a Bill of Rights for the corporate sector. They can come into this country and basically move money around at will. They are treated exactly the same as a Canadian citizen.

That whole development is of some concern to me personally. I think the corporate sector is an important generator of jobs in this economy. Some large corporations provide excellent jobs here. Companies like Michelin, and home grown industries like Sobey's. But we don't want the interests of Nova Scotians to be in the place of the corporate [sector].

LIB: There's a couple of aspects to that. The corporate influence, I think you can look at in terms of the direct influence on governments. The direct influence is by lobbyists and active lobby groups working in the government. Lobby techniques are a way of educating governments and bringing [specific] interests to the government.

A little more sinister can be the influence they have in terms of economic strength. By means of moving jobs into an area or out of an area depending on the cost efficiencies of the place. I think we have to be competitive; we can't just say "don't do that", it won't work. To deal with the influences of these corporations we have to have a well educated workforce, we have to be efficient and we have to be ready to compete. But at the same time the playing field has to be level and that's the problem that I see with the influence of big corporations.

"You can't deny the fact that corporations are going to influence government, but I think the challenge is that the government can not be seen unnecessarily favouring certain corporations."

Tara Erskine

PC: You're assuming this is a fact — that there has been a rise in corporate influence in government, and I'm not sure I necessarily agree. To me it looks like an NDP question, but anyway, I think that corporations play a very important role in our economy and that's something that can't be forgotten. That's small businesses in Nova Scotia, large Canadian corporations and also the multinationals. You can't deny the fact that corporations are going to influence government, but I think the challenge is that the government can not be seen unnecessarily favouring certain corporations. As an example I point out to the Sheraton Casino. There's certainly the feeling out there that the Sheraton Casino is receiving very preferential treatment compared to other small businesses which it's competing against. Those kind of things have to be stopped. We have to get away from the perception that corporations can somehow have any backroom influence or that kind of notion.

This question ties into the concerns people have about the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. I think people are afraid that large multinational corporations will, after the signing of this agreement, be dictating policy to government and take away government's power to legislate, environment [acts] and protect culture and so on. So we have to deal with those kind of concerns. The Conservative party certainly is in support of liberalized trade, but at the same time, Nova Scotians and Canadians have to be consulted on those kind of international agreements and appropriate protection has to be worked in for the environment, for labour standards and also for Canadian culture.

Youth unemployment is high, especially in Nova Scotia. What is the best approach to keeping educated youth here in Nova Scotia?

NDP: The youth unemployment rate is even higher than the general rate — some 22-24 per cent for people ages 16-22. Again, we want to provide a lot of employment opportunities for them. I think there are one or two university programs which are co-operative and give students the chance to work and learn at the same time. The government does put some money into job creation, and we'd like to see that extended.

LIB: The only way we can provide youth employment opportunities is through education. The entry level jobs are difficult [to get], there's not as many as there used to be because the economic infrastructure is changing. But we have to start with people being properly educated. We're not just talking university. We have to remember that we are losing about one third of high school [students] to dropping out. Once they are educated, we have to have an economy that can support them. The way we do that is by fiscal responsibility. The climate for investment in new jobs is there, and nowadays governments are pretty much getting past the stage where they try to create jobs themselves — that hasn't worked. It's the private side of the economy that creates the jobs, especially the small business sector.

PC: That kind of ties into the last question as well. I think most young people in Nova Scotia would prefer to stay at home. They leave because they don't see the job opportunities here and they don't see themselves as being able to be as successful as they would if they moved out of province. I think it is vital to keep educated youth here, and the way to keep them is to provide employment. We've come up with a number of job creation strategies for young people and those will be tied into the student loan programs.

Aside from education, describe three of Nova Scotia's most important challenges for the future?

NDP: Well the healthcare dilemma is a big concern, probably the number one concern of all Nova Scotians today. Mr. MacLellan has only one plank on his platform and that is healthcare. He devised his strategy the day of the debate. He's going to throw in another \$80-million for the next four years. But healthcare is a key concern to all parties, certainly number one to ours.

LIB: I find it so hard to rank them because they are so interdependent. Healthcare is number one. Poverty and job creation is number two.

PC: I think one of the biggest challenges, it's an issue on a broader scale, is having a government that listens to the people, that is accountable, and that consults with Nova Scotians on what is important to them before it embarks on change.

It was the CCF in Saskatchewan that actually established healthcare in the 1960s. So, I think people tend to believe us when we say "we want to do something about healthcare" over the other parties, because they know of our long-standing commitment to healthcare.

You don't hear as much talk about the environment because everyone is feeling the effects of these cuts and we're trying to regroup now. But the environment is at the backbone of so much of our decisions. We've seen [the marine environment] devastated. Hopefully it will recover, but we've seen [that] without a sustainable plan, we can destroy our environment. I think we have to take a greater share of the responsibility for regulating our marine environment.

The current Liberal government has — on healthcare, on education, on family, on municipal amalgamation — rushed ahead with initiatives the public clearly said it did not want. I think we have to get back to the idea that representatives are just that — they represent the views of their [constituents]. We have to get back to that idea of government. The conservative party has been doing that and I think our platform reflects solutions we're hearing from voters out there.

When I say healthcare, I mean enhancing and restoring confidence in the healthcare system. There are all kinds of horror stories about the system; people going down and waiting for hours, people being discharged from hospitals and not having adequate home-care available. This is a serious problem. It was brought about by budget cuts — the so-called health reform or health restructuring of the present government.

But now we're concerned about the forests — whether we're doing sustainable development. 70 per cent of the land in Nova Scotia is private land. Crown land only accounts for 30 per cent, but this land can be regulated by the government. They perhaps aren't doing as good of a job as they should be. We are trying to register people who buy and sell wood products so we have some kind of idea what is being done to the forests. And the next step, which will have to come along fairly quickly, is sustainable forest management. If we can't do that, we're going to have to legislate the large amount of land which is privately owned. I think there is great support for that even among those who work in the forest industry.

The next one is to provide employment for our young people, ensuring that the education system in the province is preparing young people to lead fulfilling and successful lives in Nova Scotia.

Another challenge is to make the best of the off-shore Sable Island gas project. The deal was signed by Mr. MacLellan some years ago. A recommendation was made to prepare our society for the onset of the off-shore [project] so that we'd have the technical skills when the time came to [get] the jobs — and we were not prepared for it. A lot of the work and supplies are going to be obtained off-shore. Not in Nova Scotia — not even in Canada.

The third challenge is to make our healthcare system what it once was. There have been a lot of changes over the last five years to our healthcare system, and I've certainly been hearing a lot of horror stories in the last three, four weeks that people are not getting the care they once did. I think the focus has shifted away from care for the patient, and it's become more of a bureaucracy. A lot of money is going into the administration of healthcare and not enough into front-line patient care.

So I think we have an opportunity to re-think the Sable deal to see if we can get a better deal in terms of the number of Nova Scotians who are going to be employed in that project. Presently, I believe 26 per cent of the work, in terms of labour and materials, are being supplied here in Nova Scotia. In Newfoundland, in a deal negotiated by Brian Pickford, who used to be the Premier of our province, 46 per cent of materials and labour are provided by Newfoundlanders. So we're far short of the mark.

And the royalty deal is a real pittance. In the first couple of years we're going to make about \$5-million in royalties. Let me remind you, this is a multi-billion dollar deal. Mind you, our royalties will increase at the end of the deal, but not nearly as fast as they should. So I think we're losing some opportunities with the Sable deal and I think that does provide some real strong opportunities for the future.

Take a moment to rank, in order from one to ten, the following words or phrases based on their significance to Nova Scotia in the coming year. (Please note: we are not looking for value judgements, simply predictions of prominence)

