

Faculty pass strike vote

By SAMANTHA BRENNAN and KIM MUNDLE

Professor J. Andrew Wainwright sits patiently at the Dalhousie Faculty Association booth in the SUB lobby. It's Monday lunch hour at Dalhousie university and hundreds of students are streaming through the SUB on their way to the cafeteria. Some students pass by the booth but many others stop and ask Wainwright questions about the DFA and their successful strike vote.

After negotiations with the Dalhousie administration stalled the DFA turned to their 728 members to ask for support in a strike vote. From Oct. 23-25 580 of Dalhousie's faculty and librarians took to the polls and of those who voted 477 cast a "yes" ballot to strike.

Wainwright is just one of the many faculty members taking time to see that students understand the issues in the DFA's negotiations with the administration.

He says with 82 per cent of those who voted in favour of strike action it's clear the DFA has the support of its members.

"Maybe not all of them would sit at this table but it's obvious from last night's strike vote that we have the majority of faculty's support," says Wainwright.

And as someone who supported the strike vote, he feels strongly that action was necessary.

"At a deadlock in negotiations a strike vote was legally necessary if any action was to be taken other than continued deadlock," says Wainwright.

It's been a busy afternoon for Wainwright. He estimates that in four hours he's spoken to nearly 25 students.

DFA President Sandy Young says it's essential that students understand the vote was taken as a means of pressuring the administration into settling.

He says the sole intent of the strike vote was to bring the negotiations to a nice, quiet conclusion.

"When negotiations cease to be fluid then we'll look at action," says Young. "That's not the case right now."

The decision to move to a strike vote was made at a DFA general meeting and came after reports from their negotiating team that things were going nowhere in their sessions with the administration.

A successful strike vote puts the DFA in a position to pursue a wide range of options.

Tom Sinclair-Faulkner, DFA campus support committee member, says he thinks the best actions are those that hurt students least while still putting pressure on the administration.

Possible actions for the faculty

association extend from boycotting all Dalhousie-sponsored events to establishing informational pickets at the university.

"Going out indefinitely is our last alternative," says Sinclair-Faulkner.

And he says he doesn't think that the DFA will have to resort to such drastic methods.

He says the DFA's position is reasonable and people should be able to see that.

For now the administration and DFA negotiating teams have returned to the bargaining table.

The largest issue still unresolved by the negotiating teams is that of salary.

Increases to faculty's salaries are made up of two components—a career development increment and an income maintenance change.

The career development increment refers to an increase based on the assumption that a faculty member's value to the university increases with the amount of time they spend at Dalhousie. This is a lump sum figure and is presently set at \$1,000.

The income maintenance change is closer to what is known as a cost of living increase and is a percentage increase.

The Board went into negotiations offering the faculty a zero per cent increase in the income maintenance change component.

Later they came up to an offer of a 1.54 per cent increase.

Sinclair-Faulkner calls the board's offer "outrageous". The DFA is asking for a cost of living increase in both components of their salary package. They also want a catch-up clause in the contract that would have them making the same in real terms in 1988 as they were in 1978.

"We don't believe the board can't go above two per cent," says Sinclair-Faulkner.

Settlements at other Nova Scotia universities range from a high of an 8.5 per cent increase at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and St. Francis Xavier to a low of six per cent at Acadia.

Other issues that remain unresolved between the DFA and the administration include the pension plan and a clause dealing with extracurricular activities of professors.

The board has proposed a clause in the collective agreement that would make deans responsible for knowing what every faculty member is doing 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They tabled this proposal in April and the issue has not been resolved.

"This makes no sense from either a practical viewpoint or from a point of view of academic freedoms," says Sinclair-Faulkner. He fears this clause would be used to



Direct Action brought satisfaction to someone displeased with this sexist ad on the bus shelter at the corner of Inglis and Robie. Photo: Mary C. Sykes, Dal Photo.

"whip certain faculty members into shape."

The university also wants a percentage of royalties on patents, publishing projects and lecture fees paid to professors. They claim that since some of the work was done on academic time they have rights to the money.

What they are forgetting, says Sinclair-Faulkner, is that professors' publishing and lecturing helps

to enhance the prestige of the university.

In the coming weeks DFA members will continue to staff a booth in the lobby of the SUB to answer any questions from students. And although Dalhousie Student Union president Alex Gigeroff says space is available in the building for an administration booth, they've yet to take him up on the offer. □

Waterloo sues CFS predecessor

WATERLOO (CUP)—In a move that could leave the Canadian Federation of Students in deep financial trouble, the University of Waterloo student council plans to sue the National Union of Students, CFS's predecessor, for thousands of dollars in membership fees it paid to the organization in 1982-83.

Council members claim that NUS owes them about \$15,000 in membership fees that it must pay back because the union did not abide by its by-laws. Council president Tom Allison says NUS "for all intents and purposes" has ceased to function.

In 1981, NUS delegated all of its

responsibilities, including financial ones, to CFS. It effectively became a "dummy corporation" of CFS, according to former NUS chair John Doherty.

Allison said the council paid its membership fees to NUS in 1982 and withdrew from the organization in 1983 at a student union general meeting. Allison says the withdrawal was effective immediately.

NUS, however, did not recognize the pull-out until May 1984 and has launched a suit against the council demanding payment of 1983 fees.

The council's counter suit will be filed in court this week. Allison

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Dalhousie council spineless, gutless jelly fish?

By KATIE FRASER

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) decided to remain neutral on the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) strike vote at their Oct. 28 council meeting.

David McCann, student representative on the Dalhousie senate, was the only councillor to come out in direct support of the DFA. He says that because Dalhousie pays its professors lower salaries than other universities they might lose valuable staff.

DSU president Alex Gigeroff says although he's concerned about the low wages, if faculty's wages were increased something else would lose out.

He says council's stand on the issue of support for the faculty has caused them to be called "spineless, gutless jellyfish."

"At this stage we don't want to further create a division in atmosphere when negotiating is still going on. It is important that the parties negotiate in good faith," said Gigeroff. "We are talking to both sides. I'd like to see more students express their views, and to see those views get back to both sides."

If negotiations break down and a strike occurs, Geoff Martin, student representative of the Board of Governors, says the students could sue the Board of Governors for tuition fees. He says that when the cleaners went on strike in Howe and Sherif Hall, the students there successfully sued for a \$70 rebate.

"I think eventually the question of justice will have to be addressed. Salaries are well below the national average," said Martin. "If we are not paying competitively, we are going to make it less likely for good recruitments and we will lose our good people."

"Anything that happens at the university will have an impact on their capital fund drive," says Martin. "The donors are interested in how stable the University is. If for example there was a strike, this wouldn't show unity. It would be a negative factor for the campaign."

Gigeroff says the strike will not only damage Dalhousie's reputation in the community, as far as the fund drive is concerned, but it also would create divisions within the university community itself.

"What most concerns me about the entire affair is that it's furthering the sense of division in the university. There is an uncomfortable atmosphere in the University," says Gigeroff.

"I want a settlement." □

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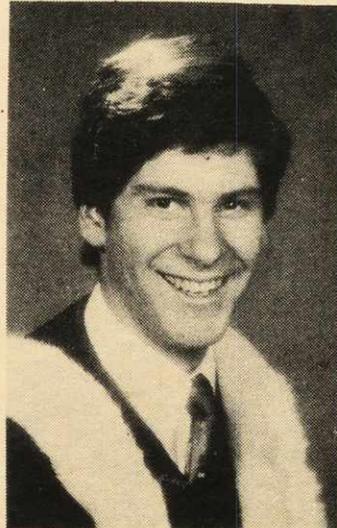
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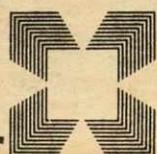
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Tim Hill, Dale Godsoe and Terry Donahoe battle it out in "The Great Debate". The three candidates in the Halifax-Cornwallis riding debated education policy to an audience of Dalhousie students Oct. 30. Photo: Susan Latter Dal Photo

Hill and Donahoe slug it out in the Great Debate

By MICHAEL DANIELS

What was called the "Great Debate" between the electoral candidates in the Halifax-Cornwallis riding turned into a contest between NDP candidate Tim Hill and Education Minister Terry Donahoe, the PC incumbent.

Donahoe opened the Oct. 30 debate in the McInnes room of the SUB by saying he had been accused by his opponents of doing less than he should for post-secondary education in Nova Scotia.

Donahoe cited a number of statistics to support his government's commitment to Nova Scotia universities. He said the total operating grants to universities have increased from \$80 million to \$156 million since the Progressive Conservatives took power. This year, Nova Scotia ranked first among the provinces in increases in operating grants to universities.

Donahoe said bursaries had also increased from \$6.4 million to \$9.2 million.

Hill began attacking Donahoe at the start of his own opening remarks. He said Donahoe was using statistics to justify six years of neg-

lect of the education system by the Tories, "but statistics can be twisted."

Hill said Donahoe cut bursaries to students, forcing them to make up the difference in student loans. He also said the government has done nothing to solve the housing problem.

"Now with an election, Donahoe and the government says let's discuss a solution," he said. "Meanwhile, I have friends at Fenwick who are living with three people to a [bachelor] apartment."

Dale Godsoe, the Liberal candidate for the riding, said the concerns about post-secondary education are consistent and real. She said Nova Scotia's universities are an important resource which must be developed.

"They [the Buchanan government] see it [the post-secondary education system] as a financial liability," she said.

During the question period, Hill continued his attacks on Donahoe's policies, while Donahoe attempted to defend himself by counter-attacking.

Hill criticized the government's bursary system, saying there isn't just less money this year, there are also more people competing for that money. He said the criteria also make it difficult for students to get the bursary they're entitled to.

"I call out for a change in criteria and the mix between bursary and loan," said Hill.

Donahoe said, "For Tim, or anybody, to suggest that there will be less money this year than in the past is a complete bastardization of the facts."

Godsoe compared the bursary system to a thick sandwich, where the bursary was a very thin slice of ham between two extremely thick slices of bread, which were student loans. Students, she said, have to go through one thick slice of bread to get to a thin slice of ham and

then again to a thick slice of bread. This brought a cry from the audience of, "Where's the beef?!"

At one point in the debate, Donahoe made an attack of his own against Hill.

"I'm struck that he [Hill] says out one side, 'We should plan our university system,' " he said. "Out another side, he says, 'I don't know [how to solve the problem], and then he turns full circle and wants to throw money at them."

Hill countered by saying, "Mr. Donahoe is an expert at circular argument."

Hill continued his assault on Donahoe, saying he had not done enough in his position as minister responsible for the advancement of women to make women more equal. He said the government had made an important commitment to women 10 years ago, but did not progress very far from there.

"It is not satisfactory for a woman to earn two-thirds of what I hope to earn after next Tuesday," Hill said.

He said it was not enough to have just a policy of equal pay for equal work, rather the government must have an affirmative action program.

Equal rights legislation, Donahoe said, "must promote affirmative action and other programmes to ensure that every person in the community be equal."

Donahoe said the recent publication of the Nova Scotia plan of action for women will lay the groundwork for solving women's rights problems.

On university underfunding, Donahoe said it was because Nova Scotia had so many universities "to cut up the pie," and university administrations had an "insatiable desire to spend money."

Hill said, "I don't think we should fuel the desire to spend by throwing money at it."

Universities must take a step back and look at defining their roles and their goals," he said.

Donahoe said he didn't think the universities have been fulfilling their roles.

"As long as there are make up programmes and remedial programmes, or if this prof or class is a gut class, then the universities are not fulfilling their roles," he said.

In his closing statement, Hill said the Halifax-Cornwallis race is a very close election, and the votes of 4000 more students than last time will make a difference.

"Donahoe knows that," he said. "That's why he spends two hours in the Grawood lounge, talking to students."

Hill asked where Donahoe was when the Students' Union of Nova Scotia wanted to discuss student aid and couldn't find him for two months.

"Do you think he will be around the Grawood after next Tuesday?" he said.

Donahoe's closing statement centered around his six years experience as Minister of Education. He said Nova Scotia should have the experienced people in the government who can sit with the new federal government and get the capping on EPF (Established Programmes Financing) funds removed. He also said a PC government in Nova Scotia would be able to get more from the federal Tories than the other parties could.

Donahoe said he had often been to the Grawood.

"I will continue to go back to the Grawood anytime there are any of my friends there who will buy me a beer," he said. □

New CKDU will begin broadcasting in new year

By BILL MITCHELL

Dalhousie's student radio station CKDU-FM will begin broadcasting to the Halifax community by January.

Although the station was scheduled to go on air in October station manager Doug Varty says the most likely starting date is Jan. 1.

Varty blames the delays on waiting to get to go ahead to broadcast from the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Committee (CRTC), and the slowness of the studio construction.

The carpenters had taken much longer to put down floors because the job was not their top priority, said Varty.

He says the delay was not discouraging membership.

"At the CKDU-FM General

Meeting last week, only 26 people turned up. But people don't join a radio station to go to meetings," he said. Varty says the turnout was good considering the delays.