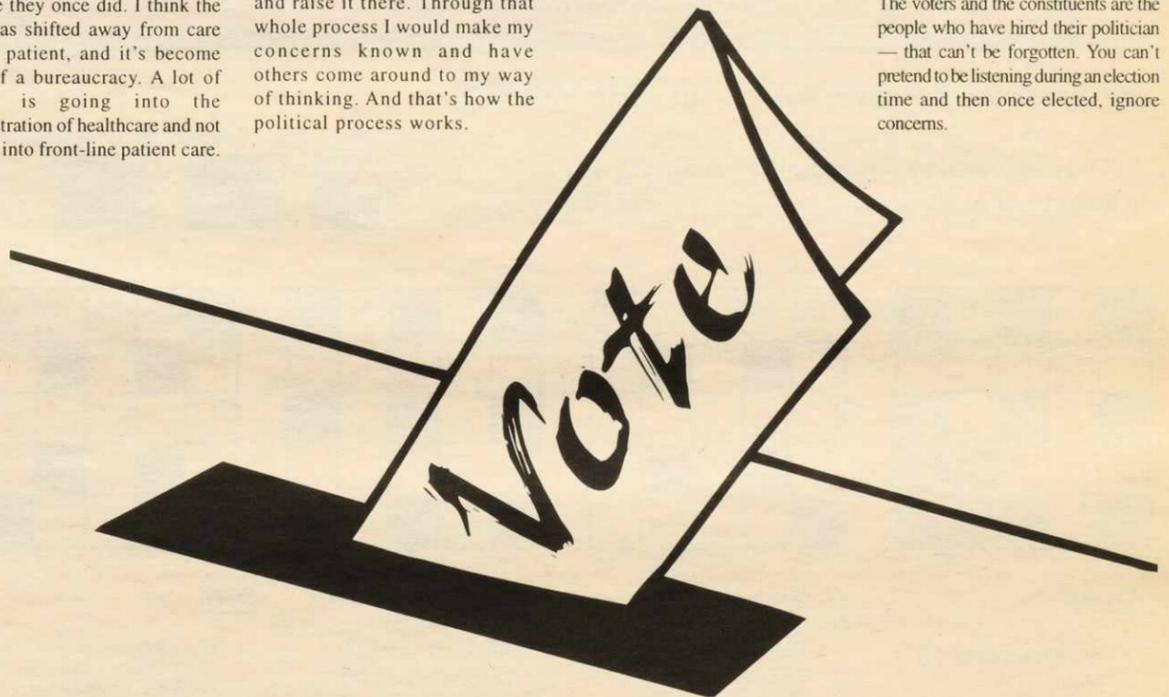
	LIB	NDP	PC
Arts and culture	7	5	9
Debt reduction	8	7	6
Environment	5	4	5
Foreign investment	6	8	7
Multi-culturalism	9	6	8
Job creation	4	2	4
Healthcare	1	1	1
Politics	10	9	10
Post-secondary education	2	3(t)	2
Public schools	3	3(t)	3

Would you fight for something against the will of your political party if you thought it was in the best interest of your constituents?

NDP: I would, of course. We have a party that is very open. There is a consultative process built into it. We have conventions, and at our annual conventions, we representatives from all the constituencies get together, and that's how we establish our policy. So our policy is not fabricated in some backroom by the "higher-ups", it is done at the grassroots level by ordinary Nova Scotians. If I was having any problems with what the party was doing, I would take it to the convention and raise it there. Through that whole process I would make my concerns known and have others come around to my way of thinking. And that's how the political process works.

LIB: I think that when you elect a representative to govern you, he/she's elected to represent the views of the people that sent him/her there. It's [the representative's] responsibility to bring those views to the government. No matter where your views fit, in terms of what current policy is, the representative has to bring those views forward. So I have no problem bringing different views to the government. I've been doing that kind of thing all my life.

PC: Yes I would. The reason I became involved in politics is because I think that government is not listening to people and not representing the concerns of people. It's been the attitude of the current government that it will go ahead with whatever initiatives it sees fit. One example of this lack of listening is the municipal amalgamation. The government has also gone ahead with changes to the healthcare and education systems against the will of the constituents. I'm not sure if the Liberal government is going ahead thinking that it knows better than the voters, but I certainly wouldn't ascribe to that view. The voters and the constituents are the people who have hired their politician — that can't be forgotten. You can't pretend to be listening during an election time and then once elected, ignore concerns.



Get enumerated

Those students living in the riding of Halifax Citadel who have not been enumerated for the March 24 provincial election can still be registered to vote if they take a few small steps to do so.

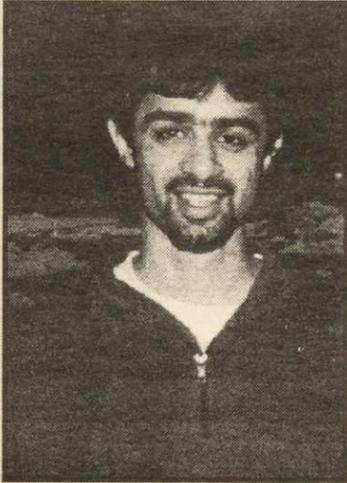
On the day of the election you can go to the polling station operated by Halifax-Citadel's revising officer. You will be allowed to vote if you have identification and proof of address — so bring your lease.

For more information, call the office of Mike Mackin, the chief returning officer for Halifax-Citadel, at 429-3250.

streeter

Interviews by Catherine Hiltz, Photos by Jen Lamont

What should the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) be doing in the face of the strike?



I think they're doing enough right now. They have organized this rally so that's all they can do.
 -Shoab Zia, 2nd year BSc, Kabul, Afghanistan



I think they should have everyone sign something that [states] we'll boycott Dalhousie if there is a strike or [lock]-out...
 -Brad Stuart, 1st year BA, Lawrencetown, NS



I don't even know what the Student Union is supposed to be doing and what their role is in Dalhousie society.
 -Nicole Anstey, 1st year BA, Deer Lake, Nfld



I think it is a good idea to get everybody together and realize what's going to happen to us.
 -Trisha Swan, 1st year BSc, Dartmouth, NS



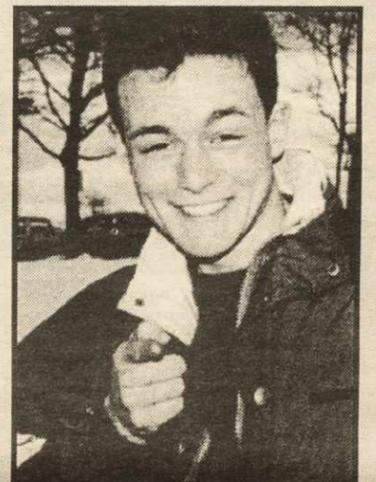
Worry about the administration ... the students' rights and, as well the teachers...I think they're losing the teachers' voice in this whole thing.
 -Laurie Ball, 2nd year BA, Toronto, ON



I think the DSU should be considering the students' point of view more; what we want and our options if [the faculty] goes on strike and what we need to do to finish our courses.
 -Nicole MacDonald, 1st year BSc, North Sydney, NS



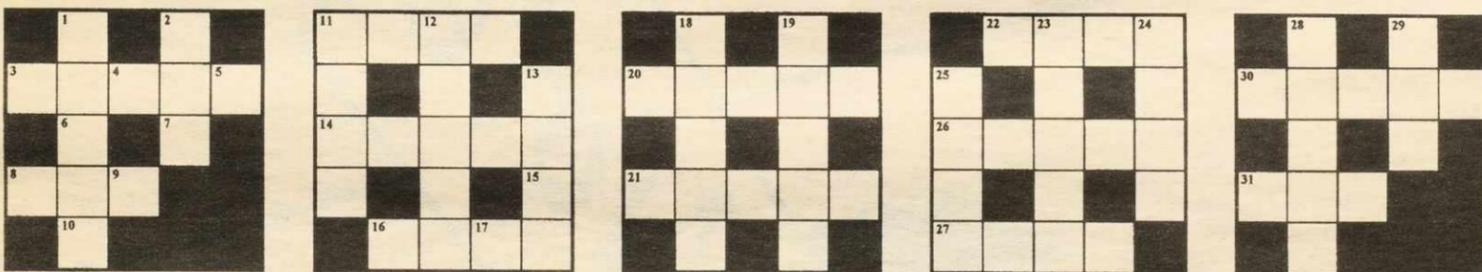
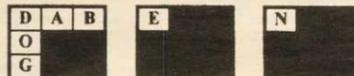
I think that the rally is a very very good idea. I think it was the right move. Before I think perhaps [the DSU's] stance was too neutral.
 -Angelica Feigin, 4th year BA, East Lake Ainsley, NS



I think they should stick by the students and make sure that they are the number one priority; not the faculty.
 -Joshua Young, 1st year BA, Halifax, NS

3D Crossword Puzzle # 14 — by Eric Fielding

A 3D crossword grid has words across, down, and deep.
 In the example DAB is across, DOG is down, and DEN is deep:



Across

- 3. Becomes Smarter (5)
- 8. Meadow (3)
- 11. Yesteryear (4)
- 14. Travelled By Foot (5)
- 16. ___-Off: Angry (4)
- 20. Sedimentary Rock (5)
- 21. Announcer (5)
- 22. Legacy (4)
- 26. Fencing Equipment (5)

Down

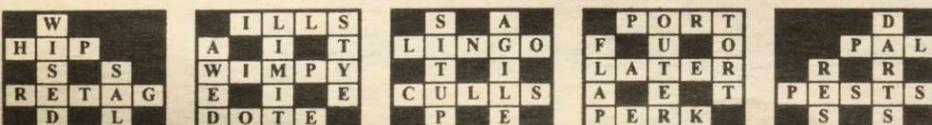
- 1. Travels, But Not By Foot (5)
- 2. Place For 15 DEEP (3)
- 27. Without (4)
- 30. (With 29 DOWN) Environmentally Friendly Vehicle (5,3)
- 31. "Look At Me I'm Sandra ___" (3)