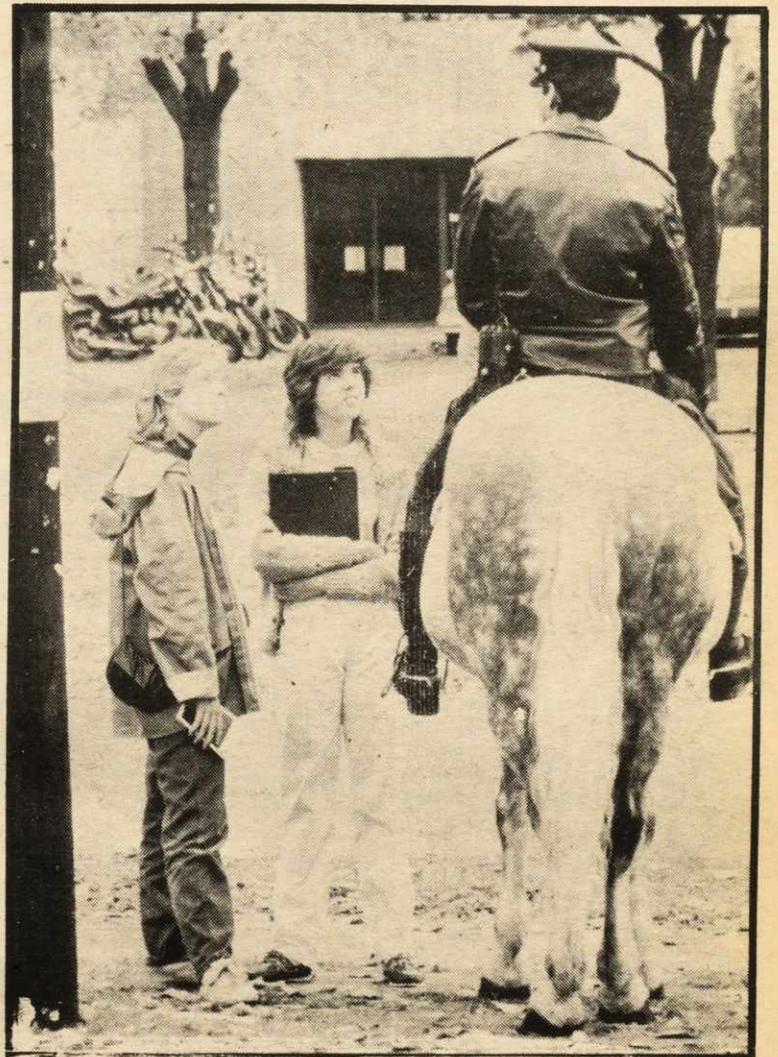
He says the delay has proved to be an advantage in some ways.

"The Public Affairs department have been able to build up files and background material, with the extra time," says Varty. He says there is no financial loss because of the delay. Costs of royalties, telephones and wear of equipment have been saved, says Varty.

On a personal level, Varty saw advantages to the delay.

"It has meant that I have been able to get used to the environment at Dal, and to be a station manager again."

Varty was involved with the radio station at the University of New Brunswick, CASR. □



Members of the Halifax Police Department conduct a "gallup" poll on campus. Photo: Darryl C. MacDonald, Dal Photo.

Police tear gas students

LONDON (CUP)—Police wielding truncheons and hurling tear gas at students during a rowdy homecoming party at the University of Western Ontario have arrested more than 20 people and charged them with a variety of offences.

Dressed in riot gear, police ordered a throng of 1,500 students Oct. 19 gathered at a private town-house complex to disperse. The students responded with exploding firecrackers and flying beer bottles, according to police inspector John Robinson.

One hour after the initial request and numerous warnings, police fired four tear gas cannisters into the crowd. They immediately rushed at the students to break up the party.

"I felt the only safe way to disperse the crowd without a lot of physical violence was by using tear gas," Robinson said.

One woman was taken to hospital after being overcome by the gas. Numerous people suffered cuts and bruises, and four officers were hit by flying debris.

Robinson added: "If I hadn't used the tear gas, injuries would have been much worse."

Police charged 13 people with unlawful assembly, two with obstruction and numerous others with liquor related offences.

The next night, Oct. 20, students again gathered in large groups, but police broke up about 10 parties without having to use tear gas.

Two people were arrested when "they dropped their pants and underwear and jumped up and down" in front of about 350 spectators.

Vandals, believed by police to be

students, also stole a six-foot statue of Ronald McDonald and a plastic seat from a local fast food outlet.

Robinson called the UWO homecoming "the biggest party we've ever seen." □

Mother pleads for transfer for one of Vancouver Five

OTTAWA (CUP)—The 53-year-old mother of one of the "Vancouver Five" is desperately appealing to the federal government to transfer her son from the infamous Archambault prison near Montréal to a penitentiary in his native B.C.

Agnes Stewart, who left her

school teaching job in B.C. to lobby Corrections Services Canada officials, wants her son to be moved immediately. She fears his health—he began the 20th day of a hunger strike Oct. 25—is slipping away.

"I'm getting a little worried. I don't want him to die from his hunger strike. It's reaching a dangerous stage," Stewart said in a recent interview in Ottawa.

Her son Doug started his fast Oct. 6 in protest of his transfer from Kent penitentiary near Vancouver in July to Archambault. He wants to be returned because he is thousands of miles away from his family and friends and does not speak a word of French, the main language of the institution.

Stewart pleaded guilty in June to the bombing of a B.C. Hydro power plant on Vancouver Island and received a six-year sentence for his part in the action. No one was injured in the blast.

"He felt he can't cope with the extreme isolation and loneliness," his mother said. "He was prevented from doing any meaningful work and says he can't bear to stay there."

Stewart says her son was transferred without any warning. After repeated attempts by letter to find out why he was transferred, the mother says federal corrections service officials told her he was moved because he is considered a "security risk" at Kent, a maximum security prison. The authorities also told her Doug had to be separated from the other members of the group and from his home territory.

"Another reason was that they

thought it would be best for him and I think none of their reasons are justified," she said. "It was a harmful move. He has really deteriorated since the transfer."

Stewart said when she visited her son last week he appeared despondent and pale. Upon a second visit, however, she said he was more lively. Doug has only been drinking water since his hunger strike began, although federal guards are leaving trays of fruit and nuts beside his bed in the prison infirmary.

As of Oct. 25, Doug had lost about 12 kilograms. Although his mother said she originally came to Ottawa to talk him out of the hunger strike, she changed her mind when she realized the conditions he faced at Archambault. Doug has not spoken to either guards or prisoners for days.

The 27-year-old was fired from his job in the prison machine shop because he was considered a "security risk," was rejected from a computer course only offered in French because there was no more space and quit another job in the prison shop in protest. The guards then threw him into isolation for 23 hours.

"I don't want to try to talk him out of it, but I'm very concerned. I want to know in my mind that the situation is resolved before I leave," his mother said.

Stewart plans to stay in Montréal until she receives word from the solicitor-general's office. She is also seeking legal advice on the issue.

Ruth Fahlman, a close friend of Doug's who came to Ottawa from Vancouver with his mother, says support groups in Ottawa, Montréal, Vancouver, Toronto and other cities in Ontario and the Prairies are pressuring the government for Doug's return to B.C.

Fahlman says she hopes Doug's case will show the Canadian public the abuses in the country's prison system. "This case provides a window for people to see inside. It's important for people to see what's done in the name of justice," she said.

"Unless you have a loved one in prison, most people have no idea of the conditions and the kind of power that exists over people's lives." □

Waterloo sues CFS

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estimates the amount will be similar to that of NUS's suit, or about \$17,500 which includes interest and legal costs.

"If we're successful, there'll be an incredible impact on NUS and thus on CFS. All the other schools that have paid NUS fees could get their fees back. And with CFS being responsible for NUS and thousands of dollars in debt, anybody could guess what would happen," Allison said.

Allison refused to comment further, saying: "It's obvious what would happen. I don't want to be cruel."

Allison said he did not know how many student councils would sue NUS for back membership fees if Waterloo wins its suit. But about eight universities and colleges, including York, McMaster and Trent Universities and the University of Western Ontario, still pay fees to NUS.

NUS and CFS chair Beth Olley refused to comment on the issue.

"It's nuts. It's a suit and a counter-suit. Once it goes public, I'll be more than happy to comment," she said.

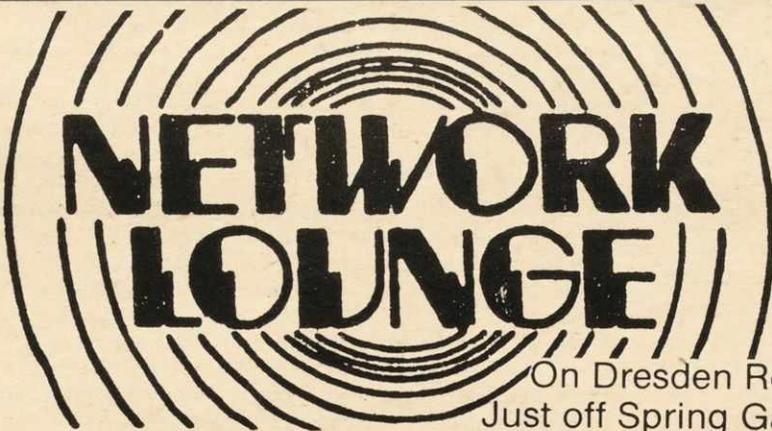
At a council meeting Oct. 14, Waterloo council members were told that according to a new lawyer assigned to the case, they are legally entitled to the fees paid in 1982.

"The [council's] lawyer felt that a counter suit claiming a refund from NUS for the period of 1981-83 might force NUS to drop its claim for fear of creating a precedent-setting situation for other student unions," minutes from the council meeting say.

Allison has admitted that the suit is an attempt by the council to force NUS to back down and did not dismiss the possibility of an out-of-court settlement.

"To have one student government suing a national student movement, it's a no win situation for everybody," he said. "[But] NUS has more to lose than we do."

The court date for NUS's suit is not expected until next year. □



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Rethinking development Picking up the pieces in the Caribbean

By RICK JANSON

When the U.S. marines landed in Grenada a year ago, not only did they eliminate the social progress the New Jewel Movement of Maurice Bishop had set in place, but they also seriously set back movements towards progressive social change throughout the Caribbean.

Oct. 25-28 academics and activists from the Caribbean and Atlantic Canada met at St. Mary's University to pick up the pieces and rethink development in the 1980's.

Dale Bisnauth of the Caribbean Council of Churches defined the nature of the problems facing the West Indies and called for a more human approach to development.

"The harsh reality is that despite the volume of Canadian aid to the Caribbean, the region remains as poor and depressed as it was three decades ago."

Bisnauth said that aid too often was tied to political motives on the part of Canada and the U.S. Such political motives include aid that is tied to Canadian contracts and jobs.

The political motives of people like former prime-minister John Diefenbaker—who saw aid as insurance against communism—were no longer acceptable, he said.

"Priority should be given to local, low cost projects" that used the resources found in the region, said Bisnauth. Aid should be targeted to areas where it would help eradicate impoverishment, not to aid the might of totalitarian regimes.

Robert Moore, past high commissioner of Guyana to Ottawa, said that countries in the Caribbean went from being colonies to client states after they gained independence after the second world war.

He said the search since then has been to make the gains of independence benefit the "broad masses of people at the bottom of society." Many West Indian countries have been trying to restructure their societies without the convulsions of the Cuban revolution.

"How dynamic and how far-reaching have those searches been," he said. "The Caribbean has been a kind of laboratory for the third world. It is extremely important for Canadians to look critically and thoughtfully at these mini-societies."

Keri Levitt, a McGill University professor, said "liberation has to be a triumph of politics over economics".

She blames the international banking community for much of the current economic dilemma facing the region.

"There is an intolerable and enormous injustice as greedy finance companies push countries into debt," she said. "There has been a brutal transfer of resources from the third world to rich countries."

In the last two years there has been a net transfer of \$50 billion from Latin American countries to the banks. Living standards of peoples have been slashed. There has been a reduction in real wages and salaries of 25 percent in Mexico in one year. In Jamaica and the Dominican Republic the situation has never been so bad—in some ways it's even worse than the '30's.

Cheddi Jaga, leader of the Guyanese opposition party, said the debt situation sharpened class struggle resulting in regimes building larger armies and using electoral fraud to keep a restless population in line.

"If you try and change they (the U.S.) send in the marines and the CIA. The International Monetary Fund insist you denationalize and put your country on a capitalist course," he said.

In order to win, Jagan says alliances have to be made with the socialist world and peace has to be made with the capitalist world.

"I've seen practically all the third

world leaders in Moscow," said Jagan. "If you don't build alliances you are out in a moment of crisis. Relationships have to be built in advance. It is a fact of our life."

James Petras, of the State University of New York, said there was a cycle of repetition in the Caribbean going back to the 50's and 60's when the U.S. frequently sent in the marines to control what it couldn't otherwise do economically.

Petras says the increased militarization of the region "is closing the options of peaceful social change" and "radicalizing more progressive social movements."

He predicts the economic boom in the U.S. will soon come to an end which will result in an increased effort by Washington to protect its interests.

A prolonged war in Central America involving U.S. troops will strengthen progressive groups elsewhere, in much the same way as Vietnam proved the impetus for social change during the early '70's, predicts Petras.

Development in Atlantic Canada paralleled discussions on the Caribbean. Looking at Atlantic Canada as a marginal region within an economic union, academics also focussed on human development through greater ties among organizations and communities dedicated to social change.

The four day conference was the first of its kind ever held in Canada. As a result resolutions lacked specific proposals for change, although links were made by progressive institutions in both countries. □

UNB council pres dismisses audit

FREDERICTON (CUP)—The student council president at the University of New Brunswick has dismissed a university audit of student union finances as an elaborate smokescreen shrouding the administration's attempt to shut down the union.

The university audit revealed that \$6,000 in "loose cash" was collecting dust in the office of Mark Slipp, student union building director. It found that a \$6,000 unauthorized loan from student union building funds was made to an on-campus youth group and that SUB management failed to draw up operating budgets for the past two years and renegotiate leases which expired in July.

John Bosnitch, council president for the past two and a half years, said the UNB administration ordered the audit to cover up its plans to discredit the union.

"The auditors found what the university wanted them to find," he said. "We aren't going to settle for it. We've called in our own auditors to assess their auditor's findings."

The university board of governors has asked the SUB's interim board of directors—appointed after university president James Downey dissolved the student union board, seized Bosnitch's keys and changed the locks on the SUB doors—to take control of all leases and the student union's bank accounts.

Although the fate of a student owned and operated convenience store in the SUB is uncertain, Bosnitch said the store is doing well. He said the student union planned to introduce a Canadian University Travel Service centre to the campus but the interim board refused to make space available, saying it will only negotiate with existing lessees.

Bosnitch said the students have run the SUB since its opening in 1968 and the administration fears a strong student influence on the SUB's board of directors.

"They are trying to take the student union building away from the students and put it in the hands of the administration," he said.

Bosnitch said the administration is also trying to destroy the student union's influence on campus and end his political career at UNB.

Bosnitch is running for reelection as president in November but faces impeachment proceedings, which he said has happened each fall since he was elected to office.

The board of governors has congratulated Downey for his actions against the student union.

Downey has instructed the interim board of directors to appoint a permanent board by December. Students now have no say in the building's operation. Meetings are closed and minutes kept confidential. □

Dalplex deficit surprises budget office

By ELIZABETH DONOVAN

An unexpected shortfall in revenue for Dalplex and initial confusion over the exact amount has promoted a change in the reporting structure.

Expected revenue for Dalplex fell \$259,876 short of actual revenue. Budgeted revenue was \$1,002,494 and actual revenue was only \$742,618.

"It was a surprise to the budget office that there was a shortfall in revenue," said John Graham, manager of university services.

Graham says the surprise was a result of the lack of communication between the liaison and Dalplex and Budget office.

Reporting structure last year was through the Academic Dean, then to the Budget office. Now the responsibility is turned over to John Graham.

Tony Martin, Acting Director of the Dalplex since June, agrees the problem was miscommunication, but says the communication lines are now open.

"The deficit was allowed to get out of hand, but we are making sure what we set as a target this year we will stick to it."

Geoff Martin, Board of Governors rep, says the decrease in the number of outside memberships and lack of continuity in marketing efforts contributed to the shortfall in Dalplex revenue.

Dalplex has operated at a deficit every year since it was built in 1979.

Graham says the Dalplex is not expected to make a profit because it is an academic forum for Phys. Ed. students as well as providing recreation for 8,000 students.

At least one professor disagrees.

"If the Board of Governors were expecting Dalplex to operate at a deficit, why did they spend all that money when the faculty already know the library was deteriorating and needed improvements," says Tom Sinclair-Faulkner, Religious Studies prof at Dalhousie.

Geoff Martin says the decision to build Dalplex was made during a time when universities were expanding, both in property and enrolment.

"From an operational point of view the facility was built for 20,000 people. But with government cutbacks in education, the building has become more of a financial burden for the university," he says.

Tony Martin says the Dalplex is going to pare down expenses by charging for services that require a great deal of manpower. Towels and clothing are now no longer covered by membership fees.

Tony Martin says he does not want to increase revenue if it hurts students.

"It is a delicate balance to ensure accessibility to students and revenue to Dalplex," he says. □

Soviets wanted to talk peace, the press wanted to talk money

By MARY ELLEN JONES

Soviet delegates spoke about nuclear war, and the similarities between Soviet and Canadian students at a press conference Oct. 27.

"Peace" delegates from the USSR-Canada society of the Soviet Union arrived in Halifax Oct. 25 to spend eight days with members of the Association of the Atlantic Universities. The objective for this conference is to discuss peace strategies with colleagues from the Atlantic Provinces.

V.I. Dobrenkov, Pro-rector of Moscow State University, said, "All honest people just think of the dangers of nuclear war. Every honest person should do his or her best to improve understanding among nations."

"I am convinced that through a better knowledge of each other we will be able to eliminate these fears and misunderstandings to better understand each other," said Dobrenkov. "It is the responsibility of scholars to make universities work for peace. It is also their responsibility to make young people aware of the lethal dangers of nuclear war."

Dr. V.M. Pivovarov, Head of

the Institute of General Pedagogy at the USSR Academy of Pedagogical Sciences, talked about Russian students.

"The average Russian student wears jeans, is always on the move and occasionally misses university classes," he said.

"There are active newspapers on Russian university campuses and all departments have their special newspapers," said Pivovarov.

Dr. K. Ozmon, president of Saint Mary's University, answered questions about whether money for the conference will be well-spent, saying money was not an issue as far as he was concerned.

There was some concern over the conference not having an exact budget. Ozmon estimated the cost to be \$12,000, not including expenses which individual institutions will fund.

Organizers are enthusiastic about the conference.

"Hopefully, through the course of this conference, we will arrive at an understanding that we didn't have before," said Ozmon. "We are academics, we are not politicians. We don't determine the fate of our country. We have to exert pressure by other means." □

Hundreds want end to faculty strike

TORONTO (CUP)—Hundreds of students at Ontario's community colleges are demanding an end to the teachers' strike that has kept them out of class since Oct. 17.

They fear they could lose their academic year if the strike by the 7,600 college teachers, members of

the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, continues for more than two weeks.

They publicly demonstrated their concern at Queen's Park, the seat of the Ontario legislature in Toronto, Oct. 19, when they paraded a stretcher symbolizing the

corpse of quality education around the legislature grounds.

Chanting and placard-carrying students from as far away as Sarnia, Peterborough and Ottawa milled around a huge banner that read: "Students need to be taught."

Both representatives of the faculty union and the Council of Regents, which governs the colleges, addressed the students. They said they wanted a speedy settlement to the strike as well.

Sean O'Flynn, college faculty union leader, said the union is wil-

ling to negotiate a settlement fair to both sides and thanked the students for throwing their support behind the teachers.

"By your support today, you have shown your concerns are like those of the teachers: quality education with an end to overcrowding."

Diane Schatz, a representative of the Council of Regents, said the Ontario government supported the regents' latest offer. When she said the government also supported the idea of a quality and accessible education, students responded with chants of "Bullshit! Bullshit! Bullshit!"

The students' action prompted both sides to return to the bargaining table Oct. 21, but there is no end to the strike in sight.

The strike affects about 120,000 full-time and 500,000 part-time students. Many are concerned about missed classes, late term papers, postponed exams and the fate of their student loans.

Monika Turner, Ontario Federation of Students chair, said if the school year is extended to make up for lost time, college students will have problems finding summer employment. She said graduating students will be in an even worse position.

Ron Ried, a nursing student at George Brown College in Toronto, said most students are continuing their studies at home but want to return to the classroom.

"We really want to get back to school more than anything else," he said.

Ried said the strike has come at a particularly bad time for most students, including himself. "It's a disaster. I've got a job lined up for the summer and I stand to lose at least \$2,500 and an entire school

year," he said.

Phil Gunn, a student council president of Seneca College, said student councils are trying to provide students with updates on the strike.

"Unfortunately, there is nothing much we can really tell them," Gunn said. "I think the strike is really hurting the students and a lot of them are going to be dropping out."

But their fears may be premature. Last week Ontario education minister Bette Stephenson "guaranteed" that students would not lose their school year. But she later backed down and said she would "attempt to guarantee" the continuation of the academic year.

While speaking in the house, Stephenson expressed her disapproval of back-to-work legislation as a means of ending the strike.

"It is within my experience that the best settlement is one that is reached by mutual agreement between two parties," she said. "It is my strong belief that this is also the best solution in this case."

An organizer of the Oct. 19 demonstration, Lester Fox, said Stephenson should take a stand on the issue. "[She] has not committed herself to a statement and I think she should."

At issue in the strike is the teachers' workload. Teachers want more time to spend outside the classroom marking assignments and planning lessons.

Teachers are required to spend 19 hours a week in the classroom. The union has said it is willing to accept management's offer of a one-year wage increase of about five per cent, which would raise the average teacher's salary to \$39,000. □

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Big Four—big bucks or big sham?

MONTREAL (CUP)—McGill University is betting it can bring back the era of beanie caps, letter sweaters and crowds of alumni coming to cheer "the old alma mater" with the added bonus of lots of fresh bucks for its sports program.

Québec's two other English universities think it's an expensive mistake which won't pan out for McGill.

McGill plans to pull out of the Québec University Athletics Association and form a new league with Queen's, University of Toronto and Western Ontario—actually a revival of the popular 1940's grouping—the Big Four.

"It's going to bring our alumni back [to games]," McGill athletics director Bob Dubeau said. "There's going to be a lot more interest. When Carleton, Bishop's [Universities] come here now, there's no interest."

"Companies are going to be a lot more interested [with the Big Four]," Dubeau said. "McGill's opportunity to increase revenue will be very attractive."

Bruce Colter, head of athletics at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Québec, said times have changed since the heady days of the 40s and 50s when the Big Four games out-drew the Canadian Football League.

"Montréal is a large sophisticated city with a lot of sports now," Colter said. "It's not like 30 years ago."

Colter also said travelling back and forth to southern Ontario for most of its sports is going to be very expensive for McGill.

Concordia University football coach Skip Rochette said the annual Shaughnessey Cup game, the 16-year-old rivalry between McGill and Concordia, is the most well-attended university football game in Montréal. Rochette says he doubts a McGill-Toronto game will draw as much interest.

Dubeau said McGill wants to continue playing Québec teams as well as Big Four teams.

But Bishop's Colter isn't sure that will happen.

"If they pull out and ruin our league who's to say we're not just going to say 'screw you' [and refuse to play them]?" □

Peace Petition Caravan delivers 450,000 signatures to Ottawa

OTTAWA (CUP)—While prime minister Brian Mulroney ignored the pleas last week of hundreds of thousands of Canadians to put an end to Canada's cruise missile testing, he failed to discourage them from continuing their efforts.

Organizers of the Peace Petition Caravan campaign, which gathered nearly 450,000 signatures on a petition demanding a halt to cruise missile testing, say they are more determined than ever to change Canada's position in the nuclear arms race.

At a press conference Oct. 22, the organizers put on a brave face and said Mulroney's refusal did not disappoint them.

"We didn't expect it to happen overnight," said Bob Penner, spokesperson for the campaign and an activist with the Toronto Disarmament Network. "We felt the meeting with Mr. Mulroney was a success in that he said he would encourage more government consultation with the peace movement."

But one organizer later personally admitted he was disappointed with Mulroney's performance during the meeting with caravan participants. National campaign coordinator Michael Manolson said he hoped Mulroney would have responded directly to their demands, instead of reading from previously prepared speeches and shrugging off activists' questions.

"We did not go into the meeting in the hope that Mulroney would say, 'Oh my God! You got 450,000 signatures, I've seen the light, I'll stop the testing,'" Manolson said.

"We had no expectations. But I personally hoped he would have been more forthright with us and felt more comfortable dealing with the peace issue."

Manolson said the Peace Petition Caravan organizers and participants plan to organize a national conference for peace activists in Canada, which will most likely be held this spring. The activists want

to set up a national coalition of peace groups across the country to launch national campaigns for disarmament. The peace petition caravan campaign was the first national campaign undertaken by Canada's peace movement.

The bundles of petitions, wrapped neatly in boxes according to federal ridings, will be presented to the Speaker of the House shortly after Parliament resumes sitting. The petitions call for Canada to be declared a nuclear weapons free zone, that research and production of nuclear weapons be halted and that "wasteful spending" on arms be diverted to "human needs."

The petitions also seek a free vote in the House of Commons to approve these measures, but all three federal party leaders rejected the idea.

According to Manolson, Liberal leader John Turner admitted his party was "badly divided" on the issue of cruise testing and would review its position. NDP leader Ed Broadbent, whose party endorsed the campaign in its early stages, said he does not support the idea of a free vote because it would not alter the federal government's position.

Manolson said Mulroney pledged to conduct public hearings across Canada on the government's foreign and defence policies. Mulroney also promised to release a white paper on defence and a report prepared by external affairs minister Joe Clark, who conducted public hearings on disarmament earlier this year.