- 11. Flat, Round Bread (4)
- 12. Saw Wood (5)
- 13. Alcoholic Drink (4)
- 18. Domestic Work (5)
- 19. Senior (5)
- 23. The Fourth Estate (5)
- 24. Amontillado Container (4)
- 25. Skin (4)
- 28. Pharmacist (5)
- 29. (See 30 ACROSS)

Deep

- 1. Went Quickly (5)
- 2. Follower Of Zeno (5)
- 3. Small Amounts Of Smoke (5)
- 4. Result Of Too Much Traffic (5)
- 5. Drag Through The Mud (5)
- 6. Units Of Rain (5)
- 7. The Only Venomous Snake In All Of England (5)
- 8. Did Up One's Skates (5)
- 9. Get Out Of Bed (5)
- 10. Control A Vehicle (5)
- 15. Water Vehicle (3)
- 17. Interjections (3)

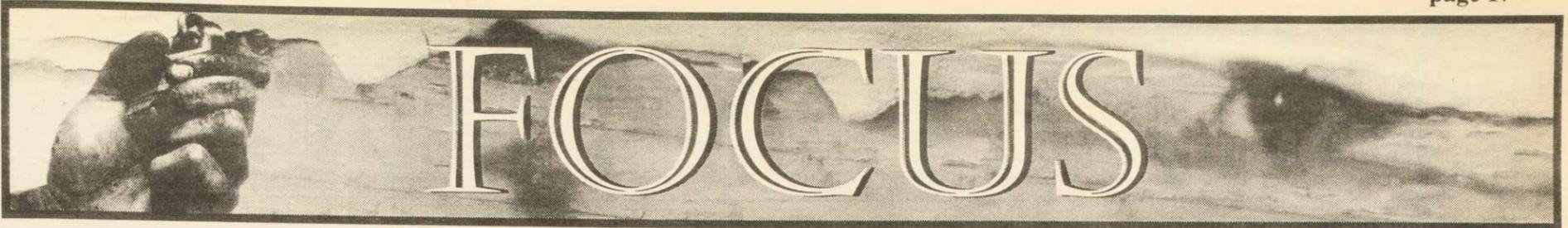
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Bodies to die for: anorexia nervosa and bulimia

Two young women share their eating disorder experiences

BY JENNIFER LAMONT

Once after going five days without eating, Heather* says she was "completely disgusted" with herself for succumbing to her hunger — disgusted because she ate a bowl of soup and some crackers.

Jill's least favourite part of the day was waking up in the morning and fearing she might eat; her favourite part of the day was going to bed and knowing she would not have to think about food for a while.

Jill and Heather are not your typical dieters going to the gym a few times a week and trying to cut down on their fat intake. They have both suffered from eating disorders — Heather from anorexia nervosa and Jill from both anorexia nervosa and bulimia.

Eating disorders are much more than just dieting. Many people try to lose weight at different times in their lives. Having an eating disorder means losing weight is not just one of your goals — it is the only goal.

Someone with anorexia nervosa suffers from an intense fear of gaining weight or becoming fat. They can never be satisfied with their body weight and they go through continuous cycles of setting, and then achieving, lower and lower target weights. The lighter they become, the less satisfied they are with their body.

"I was always thinking of ways I could get around eating, or other ways I could try to lose weight," Heather said.

"The more weight I lost, the more I would feel I needed to lose."

With an estimated death rate of 10-25 per cent of its victims, eating disorders are the psychiatric illness with the highest death rate.

A person with Bulimia suffers from recurring compensatory behaviours for over-eating, in order to prevent weight gain. Unlike anorexia, those with Bulimia eat on a regular basis. It is their goal, however, to rid themselves of every calorie that they consume. They may do this through purging, the use of laxatives, or excessive exercise.

When differentiating between an eating disorder and a dieter, Dr. Sherry Stewart, a Dalhousie psychology professor, looks at what percentage of a person's day is spent trying to rid themselves of calories they have consumed.

"Someone who has an eating disorder will see complete fasting as a method of weight loss," says

Stewart.

There are many factors that can put someone at risk for developing an eating disorder. The first is being female. Eating disorders are eight to 10 times more common in women than men.

These disorders are largely based on control, and often develop when someone feels that other aspects of their life have become out of their control.

Jill began suffering from an

an eating disorder depends on their personality type. Stewart says that perfectionists are often at a higher risk of developing anorexia because perfectionism gets turned toward the body.

"[There is] a misconception that all dieting is healthy," says Stewart. "We need societal recognition that it is just as unhealthy to be underweight as it is to be overweight."

As dieting progresses into an

"There were times I would eat, planning on throwing up, and I wouldn't be able to because it hurt so much."

As a reminder of her Bulimia, she has a scar on her finger from hitting it against the back of her throat so many times.

Men are also affected by eating disorders, but to a lesser extent.

"In society, as a whole, there is not as much pressure toward controlling food and dieting in men

Her turning point came when she was admitted to hospital.

"Fear played an important role in getting better," she said. "They told me that there is only so much your body will take before it decides to shut down on you."

Stewart says that when healing someone with an eating disorder, you need to first focus on their eating behaviour and thoughts. With nutritional deprivation, many biological abnormalities may occur. Some of these mimic certain symptoms of depression. As a result, low self-esteem and depression are often consequences of an eating disorder. The body must receive proper nutrients for the depression to subside. Thus, the person's eating habits must be corrected before they will feel better.

Often the personality traits which helped lead to the disorder, such as perfectionism or impulsiveness, can be improved through therapy.

A few decades ago the accepted practice for curing those with anorexia nervosa was to force feed them fluids through intravenous tubes. Although this removes the

patient from the immediate possibility of death, the underlying problem, their behaviour, has not yet been addressed.

Jill went through an eight-week rehabilitation program. Part of the program involved eating lunch as a group.

"I was very angry about it, [but] it ended up being a key to starting regular eating habits...for a while there hadn't been any set time I would eat," she said.

Although anorexia and bulimia can be cured, Stewart acknowledges that the statistics for severe cases are not good.

Body image will likely always be a concern with people who have recovered from an eating disorder. An important tool is to know how to manage the negative thoughts which could lead to a relapse.

Heather notes that even though she has recovered, there are still days when she looks in the mirror and thinks that she should lose five or ten pounds. But there is a difference now.

"I know if I lose five or 10 pounds, I'll still be saying [I need to lose more]. I have realized that pounds aren't as important as being healthy," she said.

**The names of those who have suffered from eating disorders have been changed.*



Photos by Matt Barrie

eating disorder early in her first semester of university — she was not used to the pressures of her new environment.

"There was nothing I could control except the ways I looked," she said.

Eating disorders are more prevalent in women with careers which demand they maintain an aesthetic figure, but those who are under pressure to achieve unrealistic goals, in areas unrelated to their weight, are also at a high risk.

A family history of depression, eating disorders, or substance abuse may increase the chances of developing a disorder. And obesity and other medical problems, such as diabetes, can also be a cause because of the emphasis they place on one's diet.

In recent years it has become the norm to blame fashion magazines and their models for eating problems. Heather agrees that this is a factor.

"A lot of it has to do with society's expectations...every time you turn around, you see models in fashion magazines that no one can ever live up to," she said.

Stewart agrees, but points out that "all women are exposed to [media images]. So [this] doesn't explain who is going to get an eating disorder; it just sets the stage for the possibility of having high rates of eating disorders."

Once the hazards are there, whether or not someone develops

an eating disorder, there are many psychological and physical changes which may occur. Some will suffer from difficulty concentrating, obscured memory, disturbed sleeping patterns and depression.

"I don't think I necessarily went through a depression," Jill said, "but there was a time that I didn't have any desire to be around people, or to go out and do things. I didn't want to think about anything except being thinner."

In addition to losing weight, menstruation ceases as a way for the body to conserve iron and protein. At this point the body's organs may begin to malfunction — many will develop an irregular heartbeat, clinically referred to as bradycardia. The kidneys and liver may fail; teeth may rot; hair may fall out; and, if they have been abusing laxatives, their intestines could rupture. Also, people suffering from anorexia and bulimia are more susceptible to viruses and bacterial infections.

"I didn't ever think about other things happening to my body. When I think now about the damage I could have done, I probably wouldn't have been doing that to myself," Jill said.

Although she began as a bulimic, she eventually found that being anorexic was easier.

as there is on women," says Stewart.

A man's self-image often depends more on muscle size than waist size. As a result, men are more likely to abuse steroids than develop anorexia or bulimia.

Sports like wrestling and rowing — where there is pressure to lose weight to compete in certain weight categories — can trigger eating disorders in men.

Anorexia is very difficult to cure because it is a psychological disorder. Dieting may trigger the onset of an eating disorder, but the disorder is more than just wanting to lose weight. People who suffer from eating disorders don't always want to get better or even realize they are sick. And unlike many diseases, when someone with an eating disorder decides they want to get better, they cannot simply pop a pill.

Heather says admitting that there is a problem is the first step towards rehabilitation.