One participant in the campaign, Stephanie Sydiaha, said although the petitions did not prompt Mulroney to change his position, the campaign strengthened Canada's peace movement and encouraged people in small communities to set up local peace groups.

"People were overwhelmed when we passed through. It was like a band of gypsies travelling through town. Everyone got excited, as if the circus was coming," Sydiaha said.

A part-time arts student at the University of Saskatchewan, Sydiaha joined the caravan on the spur of the moment when it stopped in Saskatoon Oct. 6. "I was feeling kinda hopeless about the issue and wanted to connect with other people in order to empower myself," she said.

Sydiaha said she thinks the campaign heightened federal politicians' awareness of the peace movement's strength and support. "This isn't the end, it's the beginning of a whole different movement. That energy is going to keep spreading."

Manolson agreed. "About 450,000 signatures is not to be sneezed at. Before you make progress, you have to be recognized—it's kinda like having a big club and hitting politicians in the ass to let them know you exist," he said.

The East and West caravans left St. John's, Newfoundland and Vancouver, B.C. on Sept. 29 respectively. Five people in the West Coast caravan met the two people from the East Coast on Parliament Hill Oct. 20, where they were greeted by local peace activists.

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MUN sends students back to grade school

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Overcrowding and a lack of classroom space at Memorial University may force students to go back where they came from—grade school.

The university administration is considering the idea of purchasing an old grade school near the campus, which it has rented this term for first year English and psychology classes.

But Mary Barry, general studies English co-ordinator, said there are many problems in holding classes away from the university.

"It's difficult on the students and it's difficult on the faculty. There's no quiet workspace tutorials."

Barry said many students have

dropped morning slots at the school to take afternoon courses at the university. First year English is a requirement for every graduate at Memorial.

While general studies English classes will not be held at the school next semester, the university is anxious to use the property for extra classroom space, said Wayne Thistle, vice-President academic and finance. Enrolment is expected to climb higher in the coming years, he added.

Negotiations are now underway among the university, the school board and provincial government officials to buy the building. □

U of T discriminates against women staff

TORONTO (CUP)—Women staff at the University of Toronto make less money than their male counterparts, according to a report by the U of T staff association.

The report, released recently, compares the salaries of male and female administrative staff in secretarial, clerical and administrative positions.

"Yes, it really is true that women are discriminated against at the U of T. We finally have hard, cold facts," said Dominique Burs, editor of the UTSA newsletter.

"This is the first time we've actually had statistics. Before we did not have anything to back up our arguments. We've never had it this clear."

The report, based on information obtained from U of T's personnel office, says the majority of women on staff earn between \$15,000 and \$19,000 while the majority of men earn between \$25,000 and \$29,000.

There are twice as many female

staff as there are male at the U of T.

Statistics showed women made up 100 per cent of secretarial staff, the lowest income bracket and traditional female job ghetto.

Lois Reimer, the newly appointed officer for the Status of Women at the U of T, was not surprised by the report but said more information on the data used on job classifications and a profile of the staff were needed.

"I want to look carefully at the situation and see what can be done to improve representation of women at U of T," she said.

Reimer said one of the problems with the report was that it did not consider what percentage of women studied are mothers. Reimer said the years of career advancement, 20-30, coincide with child-bearing years.

"The choice between a woman's career and her children is like a catch-22," Reimer said. □

A MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

Where was Dale Godsoe when Terry Donahoe made major cuts in student aid after the last election?

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Although there is obviously little we can do to change governments, we can make a definitive statement to the provincial government that education underfunding is intolerable in a society that needs skilled human-power more than ever.

We believe, therefore, that you

should elect Tim Hill on Nov. 6. Should a student candidate successfully win election here, you can be sure politicians across the country would wake up to the threats posed by students who are disgruntled with the decay of the post-secondary education system. Also the election of Hill would put an active voice in the legislature on behalf of students.

Politicians have shown themselves to be immune to reason on the education issue. Maybe if a few of them lost their jobs, self-interest would at least motivate them to act on our behalf. □

Watch out for "born again" Liberals

Recently we nearly woofed our cookies when we heard the Liberals promoting their stand on education. Question: Where were they when the cuts to

education funding were happening? Their appeal to student votes now just doesn't jive with their past performance in the legislature. Be suspicious of "born again" Liberals. □

Deal sounds good on the surface

The Dalhousie referendum to approve the Capital Fund Drive student contribution is on the surface a good deal. The arrangement would see students contribute \$15 per year towards the fund in return for a fixed rate of tuition fee increases.

The advantages are numerous.

- Students will contribute \$750,000 towards the Capital Fund Drive, which will be used to improve the university via investments in building and renovations, faculty, computers, library and learning resources, scholarships, student aid and research.
- It will keep tuition fee increases to a minimum, making Dalhousie

more affordable and accessible to students.

- It would reduce tensions between students and the administration over fees, allowing them to work together on issues of finance and quality of education.

- A fixed rate of tuition fee increases would allow students to plan their finances for the next few years.

Our only concern lies in the fact that students may be pitted against faculty by the administration should the referendum pass and the faculty situation remain unresolved. Students should not ratify the deal if it means earning it off the backs of faculty. □

Are you sleeping

With the delivery of Friday's mail we at the *Gazette* hold our breath in anticipation. We rush to sort through the various press releases and junk mail looking for letters to the editor.

On copy night we joke nervously about which story or editorial will win us the most response from you, the reader.

And sure enough last week we weren't disappointed.

Last week there were five letters to the editor and while their political arguments may differ, they all share one thing. All five letters were written by men.

Looking back it shouldn't be a surprise. Of all the letters written to the *Gazette* this year only two were submitted by women. (And one of those didn't deal with editorial content but instead complained about a photo in a recruitment ad.)

When we sat down and tried to think of the people whose words of

wisdom most often adorn these pages, names like Peter Dawson, Charles Spurr and Paul Davis spring immediately to mind. All men.

At the beginning of this year the *Gazette* made an effort, through our recruitment policy and staff meetings, to make sure that women participated in the running of the paper. So far it's worked.

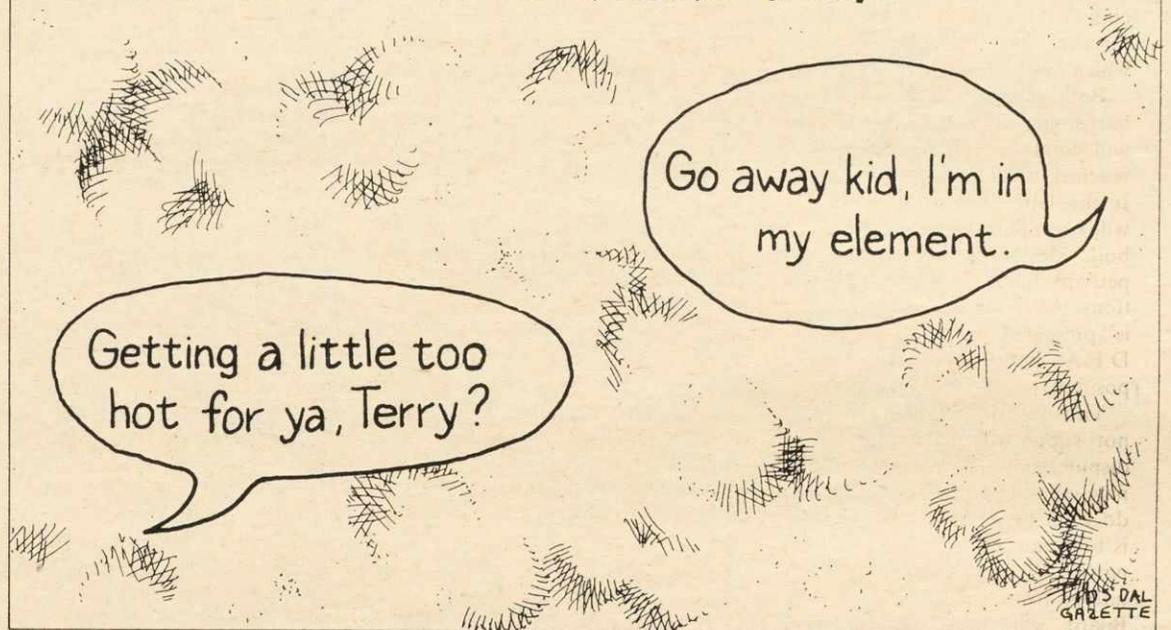
Now we're making a call for women to participate in the editorial pages of the *Gazette*. For two women editing a newspaper, it's an alienating feeling when your only feedback comes from men.

We need your opinions, thoughts, compliments and criticisms.

And to begin our new affirmative action letters policy, we're going to hold back all letters that begin "Dear Sir" or, worse yet, "To Mr. Editor," until their authors wake up. □

Break political encounter #72

TERRY DONUTHOLE and TIM HILT meet in steam room at the Y:



Have you hugged your professor today?

In every union there's sometimes disagreement about how far to go on any particular issue.

What's usually not an issue is whether to support another union in their struggles.

We feel strongly that the Dalhousie Student Union should stand behind the Dalhousie Faculty

Association in their struggles with the administration.

If you feel the same way as us or if you just want more information approach the student council at Dalhousie. They're your elected representatives and as such have a responsibility to represent your views.

And if that doesn't work try calling the faculty association offices. With faculty members staffing booths in the SUB lobby in the past week it's clear they're eager to talk.

Have you hugged your professor today? □

Time to start running

To the editors,

I have been involved in support work for the Vancouver Five, and it has been with great dismay that I have read the on-going verbal wars being fought in the *Gazette*. The focus must be placed upon the facts in this case. The facts are: the Vancouver Five's aims were not to injure anyone; their targets were the state and state terrorism (in fact, Ann Hansen, one of the Five, has publically criticized the Litton bombing). It must also be noted that no-one was killed in any of these direct actions, as has been alluded to in previous articles/letters.

More facts: the Vancouver Five were denied a preliminary hearing, the most important safeguard of democracy in our 'democratic system'. This shows how unjust the justice system really is. The evidence which eventually decided the cases was, for the most part, gathered illegally by Canada's Secret Police, the S.S. (Security Service) and CLEU (Co-ordinated Law Enforcement Unit), and should not have been admitted, under Canadian law.

It must also be noted that the Vancouver Five's decision to carry out Direct Action came after years of legal protest, i.e. petitions, marches. Even with acts of civil disobedience carried out against Litton and Red Hot Video, the State continued its policy of funding the armageddon machine (\$26.4 million given to Litton for development of guidance systems for the Cruise missile), and condoning of violent pornography.

The Red Hot Video line of porn shops, which the Wimmin's Fire Brigade, and not the Vancouver Five, acted against, featured snuff films, where the female victim is hacked to pieces in an orgasmic frenzy. It is against these moral outrages which these people took Direct Action.

The world has a destination to achieve if we are to survive. We can walk to this destination; this would be fine if we have lots of time, but we don't. It's time to start running. I do not condone the tragedy of people being injured as a result of Direct Action, but when the process of democracy fails, something must be done . . . before it's too late.

Iain Cook
Youth Action Pact

Gays and lesbians keep your mouths shut

To the editors,

I've had it!

I've spent four years at three universities as a quiet apathetic student, minding my own business (i.e. passing exams and completing assignments). I have finally run into a publication that has made me angry.

I suppose I should thank you for hauling me out of my 'don't give a damn' attitude, but to be honest, I was quite happy that way.

To get to the point. My peeve is your 'Pink Triangle' issue in last week's *Gazette*.

Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against gays and lesbians.

If they can do the job, let them; be it teaching my children or building my house. If they are good, honest people, let them be my friends.

I don't hear other people telling the world about their sex life. I don't care if you prefer the same sex, the opposite sex, animals or if you are into whips and chains. Please . . . don't involve me in your personal life.

I'm not saying being gay or lesbian is 'kinky'. However, I don't want to hear about people's sexual preferences.

I'm all in favour of equal rights for gays/lesbians, but please, keep your mouths shut about your private lives and maybe you'll get your rights.

Barb Coleman,
Dip. Eng.

Gigeroff clarifies DSU position on DFA

To the editors,

As you may have heard by now, the Dalhousie Faculty Association voted in favour of a strike last week. Now don't panic—this doesn't mean that classes will be cancelled next week. What it does mean is that the Faculty here at Dal have decided that it can take some sort of strike action when and if negotiations break down.

For some months now, the D.F.A. and the Dalhousie Board of Governors have been negotiating a new collective agreement. The main issue in the dispute has been over wages, although there have been some fairly contentious others (i.e. pensions, extracurricular activities, continued on page 9

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etc.). Some progress has been made, but the D.F.A. feels that it is not enough. The vote last week confirms this, but before a strike could take place, there are a number of intermediary steps which must come first.

Both sides are to return to the bargaining table. The negotiations will continue until a settlement is reached, or until talks break down. If the latter occurs, a conciliator will be appointed who will look at both sides of the case, and who will perhaps make some recommendations. After the conciliator's report is presented to both sides, the D.F.A. will be in a legal strike position.