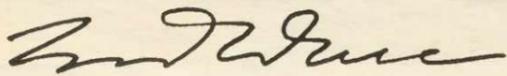
"I had to come to terms with the fact that I was sick and I wasn't going to get better by myself," she said.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

The Dalhousie Faculty Association has set Wednesday, March 25 as the date for a strike and withdrawal of teaching services. Should a strike by DFA members actually occur, all classes, with the exception of those listed below, will be cancelled, consistent with Senate's recommendation after the 1988 strike.

This step would be taken with great reluctance, and only in the event of a withdrawal of teaching services by the DFA. We believe that a strike is not necessary and we still hope for a negotiated settlement. Nevertheless, it would be irresponsible for us not to make preparations for a strike given the present circumstances.

I recognize that this time of year is stressful enough for you without the threat of a faculty strike hanging over your heads. It's only natural that you have many questions concerning how a strike would affect you. This notice outlines arrangements that have been made in the event of a strike. It also outlines information services that are being established to keep students up to date and to answer questions before, and in the event of, a strike. Updates will also continue to be posted around campus and on the university's web site (<http://www.dal.ca>).



ERIC MCKEE
Vice-president (Student Services)

Strike Information & Services for Students

SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED DURING A STRIKE

Students should continue to attend classes unless a strike occurs. *But*, if a strike occurs, the following is a list of some of the programs and services that *will be available* in the event of a strike.

- The Libraries (with some restrictions on reference and other specialized services).
- Computer and most student and administrative services.
- Dalplex and DalTech athletic facilities
- Food Services
- Residences

CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

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Dalhousie University, the jewel of post-secondary education in Nova Scotia, is in trouble.

The morale of the faculty is low, faculty are exasperated and frustrated. The students are nervous and anxious. A large part of their energies is focused on the current state of contract negotiations rather than teaching, learning and research. The problem is that negotiations have been deadlocked on two major issues, both directly linked with the quality of education at Dalhousie and the long term health of the University.

Dalhousie faculty have been patient and accommodating. They have indicated their unwillingness to compromise their university in three votes in the past month. Each time they voted loud and clear that they want what is fair. They also showed that the Board indeed has the fiscal latitude to pay decent salaries to the faculty while maintaining its numbers.

As each day passes by without an agreement, faculty are getting more frustrated and disappointed with the shortsightedness and the disregard they are dealt with. Faculty are gentle and agreeable people, but their patience has a threshold as well.

As each day passes by without an agreement, students are getting more demoralized and anxious. Their capacity to learn is replaced with a nervousness for their future. They do not pay tuition to be traumatized; they pay tuition so that they receive a high quality education - delivered by their professors.

As each day passes by without an agreement, the long term impact of these days are becoming more and more irreversible. One has to remember that faculty are the people who work the long hours to teach the students, to bring in the research contracts and grants, to do the projects, to supervise the theses. The list is long. For Dalhousie to maintain its quality and prestige, these people have to continue doing their jobs with the same enthusiasm, vigor and energy.

In a factory it is desirable to have workers "work to rule", in a university this would mean disaster.

It is counterproductive to frustrate faculty for so long, and for so little. The demands of the faculty are reasonable, not selfish. The Dalhousie Board has to see the reality and stop the damage to this University before it is too late. This is now their responsibility more than anything else.

The faculty of Dalhousie University still hope that it will be possible to reach an agreement before irreversible damage is done to the University, to its students, to its faculty, and to the relationship between the faculty and the administration.

All it takes is some good will, some respect and trust in the faculty, and some movement towards reason. The faculty think that Dalhousie University is worth it. The Board should show that they think so too.

A FEW WORDS ON THE ISSUES

The two issues that remain unresolved are the salary of faculty and the complement of faculty.

A recent study conducted jointly by the DFA and the Dalhousie Board showed that Dalhousie faculty are amongst the lowest paid faculty in a group of eleven comparable Canadian Universities. In fact, full professors at Dalhousie are the second lowest paid full professors, lagging behind their colleagues by about 15%.

Over the past six years, the salaries of Dalhousie faculty were frozen twice and further rolled back 3%. At the same time, the cost of living went up by 7.5%. The Board of Dalhousie University paid off a large part of the university debt from these salary savings. The debt however was mostly incurred as a result of charging the financing costs of capital projects, such as building new buildings.

The Dalhousie faculty are demanding that they should be paid closer to their colleagues in other universities. This is not an outrageous or unreasonable demand. The faculty do not want to see Dalhousie become more uncompetitive and not able to retain or attract high quality people.

Over the past ten years, in order to reduce the number of faculty employed at Dalhousie University through attrition, the President has not replaced 113 of the faculty who have retired or left the university. This has resulted in a 15% reduction in the number of faculty since 1987. Over the same period, there has been a 15% increase in the student population resulting in increased class size, increased faculty workload, and decreased student access to professors.

The Dalhousie faculty are demanding that the complement reduction is stopped for the duration of this contract so that the faculty and students can make adjustments. The faculty are not demanding that the losses be recovered, nor they are demanding that this measure will be forever. They are looking for a Letter of Understanding that guarantees a reprieve for the next couple of years.

The faculty do not want to see the quality of education at Dalhousie slide further behind with classes where students do not even have a place to sit. This is not an outrageous or unreasonable demand.

The Board has been giving the same response to both of these demands: No. Dalhousie University does not have money for its faculty.

On the other hand, everyone knows that Dalhousie University has money, millions of it, to build new buildings. In fact, the Board just approved \$23 million for new buildings.

On a similar vein, Dalhousie University has just spent more than \$2 million on a computer program for administration, accounting, etc., and is spending hundreds of thousands to get it working.

Moreover, Dalhousie University has \$185 million in its endowment fund, fifth largest such fund in the country. But clearly Dalhousie is not the fifth largest university in the country.

The faculty find it impossibly difficult to understand why this rich University is treating its faculty like second or third class faculty. They find it equally difficult to understand why the long term viability of the University is compromised by its Board, or why priorities are so clearly ill-placed.

Over the past ten years, Dalhousie faculty financed the early retirement packages from their pension surplus funds so that the University would save money. The university did save money, millions of it, but did not put any of that back into the faculty. Gone are 113 faculty positions.

Most universities in Nova Scotia have reached agreements in the past few weeks. The salary agreements at all these universities are better than what the Dalhousie Board sees fit for Dalhousie faculty. These N.S. universities all receive similar levels of funding from the Government, and they do not have vast endowment funds like Dalhousie. Yet, they seem to have the money to pay their faculty properly. How is it then that these other universities can treat their faculty properly but Dalhousie can't - or won't?

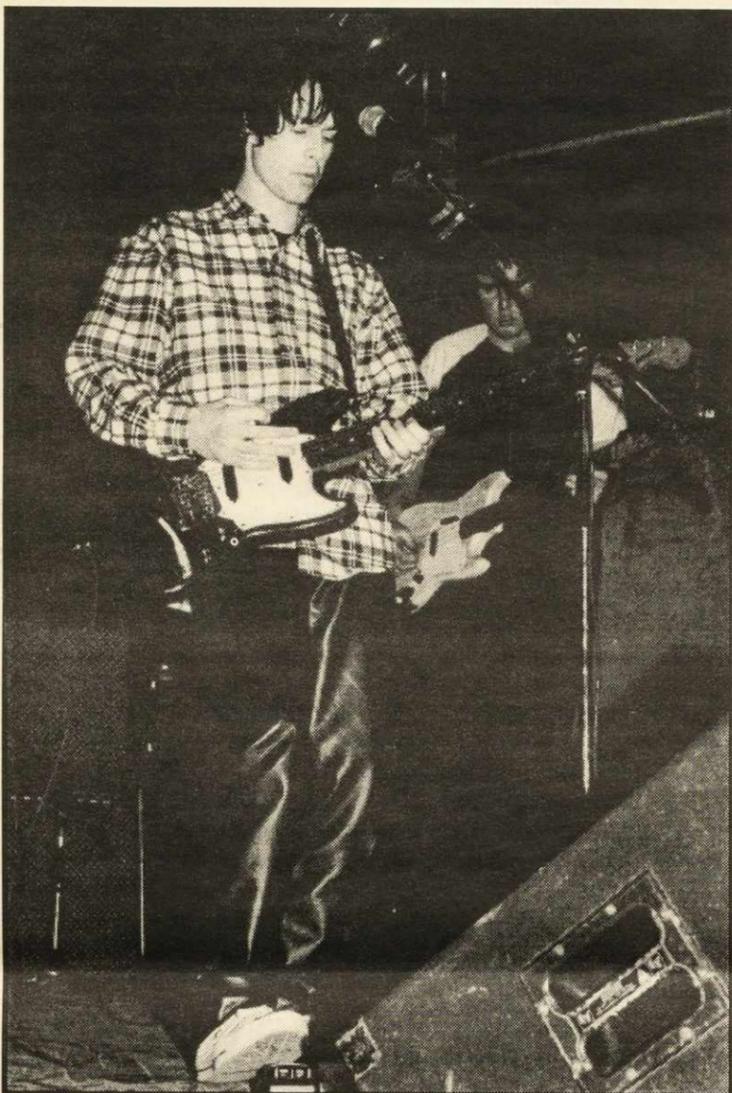
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V. Ismet Ugursal
President
Dalhousie Faculty Association



The Birdland comes back from the dead



Nine Pound Weakling gets first band honours at the Marquee club. (Photos by Ryan Lash)

BY RYAN LASH

Now I have to admit, I never went to the Birdland. It closed long before I ever came to Halifax. But since my arrival here I've constantly been hearing tales of the "Birdland Cabaret", where the music never stopped and the beer was free and the bathrooms were clean...no offense, but it got pretty fucking annoying after a while.

So now that the Marquee Club is open you can all stop.

Billed as the "New Birdland", the Marquee Club, located on Gottingen street, hosted a grand opening gala last Wednesday night, and aside from the hour-and-a-half delay because of some apparent sound problems, the event seemed to run pretty smoothly.

While I was waiting for the show to begin, I took the time to have a look around the new venue. To appeal to a broad crowd, The Marquee has adopted a "comfortable"

decorative motif: so no matter who you are, you'll be comfortable.

For all the dancin' fools out there, the Marquee provides ample space for you to shake your asses. All the rednecks can

Thankfully, Alison Outhit finally appeared on stage around 10:30 and relieved me from the decorative static. She was greeted by an already sizeable crowd of Halifax music fans. After a brief but appreciated set, she turned things over to little rock star heroes Nine Pound Weakling. They sauntered onto the stage and into the books as the first band to grace the stage of the new venue. Acknowledging that, they did their part to scuff up the stage and woo the crowd with a fine example of slack indie pop.



Alison Outhit warms up the crowd at the grand opening of the Marquee Club on Wednesday March 11.

As I looked around, the sounds of indie rock and drunken cheers in my ears, I felt like I was looking at the beginning of another important period in the life of Halifax's music scene. The Marquee provides another venue for local bands and a good one at that.

Feeling that Halifax's indie music scene was being left in good hands, I went home. After all, it was a school night.

stare at the tables and chairs stolen from any nameless bar (or at the above mentioned shakin' asses). The artsy-fartsy types can lean on the wrought iron railings, and for all you trekkies, there's a great big Star Trek-looking thing stuck to the wall behind the bar. Just don't turn around too fast or you might forget where you are.

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A seamless sequence of scenes and sonnets

Shakespeare Unplugged well worth the walk

BY PATRICK SHAUNESSY

A far walk from the Dalhousie campus, the North Street Church is a very quiet, unassuming building. In fact if you walk along North street you'll most likely pass by without noticing it.

However, you perchance have noticed it, you would have known that over the past two weeks the church has been host to a theatrical exposé entitled *Shakespeare Unplugged*. The show

was comprised of a selection of sonnets and scenes from some of Shakespeare's works.

The hour-or-so long performance made use of simple scenes and costumes to portray some of the highlights of one of the most intriguing and complicated playwrights in history. The performance was acted by Raymond O'Neill and Shelley Thompson, both very experienced and accomplished actors of stage and television, and directed by Ed Thomason.

Both Thompson and O'Neill have appeared in the *Atlantic Theatre Festival* in past years, so Shakespeare is no stranger to either of them. Besides various stage

performances in places like Stratford and the Royal National Theatre in London, O'Neill and Thompson have also enjoyed careers in television. O'Neill played a leading role in the popular soap opera *Days of Our Lives*, and while in Britain, Thompson held a leading role on the hit TV series *Rita & Angelo*.

Thomason has been the director of several of Britain's more prominent theatres, among which are the prestigious Belgrade and Coventry. Thomason has also worked with BBC Radio and was awarded an ACTRA (now Gemini) for his TV screenplay, *Gentle Sinners*.

The staging of the play itself was

quite simple. It was held in the main hall of the church with chairs surrounding a centred stage. On the stage was a large trunk and a coat-rack in one of the corners. In my experience seeing Shakespearean plays, I usually find that the more simple the staging the more powerful and effective the performance, as the audience spends less time being caught up in aesthetic appearances and more time concentrating on the words and actions of the play.

This simplicity was what made this synopsis of Shakespeare quite remarkable. For in this modest church the actors were able to perform Shakespeare with as much passion and intensity as one would expect from a mainstage production. This goes to show that Shakespeare's works are indeed quite universal in that they rely on no time, space or particular setting to complete the experience of the story.

The show itself was excellent. There was a terrific mix of comedy, tragedy and poetry. And as the play

bill boasts, the transition from scene to scene was absolutely seamless. In fact there were points where I wasn't sure where one scene ended and the other began. It was only by the words in the speech that I could tell that O'Neill and Thompson had switched from, say, *Two Gentleman of Verona* to *Julius Caesar*. Furthermore, the fact that these actors could make such smooth transitions from a scene in one play to another in a completely different play is a credit to their acting and the skill of the director. For it was a combination of clever staging, acting, and delivery which sold the show.

It was a long way to travel to get to the show, but it was well worth the time it took. Unfortunately, *Shakespeare Unplugged* ran its last shows over the weekend. However I would hope that the production company (Willpower Productions) will bring back the show some time in the near future. It really is some of the most fun and entertaining Shakespeare you can see.

McInnis reads *Hand to Hand*

BY ANDREW GILLIS

Acclaimed poet and literary critic Nadine McInnis hypnotized a small crowd at the Dalhousie Arts Centre with her smooth, realistic poetry. The poet, from Ottawa, offered a sampling of her latest writings to the public last Monday in the MacAloney room.

An uncommon warmth and intimacy was created between McInnis and the small crowd, despite the coldness of the near empty theatre.

Without the aid of a microphone, McInnis breathed out her smooth form of poetry; poetry laced with conflict and raw emotion. Her new book, *Hand to Hand*, is a collection of poetry with a broad selection of themes. McInnis' ability to capture the essence of war is rivalled only by her talent to find amour in everyday situations.

McInnis writes about the human experience as we approach the 21st century. She explores the depths of the soul to confront the terrors and pleasures within.

"It is a way of heightening life, and a way of heightening one's experience," said McInnis. "It is a way of finding connections between things that are random. It is a combination of science and religion. It orders things, but it has a mystical side."

McInnis can transport herself into another time or into another psyche to experience and divulge the emotions

there within. She sees a story in a newspaper and becomes the person in that story, whether it be a newly-wed in Niagara Falls, or a participant in a World War.

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completely about the body as a measure of society and the individual and the unconscious. That is what is predominant in my writing. The sense of conflict between people reflects in my war poems. I have been very aware of conflict; between family members or between man and woman."

McInnis' new book is a mixture of themes; some are sharp and grip the soul, as is evident in her war poems. But in a balancing act, McInnis writes cunning anecdotes about "what I was doing when Ben Johnson won the gold medal", or "what I was doing when Princess Diana was in labour." These artful entries can exemplify the errors in society.

"One of my favourite poems is *Head and Shoulders Above The World*," said McInnis. "I like how it can go from the mystic to the domestic; a small moment in the present into a kind of endless future and how the perception goes forward in time and backward in time from the daughter's perspective."

McInnis is a decorated poet and

author of three books of poetry and literary criticism. Her books, *Shaking the Dreamland Tree*, *The Litmus Body*, and *Hand to Hand*, garnered her first prize in the National Poetry Competition, the Ottawa-Carleton Book Award, and a second prize in CBC Literary Competition.

"I try not to focus too much on awards," said McInnis. "But the Ottawa-Carleton book award, in a way, that meant the most to me because poetry was in with all the other books. And for a poetry book to win was really significant because poetry is typically put to the side, and other awards are given for poetry."