Thus far, the Student Union has not supported either side in this dispute, as we do not wish to alienate one side or the other. What we do want to see is a settlement that is both fair and acceptable to both parties. We have met with representatives from the D.F.A. and the Board, who have outlined their respective positions to us. What we're most concerned about, naturally enough, is how a strike could affect students. Needless to say, we don't want to see anything happen which could jeopardize our education. Throughout the coming weeks, we will be looking at the effect of various scenarios: what would happen if the D.F.A. were to strike during exam week? During midterms? At the end of the year? If they were to have a rotating strike, i.e. different faculties on different days? These are the kinds of things that we may be looking

at, and in the interim we will continue to consult with both sides. Also, we must consider what avenues are available to us as students.

But we're also concerned about the negotiations themselves. They raise questions which are important to us as students. How much money do our professors make? How much should they be making? How do their salaries compare with other institutions in the province and across the country? How will the outcome of these negotiations affect the quality of our education? There's an element of justice here that we cannot afford to ignore.

Regardless of what happens, the Student Union will be looking out for the best interests of the students. We don't want to see anything happen which could be detrimental to us, and we also want both sides to treat each other fairly. We are, after all, a university, and we belong to the same community. We don't want to see a strike any more than the D.F.A. or the Board, but we're in an awkward position, because we're the ones who are hanging in the balance. Our education is too important for that. What do you think? Let us know what your concerns are.

And if any Faculty or Board member is reading this, we urge you to reach a settlement as soon as possible. There's 10,000 of us out here who'd like to see you get it together, so that we can live in peace and harmony.

Respectfully, Alex Gigeroff,
President, D.S.U.

British students also victim of cuts

By BILL MITCHELL

Canadian students are not alone in their problems with government cutbacks to education, and decreased accessibility to post-secondary education.

One country where the situation is worse is Great Britain. There the problem is similar to Canada's: under-funding to the universities, and lack of student funds. The major difference is in degree.

In 1981, as part of the Thatcher government's programme of spending cuts, the university system was savaged. The numbers of students at some universities dropped by the hundreds in certain cases. Stirling University in Scotland had its first-year enrolment reduced by 27 percent.

"The university's response to the cuts [in funding] has been to freeze all academic and non-academic posts, a reduction in services for students, such as the Medical Centre, Accommodation and Careers and Appointments service," said Liz Wil-



Liz Wilson, the 1983/84 external affairs officer of Stirling's Student Association.

liams, 1983-84 External Affairs Officer for the Student Association of the University of Stirling. "Alongside the quantifiable effect, there has been a threat of compulsory redundancies and the closing of departments," she added.

At the same time elitist universities like Oxford and Cambridge had expanded.

The British university system is more state-controlled than in Canada. For a university to exist in Great Britain, it must have a Royal Charter. Stirling University was one of the latest to gain a charter, in 1967.

The universities gain their funding through a government agency, continued on page 18

Choice and representation keys of democracy

Two key components to any true democracy are choice and representation. It is a folly to suggest that elections themselves achieve democracy.

In the Soviet Union they do have elections despite the fact that they are hardly looked upon as one of the great democratic republics. The elections are a mere reaffirmation of support for the party candidates, but they do nonetheless go through the motions of the electoral process.

In Nova Scotia we face an election Nov. 6, but to what extent does the process we are about to go through differ from that of the Soviets?

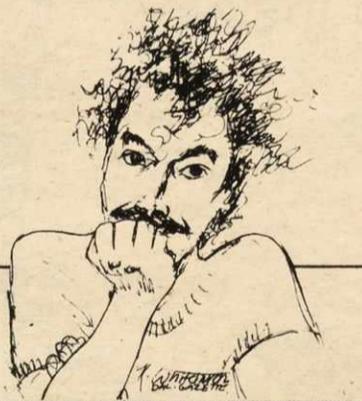
On the surface it does appear as if we do have a choice of candidates, rather than one official party candidate. But to what extent do these candidates differ in their approach to government, and how many are realistically looked upon as serious contenders in the electoral race?

The Soviets have one advantage when going to the polls—they at least have a clear idea of what they are voting for. The communist party has a clearly defined set of goals and policies which are understood by its citizenry. In our upcoming election, how much do we really know about the plans of the two main contending parties for political office—the Liberals and the Conservatives?

So far we have heard very little to differentiate the two.

Instead of carefully outlining both short and long-term planning for their vision of Nova Scotia's future, the Buchanan Tories tell us how great things are and hint things will continue to get better. Of course the obvious response is

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that things are far from great, and their crystal ball lacks any substantial outline on how things are going to improve. We are expected to buy their slogans, not their policies.

The headlines the Liberals are grabbing are not so much about direction and planning, as much as little critiques about how the provincial government handles given situations.

To what extent does their anger over the purchasing of a helicopter to patrol hydro lines and the controversy over PC MLA Malcom Mackay's travel expenses affect ordinary Nova Scotians? What are their bright plans to put Nova Scotians back to work, restore the economy, and create a more humanistic environment?

As an opposition, the Cameron Liberals have been an absolute failure. One can only assume their silence over the years has been a

sign of consent with the status quo. The NDP—with one member in the legislative assembly—has proved to be a much more effective opposition than their Liberal counterparts. But then again, nobody is suggesting the NDP are serious contenders for power in this election. They acknowledge themselves that winning the election is currently beyond their capacity.

That leaves us with a choice between two parties who have little by which to differentiate themselves politically. When we go to the polls, we can only pick out our favorite personalities, for there are no real policy alternatives for Nova Scotians who are dissatisfied with the status-quo.

If the Soviets were to offer two Communist parties to choose from, would it make them any more democratic? Would it really expand their opportunity for real choice? Of course not. Is our choice between Tweedle-Dum Buchanan

and Tweedle-Dee Cameron a real one? Not really.

So what about all the other parties?

Our political system has shown itself to be incredibly resistant to political alternatives. Since confederation we have seen the creation of only one new major party nationally—and that party has yet to obtain power federally. Provincially, Quebec has shown itself to be the most diversified in its political experimentation, and the Atlantic provinces to be among the least.

Let's face it, the established parties have everything going for them—including the heavy backing of capitalist institutions that would like to maintain and expand their position vis-a-vis public policy. From a position of power and tradition, established political parties have more opportunities to present their cases to the public. They can manipulate publics through the timing of elections, the spending of the public purse and the control of news and information. These are huge advantages for any other party to overcome.

The parliamentary system itself is incredibly fraught with inequities. The gerrymandering of ridings has traditionally kept the working-class and the poor from obtaining proper representation. The victim of gerrymandering is more often than not the NDP.

Our elections have a winner-take-all approach to politics. Those who vote with the majority get

representation, those who vote alternatively don't. The end result is that large numbers of Canadians become politically disenfranchised.

Despite the fact that 18 percent of Nova Scotians voted for the NDP in the last provincial election, less than two percent of representatives in the legislative assembly are of that party. What happened to the representation the other 16 percent of Nova Scotians voted for? The NDP picked up a similar percentage of votes provincially in the last federal election and received no representation from it. If we had a properly representative system, wouldn't the NDP have two seats federally and 10 seats provincially in Nova Scotia?

When considering the implications a true representative government would have on the political map of Canada, it is no wonder electoral reform is a dead issue among the Grits and Tories. The recent federal Tory landslide—the largest in Canadian history—was won with only 50 percent of the popular vote. The Mulroney Tories would have been lucky to barely get away with a majority government had true representation been implemented.

We need real electoral reform in this country. We need political parties that will clearly articulate their vision of the future. We need greater participation of the Canadian public in the process of government. Until then we are just kidding ourselves in this game we call democracy. □



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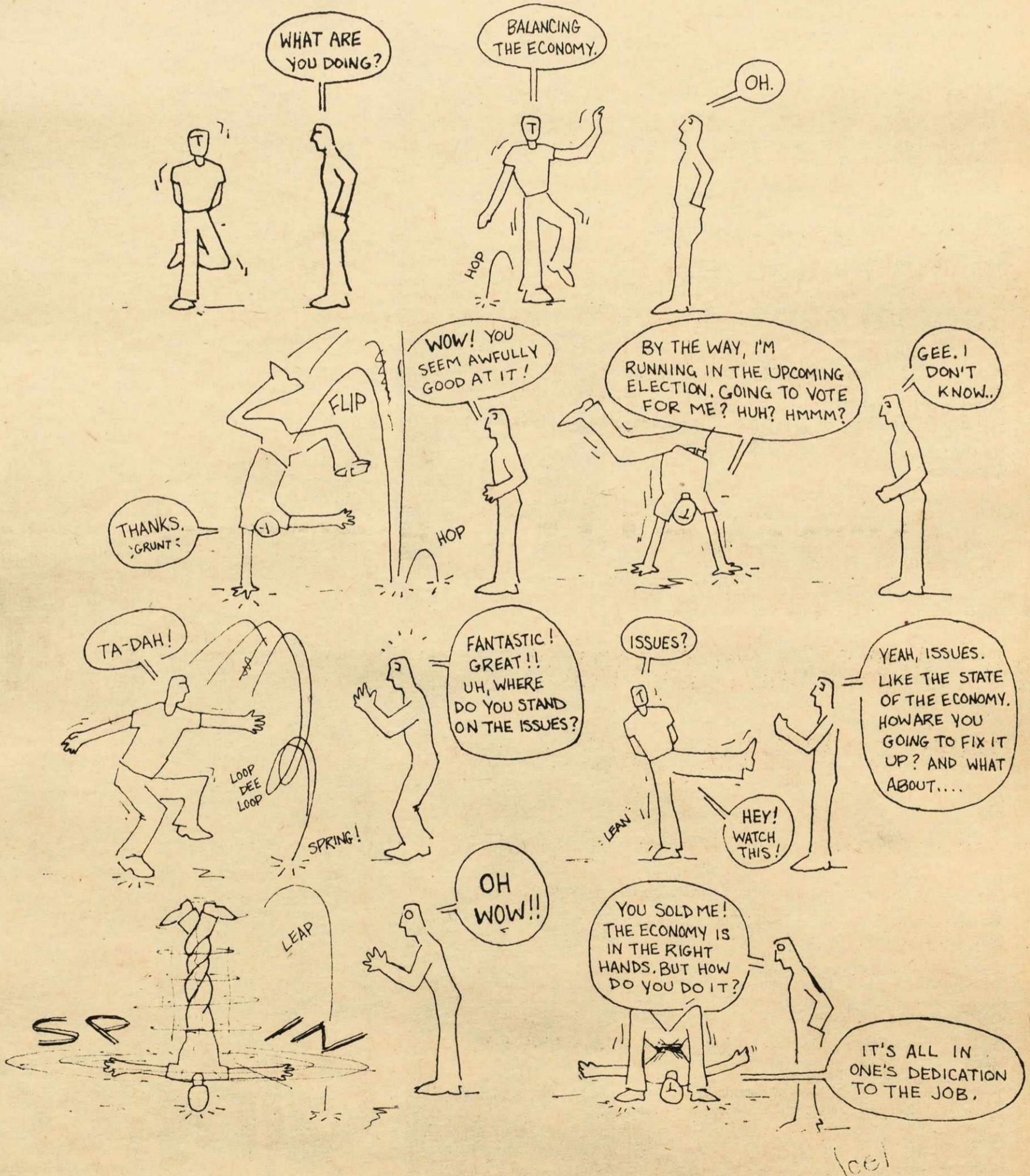
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Three parties debate on the Mount

By GARY RICHARDS

Mount Saint Vincent Picaro

Candidates from the province's 3 political parties met at Mount St. Vincent University on Oct. 16 and were asked the question: "What do you feel is the most important issue concerning youth today in Nova Scotia?"

Speaking before local media and some three hundred students and faculty, Joel Matheson, Minister of Mines and Energy, says today's youth were most concerned with immediate and long-term job creation.

After speaking briefly of his various connections with the Mount, Matheson spoke at length of the record and future aims of the Buchanan Conservatives. He outlined the objectives stated in the government's white paper on technology and industry and stressed the need to meet "the challenge of change."

Training and retraining programs, the Minister said, would be effective weapons against unemployment but required cooperation between government and industry. His government would force members of industry to participate if no such offer was forthcoming, he said.



Dr. John Godfrey, liberal candidate and last-minute substitution for Sandy Cameron, focussed more on global and environmental issues rather than student issues.

Community activist trying to unseat social service minister

By ELIZABETH DONOVAN

Dalhousie Gazette

In a cramped room, a child is carefully stamping envelopes while his mother is making phone calls to residents in the Halifax-Needham riding. Two other women are on the phone, adding to the busy picture. Some locals drop by looking for a few errands to run.

On one wall, colorful children's crayon artwork decorates the office, and on another, among Alexa McDonough posters, a bold blue bumper sticker carries the message, "Keep Politics Clean: Elect Women."

This is Maureen MacDonald's headquarters, NDP candidate for the Halifax-Needham riding.

Just a few blocks down from MacDonald's headquarters is her opposition, Social Service Minister Edmund Morris.

MacDonald says her experiences at Dalhousie Legal Aid have given her ample ammunition to defeat Morris.

MacDonald's experience as a community worker and advocate for lower-income groups has governed her decision to run for MLA in the Social Service Minister riding.

"Being an MLA in the legislature, you have the potential to have press coverage, to raise the kinds of issues that affect lower-income groups," says MacDonald.

So too, the issues in MacDonald's campaign are formed in response to her constituency's needs.

MacDonald says women's response has been overwhelming.

"Women's time has come. They finally decided they have had enough of putting the well-being of

the community into the hands of male politicians who have not taken care of their interests.

"Many women see themselves as good managers. They know how to stretch a dollar and do that in a caring way," she said.

MacDonald says women are working collectively to change those areas that are adversely affecting them.

"Right now, single mothers are working to improve laws surrounding child support. Currently the onus is always on the women to scrape and scrounge and see that her maintenance comes in," she says.

"This is something that could be corrected quickly but it is not a priority for male politicians," says MacDonald.

The housing crisis is another source of frustration for MacDonald.

"People are desperate—people crying out for housing are dropping into this office. They have specific housing problems for which there are no quick fixed solutions," she says.

MacDonald thinks the provincial government has left the creation of housing in the hands of the private market.

"Private developers are not going to create affordable housing for low- to middle-income people."

She believes the government has failed to initiate existing housing programs.

"The Nova Scotia Housing Commission has 14 programs; only four of them function."

Other areas that illustrate the desperate situation in Halifax is the inadequate public housing.

According to City of Halifax housing authorities, the greatest



Joel Matheson, Minister of Mines and Energy, says the focus of the Buchanan Conservatives is training and retraining programs.

At the ministerial level, Matheson announced the formation of two new divisions each for the departments of Labour and Education, whose sole responsibility will be towards the youth of N.S.

Another agency, the Youth Initiatives Office, will cater to career needs and counselling. It will also coordinate existing federal programs for the greatest possible benefit to the province's young people. The Youth Entrepreneurial Skills Program proves no- and low-interest short-term loans to individuals under 25 years old who are planning to start their own businesses.

In backing up his claims of the Buchanan government's commit-



Alexa McDonough, leader of the provincial NDP, was the only leader from the three parties that took the time to attend the debate at the Mount.

ment to youth employment, Matheson quoted the Conference Board of Canada as saying, "N.S. has the best record of job creation programs in Canada." He says the report for 1984/85 will be equally glowing.

"Education is the key to individual advancement," Matheson said. He says the aim of the Buchanan government in the area of education will be to produce the best educated generation in Nova Scotian history. The minister cited last year's 800 million dollar investment in education as proof of the government's priority support of this field.

Lashing out at critics of his government's education efforts, Matheson said, "Those who don't face the problem of raising money seem to have no problem at all raising demands for money."

While Matheson only touched briefly on the Conservatives' efforts towards the advancement of women's rights, Alexa McDonough, leader of the provincial NDPs, concentrated her speech almost entirely on this issue. She blasted the Buchanan government's efforts in this area as being "tepid tokenism." The NDP leader revealed her party's new position paper on women's rights.

Among the demands outlined in the platform: equal pay for work of equal value, affirmative action, improved benefits for part-time workers (a group largely made up of women), increased child care and social services funding, and better accessibility to education.

McDonough, admitting the inevitability of the NDP's continued status as an opposition party, says she is more concerned with raising issues than laying out any full-scale electoral platform. The Halifax-Chebueto MLA says the "systematic discrimination" against women has kept them exploited and under-employed in comparison to other groups in the labour force.

The final speaker, Dr. John Godfrey, says his experience with youth, as the President of Kings University, gives him a different outlook on education issues. In what he jokingly described as a "possible act of heresy," Godfrey said jobs were not the first or even second most important issue concerning youth today. The nuclear threat and the quality of our environment are the most preoccupying issues for Nova Scotia's young people, he said. In a glib and urbane manner that made him the clear favorite of the audience, the Liberal candidate managed to look confident and informed despite his last-minute substitution for Liberal leader Sandy Cameron.

Godfrey says he is concerned about the instability of the global political climate, the accelerating nuclear arms race and Canada's role in the world nuclear theatre. Specifically, he says he is opposed to cruise missile testing within Canadian borders.

After driving home his anti-nuke stand, the would-be MLA moved on to somewhat more provincial concerns. The largest part of Godfrey's speech revolved around the problems facing Nova Scotia's environment and the need to maintain and improve our quality of life. Confirming his support for job creation, he warned against allowing this priority to cloud our judgement as to what kind of jobs we want created. A profusion of dangerous and menial vocations is clearly not in the province's long-term interest, said Godfrey. □

Social service minister

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demand is for two-bedroom units. "There were 400 or 500 people on the waiting list for two-bedroom units," says Macdonald.

MacDonald is impatient with the lack of initiative on the part of the provincial government to create housing alternatives.

"Nova Scotia had a history of fairly decent cooperative movement. There is absolutely no reason why good cooperatives can't be initiated immediately in a province that has such a rich forest resource and the large unemployed skilled labour force."

MacDonald says those that are experiencing the housing pinch are minority groups.

"People from black communities are telling me they have a doubly difficult time to find housing because they are black."

MacDonald says minority groups have no recourse when they are discriminated against.

MacDonald claims the N.S. Human Rights Commission is no longer a body that has any teeth because the commission has gone without an executive director for 6-8 months.

MacDonald has worked with many residents from the Halifax-Needham area and she is dissatisfied with the quality of social services because of understaffing.

"Many of the case workers have caseloads that are astronomical. There are family benefit workers that have caseloads of 500."

She says there is a tremendous amount of critical awareness among church, volunteer and labour groups with respect to the department of social service policies.

Macdonald described many of their programmes as 'Bluff and Bluster', introducing new programmes or policies without any restructuring or funding.

"There has been this big advertising campaign about child abuse to increase community awareness about their responsibility to report suspected cases. But if you check into the funding of the child welfare agencies, and see if they hired any new workers to deal with all those new calls that are coming in, you will find they haven't received any additional funding."

MacDonald says the gaps in resources and funding among social service agencies stems from the hierarchical structure of the department.

"There is a supervisor, for a supervisor, for a supervisor, and on the bottom there are the front-line workers. This creates a distance between those who develop the programmes and those who receive them. □



(Left to Right) Mrs Dyer-Ffalfour (President), Miss Veronica St Clair-Forsythe (seated), Mrs Lowell Lane, Mrs Winston Freewill (Vice-President in charge of Public Relations), Mrs John Pope, Mrs Willett ("Baldy") Archibald (Founding President).



No issues in the campaign?

Let's party!

New ways to cook with toxic and radioactive waste

The Ladies of Halifax Auxiliary (LOHA) are hosting a herbicide and uranium yellowcake tea party to launch their new recipe book: *New Ways to Cook With Toxic and Radioactive Wastes*.

"Since we have been told there are no issues in this election, we decided to have a party," said Mrs. Dyer Ffalfour, President of LOHA.

"Under our present government, we already have herbicide spraying. It looks as though uranium development will be given the green light as soon as the election is over. We Nova Scotians are going to have to get used to living with toxic and radioactive wastes."

Mrs. Ffalfour went on to explain that her group is tired of these "doom and gloom environmentalists".

"We agree with Premier Buchanan—our approach must be

a positive one. Instead of worrying about these poisons, let's learn to live with them cheerfully. Nova Scotia is such a small province, it won't take long to contaminate it. Some farmland will become unusable but, then, farming isn't profitable anymore. Some of our water will become undrinkable, but we can buy it from Newfoundland. Some babies will be born with birth defects, but there are worse things in life. Some people will die of cancer, but they would have died anyhow."

Mrs. Ffalfour said that nothing is completely safe and people have to get used to these risks.

"It's selfish of us to think only of ourselves. Compared to the profits the companies will make, these worries about health and the environment amount to nothing more than nit-picking. We are being

asked to make a sacrifice and we should make it willingly."

Mrs. Ffalfour explained that LOHA has collected recipes from volunteers all over Nova Scotia.

"These recipes reveal that Nova Scotians are a resourceful people. We don't sit around whining about a problem, we do something positive about it.

"Take herbicide tea, for example. Since it's become so popular, especially with pregnant women, we've included 25 Ways to Your Favorite Herbicide Blend. We think people will be pleasantly surprised with our ladies' innovative approach to emulsifiers, an essential ingredient often overlooked by the busy wife and mother.

Then there's uranium yellowcake. Some people may know it as

uranium oxide cake but we prefer the homier name. Yellowcake was a real challenge to our ladies! But once we discovered how easy it is to ingest radioactive materials, we never stopped baking. My own favorite is Kidd Creek Yellowcake Surprise. It's a bit on the rich side but it does leave you with quite a glow.

"Out of Nova Scotia kitchens will come this important contribution to the nuclear arms race. We don't often have such an opportunity and LOHA's motto is: "Let's take advantage of it!"

The public is invited to sample the ladies' baking and tea on November 1st. Copies of *New Ways to Cook with Toxic and Radioactive Wastes* will be on sale at the door.

Kidd Creek Yellow Cake Surprise

(Note: this recipe takes several years in the making and requires pre-heating of public opinion)

- 1 part exploration (3 years)
- 1 part participation in Uranium Inquiry (this step requires "experts" who can be set aside until you are ready to use them)
- 10 pinches PR salt
- 1 part withdrawal from Uranium Inquiry (this cuts costs of recipe by half)
- 2 parts waiting for uranium moratorium to be lifted

(at this stage all ingredients should be set aside and left at room temperature—as soon as the moratorium is lifted, prepare immediately for the next step)

- 1 part bulk sampling (this procedure is the same as small-scale mining so be prepared for quite a mess)
- 2 parts preparation of the mine site (4-5 years)
- 1 part Environmental Impact Hearing (this requires more "experts" who can be discarded when you're through)
- Generous helping PR pepper

Smelt and bake as required. You'll be surprised how much radioactive and toxic waste this recipe makes. Don't be afraid to be creative with the leftovers. They'll be around for a long, long time! □

Hill is confident he will win

By CHRISTINE SOUCIE

Saint Mary's Journal

“A Liberal vote in this constituency is a wasted vote. The only person that can beat Terry Donahoe is me.”

Tim Hill, third year Dalhousie law student and former student union president at Dalhousie and St. Mary's, is confident that he can defeat Education Minister Terry Donahoe in the upcoming provincial election.

New Democratic party candidate Hill says the student vote is essential if he is to succeed.

“Since the last election where we were close, the Liberals have had three years of Sandy Cameron as leader which hurt them,” says Hill. “Our calculations show that if stu-

dents vote we will get rid of the Minister of Education Terry Donahoe.”

He says he is concerned about the state of education in this province and says students now have a chance to do something about it.

“If students do not vote then there will be large cuts in education funding, student aid and problem areas like housing will escalate,” says Hill. He says that if students don't vote “students will have only themselves to blame.”

Hill says the present Conservative government is not concerned about education or the students in this province.

“Obviously, the government views education as a burden to the treasury at worst, and a political football at best,” says Hill.

Recently, Donahoe promised \$10

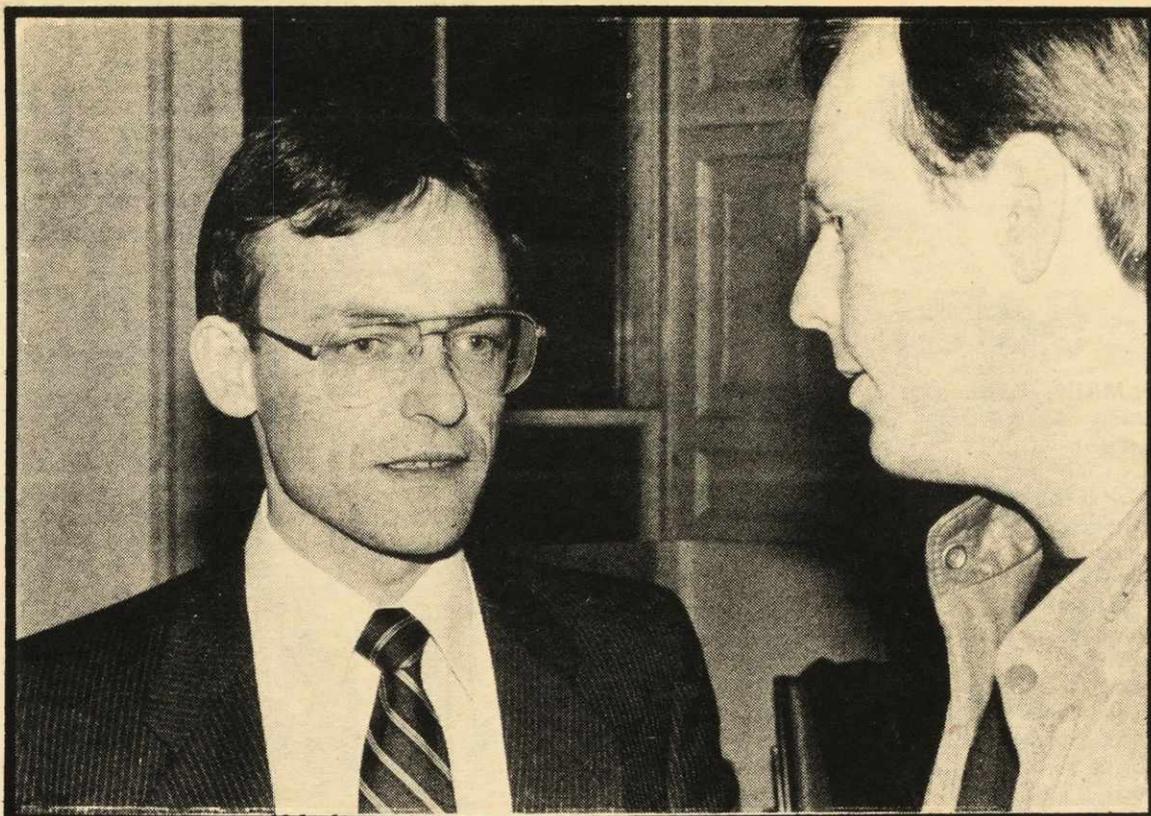


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million over the next five years to Dalhousie's capital fund drive. Hills says he questions a government that announces cutbacks for years and then increases funding during an election campaign. To Hill, this is opportunistic.