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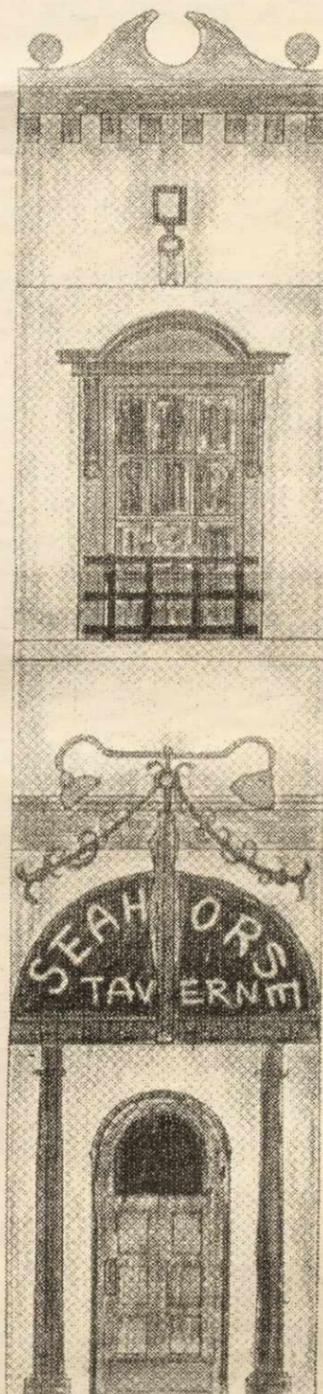
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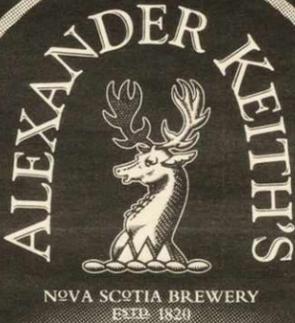
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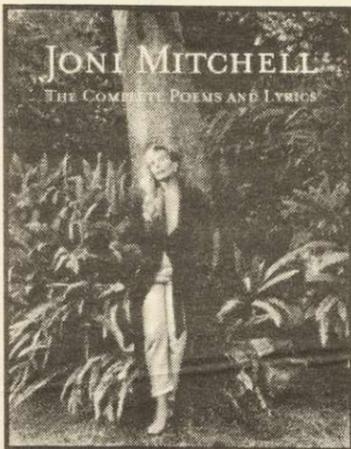
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BOOK REVIEW

Mitchell writes straight from the soul



Joni Mitchell
The Complete Poems and Lyrics
Random House Canada

Upon reading this compilation of works, it becomes evident that Joni Mitchell's artform is not so much music but perhaps melodious poetry instead. *The Complete Poems and Lyrics* is essentially a collection of all the lyrics to every song released by the legendary artist written in the form of poetry.

This collection was fascinating to read for many reasons, the foremost

being that reading a poem rather than hearing a song gives one a new perspective on the lyrics due to a lack of musical distraction. Also, when one plays a Joni Mitchell CD, one might notice that the lyrics are slightly obscured by the poor sound quality of the not-so-technologically amazing recordings of her earlier work. Nevertheless, this book is an absolute must-buy for hardcore Joni Mitchell fans and definitely an interesting read for those fans who are not so hardcore.

Mitchell writes brilliantly and straight from the soul. Her lyrics contain

fragments of life that everyone has experienced, and these fragments are eloquently put into words.

The one aspect of the collection that struck me as repetitive was the large number of poems concerning being in love, the loss of love, being cheated on by a lover, and so on. The political songs were more moving and provocative than the songs about love. Near the end

of the book I found myself skimming the love poems quickly and thinking "yeah, yeah, another similar poem about love." However, the collection was eye-opening and it gave me a totally new perspective on a lot of songs I might have ignored.

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Cinderella run by Tigers comes to an end in AUAA Final

BY MATT FELTHAM AND SUMANT KUMAR

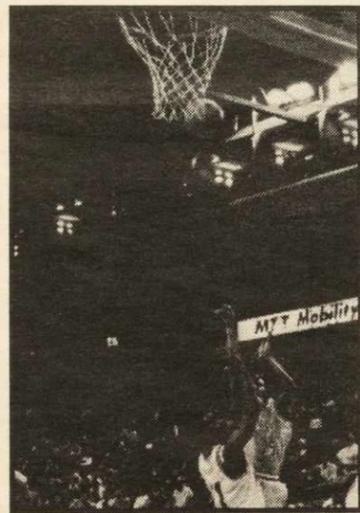
Little was expected of the seventh-ranked Dalhousie Tigers entering this weekend's AUAA finals. However, they proved many critics wrong by pulling off two consecutive upsets, before eventually losing to the Acadia Axemen 73-66 in Sunday's championship final.

**DALHOUSIE (7) 77
SAINT MARY'S (2) 66
(OT)**

[QUARTER-FINAL]

Dalhousie All-Canadian Brian Parker was obviously feeling shafted after losing out to Acadia's Jan Trojanowski in AUAA MVP voting, and had something to prove voters and fans alike. In one of the most impressive all-round performances of the season, Brian lit up the Huskies for 29 points, 16 rebounds (a career high), and 6 steals.

In an evenly played first half, the teams entered the dressing room with SMU having a slight 37-34 lead. After the break, this lead was



Three-time All-Canadian Brian Parker attempts a three-point shot as Acadia's Chris Cain looks on. (Photo by Luke Dobek)

stretched to 7 points and it looked like the Huskies may have been on a roll. However, Parker wouldn't let the game go, nailing two consecutive 3-pointers in a 30-second span. From here, the lead changed hands on numerous occasions and, with ten seconds remaining, SMU was clinging to a 64-63 lead. After a Parker miss, Tiger forward Dale Jackson was fouled on the put-back with only eight seconds remaining. Jackson hit on one of two free throws, pulling the Tigers even and overtime seemed inevitable. However, SMU was given one last chance for victory as guard Jonah Taussig was sent to the line after a Dalhousie foul by Paul Williscroft. Thanks to the relentless screaming and antics of the "inspired" Dal fans, Taussig, an AUAA All-Star, choked royally and sent the game into overtime.

In the extra period, Dalhousie completely dominated play, outscoring the Huskies 13-2, with 11 points coming from the free throw line. In addition to Parker, Tremayne Howe had an outstanding game, scoring 26 points. The Tigers also dominated the glass by a count of 60-31 with Williscroft and David Mullally grabbing 14 and 13, respectively. Patrick Toulouse was the leading scorer for SMU with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

**DALHOUSIE (7) 70
UCCB (3) 60
[SEMI-FINAL]**

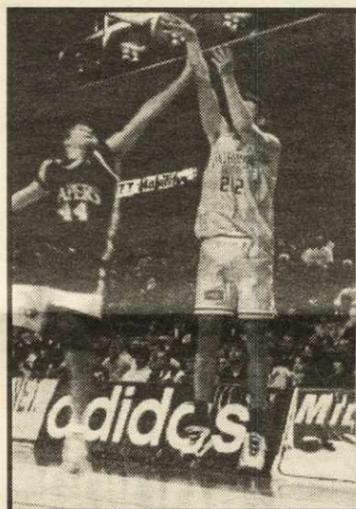
After defeating the Tigers three times prior to their semifinal encounter, the UCCB Capers were obviously a confident bunch and this showed as they waltzed through their warm-up. On the other hand, the Tigers were ready to go after their huge SMU victory the night before.

Straight from the tipoff,

Dalhousie took control and led 36-24 at half-time. In the second half, the domination continued as the Tigers were able to extend their lead to 24 points. Despite strong play by Dave Phillip, the Capers could not get back into this contest and the Tigers easily secured the victory. Howe led all scorers with 27 points while Dave Mullally scored 17 and grabbed 6 rebounds in 27 minutes. Paul Williscroft had an outstanding game off the bench, controlling the boards for 15 rebounds. Phillip led the Capers with 25 points and 14 rebounds.

**ACADIA (1) 73
DALHOUSIE (7) 66
[FINAL]**

The Tigers' improbable run unfortunately came to an end as the Acadia Axemen were crowned the AUAA champions at the Metro



Paul Williscroft attempts a three-pointer over UCCB's Kirt Mombourquette. (Photo by Luke Dobek)

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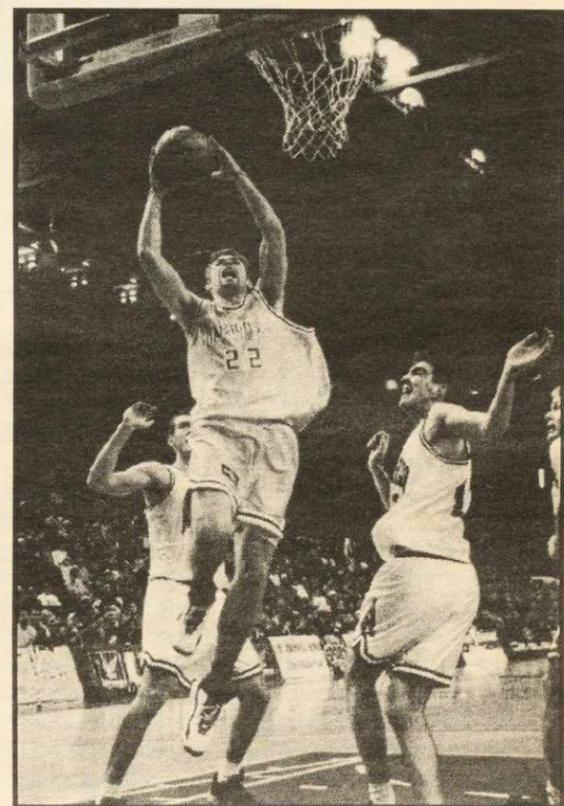
The Axemen jumped out to an early lead and, despite a strong effort by the Tigers, held a 37-30 lead at half time. Six minutes into

the second half, the Axemen went on a 9-2 run to lead 54-43, and it looked like the game may have been over. With ten minutes remaining, Axeman guard JP Fleurantin blatantly fouled Parker, leading to a scuffle in front of the Dalhousie students' section. For some odd reason, the 85-year-old security guards made matters worse by running in front of the Dal fans believing they may join the fray. Luckily, all Dalhousie students acted in an appropriate and respectable manner.