“New Democrats believe education is the key to future growth and development of our people and economy. Planning and commitment to our most important resource can't wait any longer.”

As a New Democrat, Hill says he is also concerned about the housing shortage in Halifax. He says this is an issue that affects both students and people from low income groups.

The recent government announcement to provide funds for student accommodation is an election gimmick, said Hill. Only the NDP, says Hill, has fought for tenants' rights. He says more has to be done to protect tenants from a minority of landlords who take advantage of the low vacancy rate.

Hill says he will fight for policies that will emphasize the construction of new housing, with an emphasis on cooperative housing, a

strong rent review system, a standard lease which clearly spells out the duties of landlord and tenants, security of tenants from eviction and the right of tenants to deduct the cost of necessary repairs from the rent.

“New Democrats are looking out for tenants' rights and affordable housing in this campaign and will carry on the fight in the legislature after the election.”

Besides carrying the education portfolio, conservative MLA Donahoe is also responsible for the Status of Women.

Hill says he is not satisfied with Donahoe's performance and he says existing legislation needs to be re-evaluated.

It's a problem when women students graduate and face a society that pays them, on the average, 60¢ for every dollar a man earns for the same job, said Hill. □

Godsoe joining in on the education bandwagon

By CHARLENE SADLER

Dalhousie Gazette

Dale Godsoe, Liberal candidate for Halifax-Cornwallis, says she's upset that the conservative government under John Buchanan are acting as if there were no issues in the Nov. 6 provincial election.

“In campaigning I found that people do want to talk,” says Godsoe. She says the people of Nova Scotia are concerned about issues like unemployment, lack of housing in Halifax and increased accessibility to post-secondary education.

With changes to the election act allowing students to vote Godsoe can't afford to ignore education issues in her campaign for office. She's running against education minister Terry Donahoe and former student leader Tim Hill.

A much higher priority should be placed on post-secondary education, says Godsoe. She says university is important as it trains youth to be analytical, to be thinkers and society's future leaders.

“Life-long learning sums up what university is all about,” says Godsoe.

In keeping with this philosophy Godsoe is advocating increased subsidies for adults returning to university after spending time in the work force.

She also sees room for improvement in other areas that affect students.

Godsoe says that students should be notified in advance of the amount of student aid they will receive so they can plan for the academic year rather than being surprised come September or October.

She's also talking a lot about summer employment for students.

Godsoe says a part-time apprenticeship through the winter that would turn full-time during the summer months and after graduation is just one solution to the problems.

Godsoe believes that her experience as a junior high school teacher and as chair of the Halifax School Board give her practical

insights into the existing problems with education.

Like her opponents in this campaign Godsoe is encouraging students to vote.

“In the previous provincial election it was found that many students were not enumerated,” says Godsoe. “And the best way for students to make a statement is to vote.”

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So take advantage of the opportunity. Get out and vote on November 6. Demonstrate that we mean what we say.

Overtime Team trioc makes debut

By MARK ALBERSTAT

Canada's Trioc team is without a doubt the most neglected national team in existence. More so than the scullers, equestrians or even team handball.

"I think it is just a lack of media exposure," says Ken Power, head coach of the team. "The sport doesn't have the following of boxing or swimming."

"Another problem is that the sport is not as fast-paced as other sports. It may take upwards of two and a half hours to determine the winner of any given match, but sports fans often spend three hours or more watching football or any of the other highly packaged sports."

Team manager David Minns added, "I think that may be an advantage to us, not being 'highly packaged'. We're still a bit of a virgin untouched sport that has yet to be explored by the masses in North America."

Team Trioc, of course, has a large following in Europe, picking up more fans every day. West

Germany's team is the defending world champion, though it is expected that Italy's team will be much improved, as will Brazil's.

A few of the rules of this unusual sport include such things as having to play on a domed field but only half domed so one half of the field is in light and the other half in shade. Another odd rule is that two of the three "pucks", which resemble small granite rocks, must go into one of the four goals simultaneously, much like synchronized swimming but on a field.

Another reason the sport has not caught on here is because it is played outdoors in December and January. The players claim the harsh conditions make them the best-conditioned athletes in the world—those that survive, that is.

Playing on the frozen ground also causes many injuries, something inventors of the sport thought the North American audience would love.

As a closing note: anyone interested in seeing our national team can watch them in Fredericton November 15th at Holly Field. □

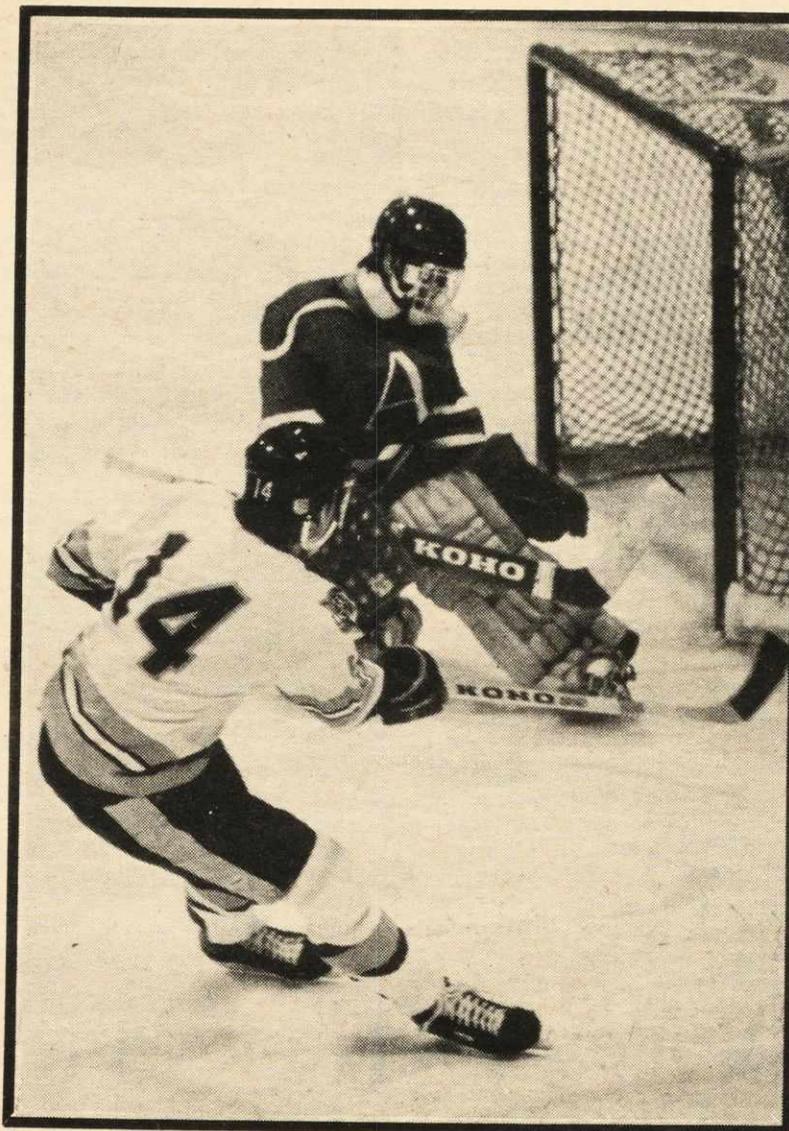


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ing contest between Dal and Acadia.

With horns blowing and drums beating in the stands the entire game, the two teams battled to a 4-4 tie. The game, which was designated Residence Night, saw Henderson Howe claim the award as the noisiest house on campus.

Scoring for the Tigers were John Cossar, Robert Jerome, Paul Heron and Peter Woodford. Darren Cossar was outstanding in goal for the Tigers.

On Saturday evening, the Tigers played host to the always tough Panthers of U.P.E.I. After a close, hard-fought two periods, the Panthers scored two in the third period to preserve a 6-3 victory over the host squad.

Another good crowd was on hand as the Tigers continued to show improvement over last year.

Scoring for the Tigers were John Cossar with two goals and Bob Crawford. The Tigers will be in action again this weekend as they host two more teams. On Saturday the Tigers will host the defending AUSA Champions, the University of New Brunswick, and on Sunday they will entertain the much improved St. Thomas Tommies. Both games are slated for 2:00 p.m. at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena.

Saturday's contest has been designated as Society Day with the Engineering, Arts, Commerce and Pharmacy societies receiving free admission.

This week's trivia contest will also take place on Saturday. The question: "What position did Tiger's assistant coach Darrell Young plan when he was a member of the Dalhousie Tigers?"

Winner will receive a free pizza from Tony's Donairs, Pizza and Subs. Winner must be in attendance at the game. □

Tigers split weekend

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Hockey Team opened the 1984-85 regular season last weekend with a tie and a loss.

On Friday evening over 700 Dal supporters were on hand at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena to witness what turned out to be an excit-

Women's basketball team looks forward to season

By LISA TIMPF

With the season stretching ahead like a blank page waiting to be written on, early November is prime time for optimism and expectation in women's intercollegiate basketball.

Carolyn Savoy, coach of the Dalhousie women's basketball Tigers, is looking forward to this year's action with the usual anticipation.

According to Savoy, the Tigers will have three things in particular going for them this year.

Rookies Connie Clark (5' 7"), Pam Ferguson (5' 11"), and Patricia MacCormack (6' 3") have boosted the team's average height to 5' 9½"—the measure of the tallest player on the squad last year.

Savoy hopes that MacCormack in the post position will be able to "control the key", and expects MacCormack and Ferguson to strengthen Dal's rebounding stats.

A second asset will be the leadership and experience of returning veterans Peggy MacLean, Lisa Briggs, Shelley Slater, Sheri Thuroutt, Alice Cerny, and Angela Colley.

MacLean, last year's AUSA Rookie of the Year and Dal's team MVP, and sophomore guard Alice Cerny both had tryouts with the Junior National team last summer,

attesting to the esteem with which their playing abilities are regarded at the national level. Savoy expects those two players to provide leadership on the floor.

Guard and team captain Lisa Briggs is also expected to be a team leader. Shelley Slater, at high post, and guards Angela Colley and Sheri Thuroutt round out the returnees who will form a strong nucleus of the team.

The third asset is the presence of two full-time coaches—Savoy and former Dal standout and Olympic team member Anna Pendergast.

Savoy anticipates that this year's AUSA loop will be close, "probably the closest in awhile." Although there will be no strongly seasoned teams, most of the teams will have strengthened their complements from last year.

"Our goal is to be a contender in AUSA play," said Savoy. "We'll

work on getting to the playoffs, then we'll work on winning."

She expects the battle for top honours to be between UNB, Dal, UPEI, Acadia, and St. F. X.

The Dal team will put their abilities on the line this weekend, when they travel to Maine to play Orono and University of Southern Maine in exhibition matchups.

From there, the team will go on to the Acadia tip-off tourney, and will play some exhibition matchups with senior team Red Fox to supplement their one league game before Christmas.

Of course, the proof of the theory is in the results. And those will have to wait until the season has unfolded.

If the pre-season prognostications are close to the mark, women's AUSA basketball should provide exiting action for area basketball fans. □



TIGER SPORTS THIS WEEK

Nov. 2	Women's Volleyball	UdeM	away	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 2-3	Men's Volleyball	AUSA Tournament	Home	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 2-3	Men's Basketball	Acadia Tipoff	Acadia	
Nov. 2-3	Women's Volleyball	U of Maine (Orono)	away	
Nov. 3	Men's & Women's Swimming	UNB MUN	Home	
Nov. 3	Men's Hockey	UNB	Home	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Women's Volleyball	UNB	Home	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Men's Hockey	STU	Home	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Women's Volleyball	UNB	Home	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	Men's Volleyball	Winnipeg	away	

Olympic retrospect

Values and aspirations of the Olympics

By M. GEE and L. TIMPF

Fire is a powerful symbol which carries a number of different associations. Anthropologists believe that the ability to use and control fire was a key in man's development. According to Greek myth, fire was a sacred element which Prometheus stole from the hearth of Zeus to give to Man.