This scuffle seemed to inspire Parker as he went on a 10-2 run by himself to the give the Tigers their first lead of the game, 60-58 with 3:50 remaining. However, Acadia, led by the strong play of Derek Cotton, went on an 8-0 run to go up by six with 1:30 remaining. Tiger forward, Williscroft brought the Tigers to within three with a minute to go by nailing a three-pointer but this was the closest the Tigers could get as the Axemen made all their free throws, earning their trip back to Halifax this

weekend to compete in the nationals.

Trojanowski led the Axemen by scoring 26 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. In Parker's last game in a Dalhousie uniform, he scored 23 points, seven assists and committed



Paul Williscroft pulls down a rebound in the AUAA Championship final as Acadia's (l to r) Jan Trojanowski, Derek Cotton and Jim O'Grady look on. (Photo by Luke Dobek)

no turnovers, an incredible statistic considering it was against Canada's top defensive team. For his outstanding play this weekend, Parker was selected as playoff MVP, a fitting send-off for the soon-to-be three-time All-Canadian.

Laurentian leads the field at this weekend's Nationals

BY SUMANT KUMAR AND MATT FELTHAM

With their victory in this past weekend's AUAA Championship, the Acadia Axemen earned fifth-seeding and a date with the McMaster Marauders at 7pm on Friday. The Marauders, the one-time top-ranked team, are one of two wild card entries in this year's tournament. They will be led by All-Canadian candidate Titus Channer and outstanding rookie Rodney Baptiste.

The other wild card slot was handed to perennial power seventh-ranked Alberta Golden Bears who will face the second-seeded Quebec champions, the Bishops Gaitors in the 1pm game.

The 3pm game will feature the defending national and current Canada West champions, the third-seeded University of Victoria — featuring former Player of the Year Eric Hinrichsen — and fan favourites the Brandon Bobcats, ranked sixth and led by Shawn Gray. The Bobcats, champions of the Great Plains Conference, are making an unprecedented twelfth straight appearance in Halifax.

The final game of the night, at 9pm, will feature Canada's top-ranked team, the Laurentian Voyageurs, and the University of Waterloo who are the champions of the OUAA West. The Voyageurs are led by OUAA East Player of the Year Ted Dongelmans, a one-time Dalhousie Tiger.

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Hockey Night in Halifax

Canada's most famous sidekick comes into his own

BY GREG WHITE

Stepping out from the shadows of his co-host and into the spotlight as Canada's premier sports broadcaster, Ron MacLean has finally arrived. Evolving from the sidekick on *Coaches Corner*, MacLean has proven himself as a competent and capable newsperson, who is admired by his colleagues and respected by the athletes that he interviews.

Introduced as "The best in the history of this country" by Bruce Rainnie, the CBC's next great sportscaster, Ron took the stage in the McInnes Room amidst a sea of hockey jerseys.

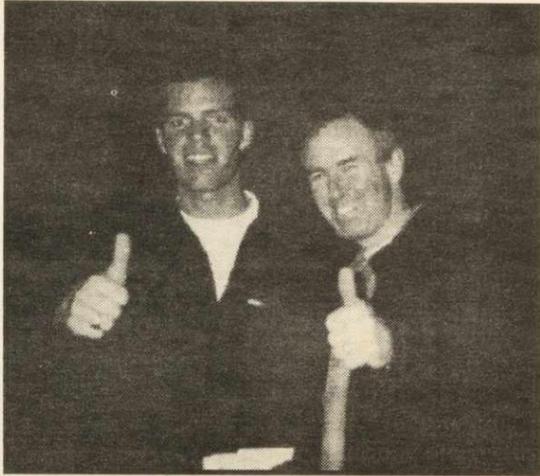
The 37-year-old broadcaster still has ties to the only part of the country without an NHL franchise. His parents are originally from Cape Breton and Ron played his minor hockey in Chester before moving to Red Deer, Alberta, at the age of 10.

In tenth grade, Ron got his start in broadcasting spinning vinyl at a local radio station in Red Deer. When TSN began its operation in 1984, he was brought aboard as a broadcast correspondent in Calgary.

MacLean was later picked up by the CBC to broadcast the Toronto Maple Leafs' games on Wednesday nights, but his big break didn't come until March of 1987 when he replaced Dave Hodge as the host of

Canada's most beloved program. Since that time he has excelled as host of *Hockey Night in Canada* and co-host of *Coaches Corner*.

Apart from the interesting asides from Ron's own life and his professional success, it was clear



Ron MacLean with Greg White. (Photo by Andrea Gagliardi)

what entertained the crowd the most. Fans revelled in the comedic stories of Don Cherry and his views on fighting, Don Cherry and his views on Russians, and Don Cherry and his views on himself.

As the anecdotes and stories about Cherry continued, it became clear how much mutual respect the two men have for one another, despite the antics on the air.

This respect has never been more evident than in Ron's acceptance speech for the Gemini Award for excellence in sports broadcasting. In his acceptance, he included an emotional dedication of the award to Cherry's late wife Rose, who

passed away to liver cancer during last year's Stanley Cup Finals.

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"I think [Nagano] is a classic example of how tough it is to be the favourite," he says.

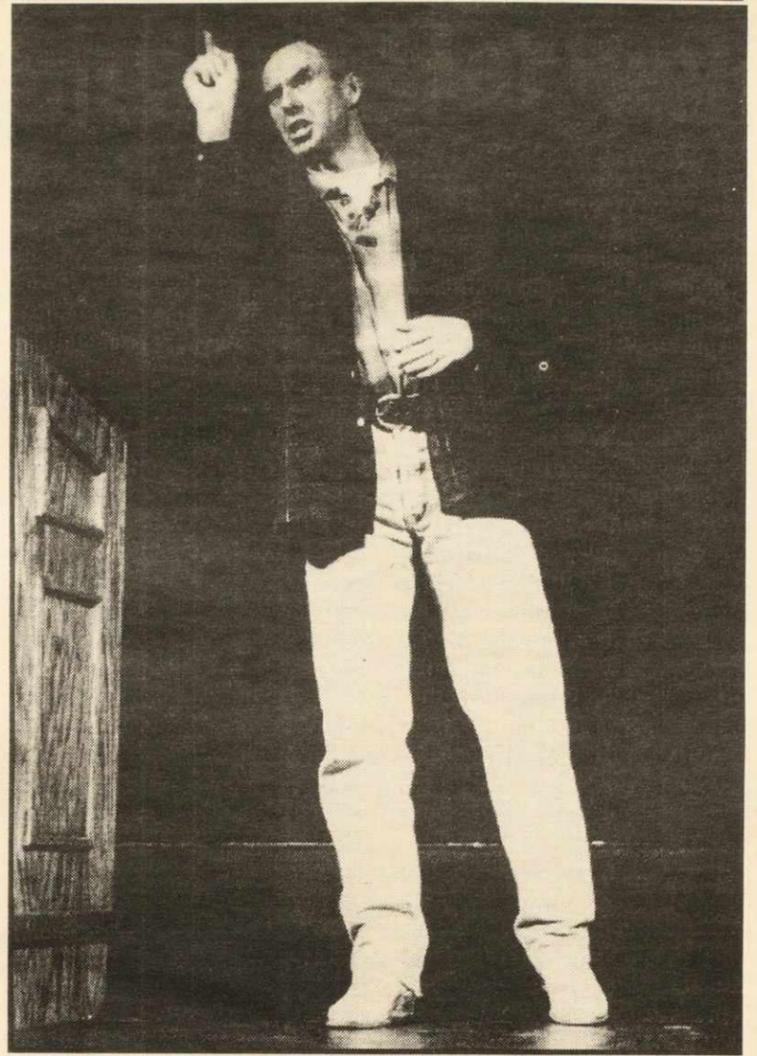
Ron is quick to criticize the 30 million newly-crowned experts who questioned decisions made by the coaching staff either before or during the Olympics. He saw Canada's Olympic Men's Hockey Team as a focused and committed bunch but believes the shootout is "a stupid way to decide a hockey game."

"It came down to the best overtime goaltender in the world [Patrick Roy] versus the best breakaway goalie in the world [Dominik Hasek] and we only got 10 minutes of the first."

THE FUTURE OF 'COACHES CORNER'

"The theory used to be that Grapes would want to go out on top because he loved the way Bobby Orr went out after just eight years and we never saw him play in the twilight of his career. But I think with Rose gone and I think with Del, his grandson, just moving up into hockey...I think there are a lot of factors that'll keep Don around longer. I hope that's the case.

"On the whole, I still think he has



Ron MacLean does his best Don Cherry impression. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

a fun time coming to the games, I think he'd miss that energy of being 'Don Cherry'. I know he enjoys having a couple of beers and plotting the next *Coaches Corner*...I think he's having fun... So, I think we'll see him around for a few years."

On television, he has always

impressed his audience with his insight, dedication, and the pride with which he conducts himself. His dry sense of humour has begun to infect a nation of viewers as he continues to keep Cherry on his toes. However, it seems to be the class and integrity of Ron MacLean that makes a nation proud to offer him up as our ambassador of sport.

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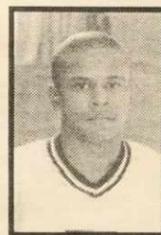
Athletes of the Week



RICHARD MENZIES
TRACK & FIELD

Richard ran the anchor leg on the Tigers' 4x800m relay team as they captured the bronze medal at the CIAU Track & Field Championships at the

University of Windsor. He ran the final leg in a time of 1:54.50 which was the fastest on his team. He struggled through training prior to the race due to injury and illness, but he ran with heart when his team needed him the most. Richard is a second-year Arts student from Bear River, Nova Scotia.



BRIAN PARKER
BASKETBALL

Brian played an incredible 124 out of a possible 125 minutes on his way to capturing the AUAA Tournament MVP at the Basketball Championships on the weekend. He was all over the court, scoring,

rebounding, passing and stealing opponents' passes as the seventh-seeded Tigers advanced to the AUAA Championship game. He had game highs of 29 points, 16 rebounds, 8 assists and 7 steals on the weekend. He was also named the AUAA Athlete of the Week. Brian is a fifth-year Bachelor of Arts student from Laurel, Maryland.

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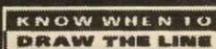
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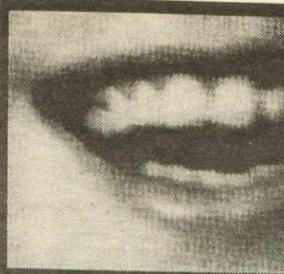
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Thursday, March 19

The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie will meet at 7pm in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor SUB. For more info call 494-1256.

Economic Justice, a working group of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the SUB. All are welcome. For location call 494-6662.

People for Animal Welfare will meet at 4pm in the SUB. Call 494-6662 for more info and location.

The Dal Spanish Society meets at 4pm in the Spanish Department, LeMarchant Street. All students of Spanish are welcome to attend.

Dr. Seuss & Marilyn Waring — Eco-Action will be hosting a double feature movie night at 7:30pm in the Lester Pearson Building, 1321 Edward Street. The event is free and all are welcome. Call NSPIRG at 494-6662.

“Challenges of Marine Environmental Protection: Lessons From a Tour of Six Seas” — Peter Wells of Environment Canada will be lecturing from 4-5pm at 1322 Robie Street, room 41.

Friday, March 20

Women's Health Collective will meet at 3:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 494-6662.

The Sun Room Reading Series — poets/writers, Ross Leckie and David Manicom will be speaking at 8pm in The Oaks, 5920 Gorsebrook Avenue, Saint Mary's University.

“Better Batteries from Solid-State Science, not Electrochemistry” — Prof. Jeff Dahn, of Dalhousie University will be lecturing at 1:30pm in the Chemistry Building, room 226.

Saturday, March 21

Dal Magic Association meets from 12-6pm in room 318, SUB. Everyone welcome. For more info call Steve at 494-3407.

Sunday, March 22

Sunday Mass — The Dal Roman Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates Mass every Sunday at 11:30am in room 307, SUB. All are welcome to join us in a youthful, modern liturgy that reflects university life and experiences. For more info call 494-2287.

Brown Bag Lunch — The Dal Roman Catholic Chaplaincy will be hosting the event at 12:30pm in room 307, SUB. This week's discussion will focus on the stations of the cross. For more info call 494-2287.

Monday, March 23

The Bluenose Chess Club will meet at 7pm, room 307, SUB. E-mail jfraser@is2.dal.ca for more info.

Humans Against Homophobia will be meeting at 6pm, room 316, SUB. People of all sexual orientation and all walks of life are welcome.

Tuesday, March 24

Women's Health Issues, a collective of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 492-6662.

Eco-Action, a working group of the NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the 2nd floor lounge, SUB. All are welcome. Call 494-6662 for more info.

Wednesday, March 25

Taoist Tai Chi will be held by the Ward 5 Centre at 1:30pm. There is a \$2 drop-in fee. To register call Susan Nordin at 454-7003.

Burma Support Network, a working group of NSPIRG, holds regular meetings at 5:30pm in the second floor lounge, SUB. For more info call 494-6662.

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Dalhousie Association for Graduate Students (DAGS) is looking for a secretary and treasurer for their 98/99 term. This is a paid position. If anyone is interested please apply ASAP to dags@is.dal.ca.

Theartum Mundi: The 1997 Marion McCain Atlantic Art Exhibition, an exhibit featuring the work of 25 contemporary artists from all over the atlantic provinces is showing at the Dalhousie Art Gallery until May 16. The Dal Art Gallery is located in the Dal Arts Centre. It's open Tuesday to Sunday, 11-4pm, and admission is free. For more info call 494-2403.

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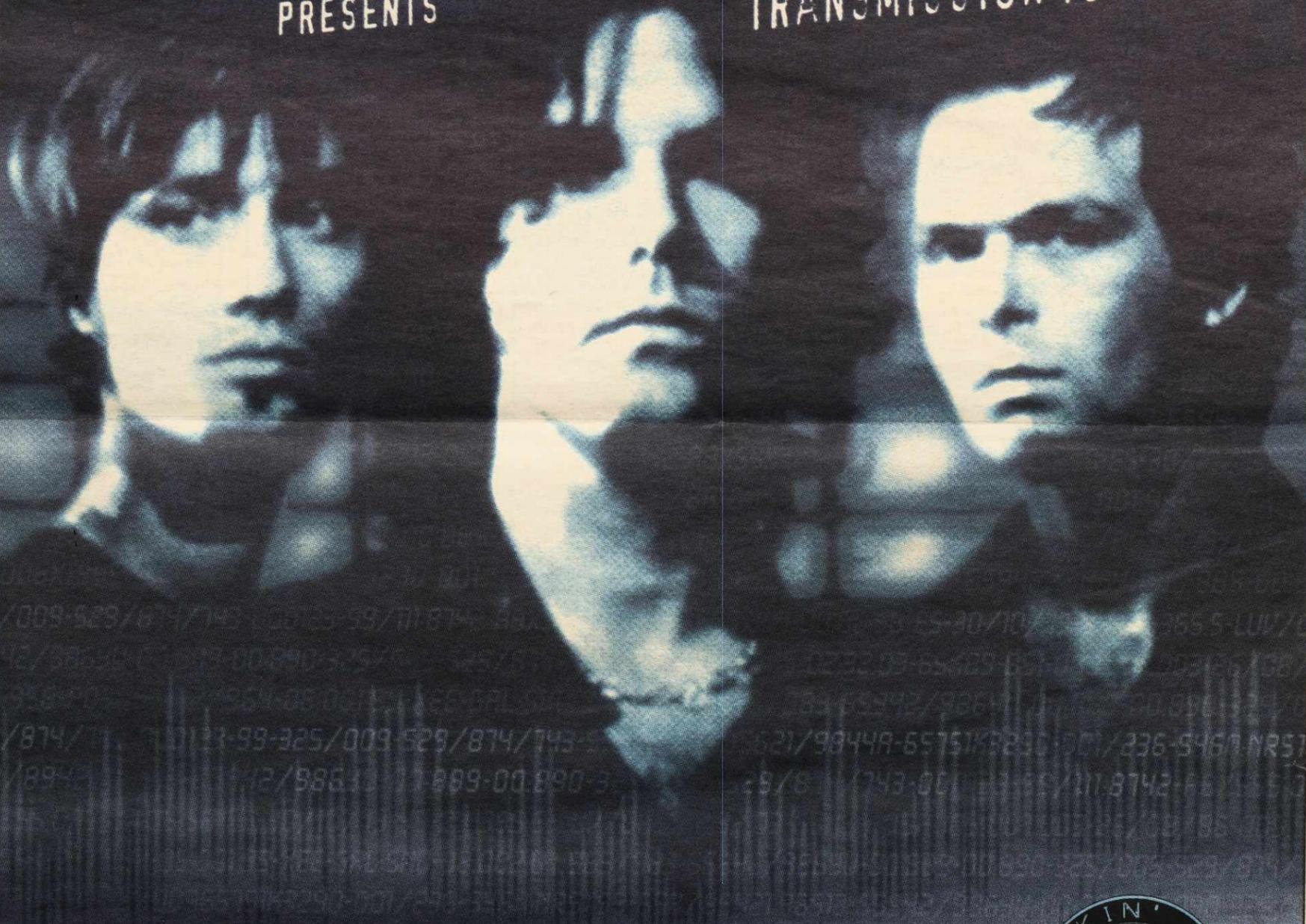
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