It is not surprising, given the symbolic impact of fire, that the lighting of the Olympic flame evokes powerful emotion.

The Olympic flame symbolizes the aspirations and hopes of the organizers and participants, and represents a link between the ancient Olympics celebrated by the Greeks, and the modern Games.

The Olympics of the ancient Greeks strove to express six basic values. The Games were a celebration of the majesty of the Gods and of the cultural unity of all Greeks.

They emphasized the importance of the contest as an exhibition of excellence. The educational value of physical activity was also an important facet. The kinship of athletics and the visual and performing arts was seen in an emphasis on grace and harmony as well as strength and speed, and in the creating of artistic artifacts depicting athletic feats or celebrating the beauty of the human body.

Cheating was held to be disgraceful, and a sign of disrespect to the Gods to whom the Games were dedicated.

Values can be either "posted" (voiced but not followed) or "operationalized" (executed in action). The values of the early Greek games were operationalized at first, but with the passage of time, less strict observance was seen.

Specialization and professionalization crept into the Games in an insidious and gradual process. Eventually the Olympics declined into the quasi-athletic entertainment spectacle of the Roman colosseum, complete with gladiators, animals and plenty of bloodshed.

The founders of the modern-day Olympics envisioned the Games as a focal point for the broader social movement of "Olympism". Its purpose was to enhance human development and create a better world through the medium of sport and physical activity. To this end, they posted six values or aspirations. Some are still operative and highly emphasized. Others have become less prominent in the 1980's with the plurality of ideological systems now interacting.

The first aspiration of Olympism is mass participation. This involves the expansion of opportunities for youth throughout the world to take part in sport, creating what founder Pierre de Coubertin termed, "the democracy of youth".

The educational value of sport is also stressed. De Coubertin hoped that sport would provide opportunities to facilitate the process of self-discovery and acquisition of knowledge for individuals and groups.

Sportsmanship is the third value

of Olympism. It is hoped that the Olympics display a high standard of fair play and sportsmanship, designated by de Coubertin as, "the new code of chivalry".

The fourth aspiration of Olympism is cultural exchange. This relates to the artistic program, a mandatory part of the Olympics. It involves the integration of music, film, theatre, dance and the visual arts into the Olympic celebrations.

International understanding, with the aim on contributing to world peace, is another value. The founders of the modern Olympic movement expressed the desire to transcend barriers of race, religion, political affiliation, and nationality through the medium of sport.

The last aspiration is excellence, to be encouraged through performance in sport and all other areas of life.

How far do the modern Olympics go in making these values operative? Certainly, they provide an educational experience for athletes and for spectators through the

mass media. No doubt they foster excellence in performance and, perhaps, contribute to international understanding. Furthermore, although cultural events are not always highlighted in media coverage of the Games, they are present and a requirement for any city hosting the Games.

But what is the current situation in regard to mass participation? The Olympics may offer inspiration for sport involvement in the weeks and months following them. Their focus, however, is elitism.

Moreover, the concept of sportsmanship based on the "gentleman-amateur" of 1896, is no longer completely applicable. One has only to examine the routine testing mechanisms for drugs and gender to see that cheating is continually suspect.

If it seems that the values of Olympism are not being met in the Games of the 1980's, perhaps they are still viable as a symbol of the sort of values in sport that we can integrate into our lives at a personal level.

Despite the downfalls of the present Games, it would seem that if the Olympic flame were to be permanently doused, mankind would have lost a powerful symbol of the best that can be aspired to in athletics. □

With acknowledgements to Bruce Kidd and the Olympic Academy of Canada.

Volleyball team wins Atlantic Invitational

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Volleyball Team, playing their first matches of the year against Atlantic competition, captured the top spot at the UNB Atlantic Invitational Tournament held at Fredericton, N.B. over the weekend (Oct. 26, 27).

The Tigers, led by tournament MVP and All-Star Brian Rourke, defeated the Fredericton Volleyball Club, 15-12, 11-15, 15-11 in the championship game to claim the title.

The Tigers had defeated the host club, UNB, 15-9, 15-8 in one semi-final match while Fredericton edged the University of Moncton 2-1 in the other.

The only loss suffered by the Tigers was in their opening match to Fredericton 6-15, 15-12, 15-10.

Cross country Tigers

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's and Women's Cross Country Teams both placed second at the AUA All-Conference Championships held at the University of Moncton over the weekend.

In the men's race, Paul McCloy of Memorial led his team to the championship by finishing first with a time of 30:41 over the 10 km course. McCloy, who is the defending national champion and the third fastest 20-year-old 10 km cross country runner ever in the world outran second place runner Norman Tinkham of Dalhousie by 28 seconds.

Other Dalhousie finishers were Craig Parsons (5th), David Layton (9th), Mike Armitage (11th), Derek Estabrook (14th) and Sandy Pirie (16th).

In the women's division, Nicola Will of Memorial placed first on the 5.4 km course with a time of 18:51 but UNB claimed the championship with only 24 points. Dalhousie placed second with 47; Memorial was third at 66 while UDM finished fourth.

Margaret MacDonald of UNB placed second at 19:18 while Annick de Gooyer of Dal finished third at 20:02.

Other Dal finishers were Janet Hoyt (8th), Elizabeth Condon (10th), Laurie Poole (12th), Pam Jones (14th), Susan Spargo (16th) and Heather Coutts (18th).

The two championship teams and the top three finishers will go on to compete in the CIAU Championships this coming weekend at the University of Guelph. □

Club sports

Dalhousie's club teams offer a competitive outlet for many individuals who either lack the talent or don't want to make the time commitment to varsity sport, or who perhaps play a sport which is not offered at the varsity level, but want to participate at a more organized level than intramurals.

Because club sport involves a number of Dal students, and being informed about club as well as varsity team games and results is therefore potentially of interest to the Dalhousie community, we would like to offer a weekly "club sport" section in the *Gazette*.

We try to keep our ear to the ground (a good way to get stepped on sometimes), but some information is unlikely to be printed unless you come to us. So if you are involved in a sport club, and would like to see something in print about upcoming games or results of past ones, drop up to 3rd floor of the SUB or give us a call.

We can't make any guarantees you'll see it in print (our editors are even now cringing at the thought of the sports pages encroaching on yet more space!) but it won't hurt to try.

Hockey club starts Sunday

The women's ice hockey club will be starting their season on Sunday, November 4th.

The team, which is playing against area junior high schools, will be squaring off against St. Catherine's Junior High.

Game time is 5:00 pm in the Dal Memorial Arena.

Dal club wins invitational

This past weekend was the last outing for the Halifax-Dalhousie rowing club this season. The two meets the club participated in were both on Sunday with the first one starting at 9 am. The team won the first match by about three seat lengths and placed third in the second.

The weekend's activities left the Dalhousie club with a record of three wins and two losses. The first race was the more important of the two, being the North West Arm Invitational which determines the local club champions.

The rowers from the Halifax-Dalhousie club were Marc Lizotte, Richard Cloutier, Michael Lahey, and Phil Alberstat, coxed by Sandy D'Arcy.

The race covered 1500 metres but it truly went down to the last 40. It was in these last meters that the second place team sprinted too early while the Halifax-Dalhousie club as much by her steady support. the race.

The success of this year's club is mainly due to Sandy D'Arcy, the cox for the team. She is a five foot, 100 pound dynamo who propels the club as much by her steady support and strategies for the races as do the rowers themselves. It is D'Arcy's first year with the team and she is expected to be back next year.

"She was like our mother, she made sure we were at practices and made it there on time. I don't know how we would have done it without her," commented one team member.

Sunday's second race was the Halifax-Dalhousie open, which was won by a very experienced crew consisting of Chipman Hall, Dr. Bob Schwatz, Chris VonMahlzen, Berry Burges, and Mark Schwartz, cox.

Broomball club to be formed

A meeting has been slated for November 6, at 4:30 pm in the Dalplex for anyone who would be interested in forming a women's broomball club. The club would offer an opportunity both to learn the game and to sharpen skills. Instructional and recreational activities would be offered, as well as an opportunity for those interested to play in a Halifax women's competitive league.

If you are unable to attend, but would like more information, please contact Lisa Timpf, 429-5211 (home), or 424-2507 (*Gazette*).

Basketball club begins action

The Dal women's basketball club will be warming up for league play in their second exhibition match on Tuesday, at 8:30, in the Dalplex.

Athletes of the week

MEN: Norman Tinkham, a fourth-year Commerce student and member of the Tigers Cross Country team, is Dalhousie's Male Athlete of the Week for the week of Oct. 22-28. Tinkham, a native of Yarmouth, placed second overall at the AUA All-Conference Championships held at the University of Moncton on Oct. 27.

Tinkham's time of 31:05 in the 10 km course was only 28 seconds slower than first place finisher Paul McCloy. Tinkham, who will now go on to compete in the Nationals at Guelph on Nov. 3rd, was also named an AUA All-Conference runner. □

WOMEN: Annick de Gooyer, a second-year Physiotherapy student and member of the Tigers Cross Country team, is the Dalhousie Female Athlete of the Week for the week of Oct. 22-28. De Gooyer, a 5' 7" runner from Yarmouth, ran one of the strongest races by a female at Dalhousie in recent years at the AUA All-Conference Championships at the University of Moncton on Oct. 27.

De Gooyer, who placed third overall, was the top Dal finisher as the squad placed second to UNB. Her time of 20:02 on the 5.4 km was outstanding, and her third place finish qualified her for the National championships this weekend at the University of Guelph.

The WITCHING HOUR

For Pashta witchcraft represents feminist freedom, power and sexuality. She says witchcraft is an earlier, bloodier version of the battle of the sexes and the fight for equal rights. The same misogynist myths which fuelled the genocide of women in the witch trials are resurfacing today in the backlash against feminism.



By K. SANFORD and M. ANDERSON

Pashta is a thirty-two year old woman with long red hair and an affinity for silver jewelry. She describes herself as a mother, a student and an activist. She is also a witch.

During a family trip through New England at the age of four Pashta woke up one night and saw the moon. "I was convinced it followed me to protect me."

She remembers attending a Christian mass as a child, to the disapproval of her mother, an atheist. "At the same time," she recalls, "my relationship with the moon and earth grew stronger and stronger. All these things occurred to me when I was 24. I realized I was a witch and all these things made sense—why I liked the dark, why I thought better in moonlight, why black was not fearful to me at all."

Modern-day witchcraft is commonly referred to as wicca. Wicca, based on the old English word *Wicce* which means 'wise woman', is derived from ancient pre-Christian fertility celebrations where high priestesses were responsible for the success of the harvest and the well-being of society in general.

"There are essentially three parts of wicca: the politics, the feeling of belonging and the actual craft," says Pashta. "I believe a person can have the first two and call herself a witch. She doesn't have to have psychic abilities. I also strongly

object to calling someone a witch because she has psychic skills. The philosophy is essential."

In her book *Witches*, Erica Jong explains witches were persecuted because men feared, and still fear, power in women. This was the real reason behind the Salem witch trials in the 1600's, where 16 women were burned at the stake or hanged. These women were believed to have supernatural powers which were supposed to reside only in the male-dominated church.

Witchcraft is an earlier, bloodier version of the battle of the sexes and the fight for equal rights. The same misogynist myths which fuelled the genocide of women between the 13th and 16th centuries, where an estimated 12 million were slaughtered, are resurfacing today in the condemnation of feminism and equality.

Witches were tortured and burned at the stake for many reasons, all church sanctioned. They were alleged to have caused everything from impotence to wet dreams, evil spells to miraculous healings. If a landowner wanted a woman's land, the easiest way to get it was to accuse her of making him impotent or casting a spell on his son.

... witches were persecuted because men feared, and still fear, power in women

A woman accused of being a witch was put to the test by the church through various means of torture which usually resulted in

the woman's death. One such test was to tie up the accused and throw her into deep water. If she sank and drowned, she was innocent. But if she floated it was a sign she was the devil's own child and she was put to death.

Pashta says to equate witchcraft with Satanism is completely false. She says the forces and powers witches have come from a sensitivity to the moon and earth. Satanists are rebellious Christians who choose to worship 'evil' rather than 'good', and thus intrinsically accept the Christian duality between good and evil. Witches see good and evil as indivisible parts of a cosmic whole and as allies.

"I don't believe in any one diety or dieties," says Pashta. "The concept is called pantheism—the idea that all is one, but that there are many facts."

She says modern witchcraft has never left its early roots in pre-Christian paganism. Modern witches place more of an emphasis on natural healing and developing innate psychic powers rather than contemplating ways to turn people into toads or potted petunias.

Besides being naturalistic, witchcraft is inherently feminist. Erica Jong says to be a witch is to celebrate female power, sexuality and fertility. Women have an affinity with the reproductive powers of the earth, something she says men have always feared and tried to put down.

Witch-hunting, ancient or modern, serves a variety of purposes. Politically, it can be used to intimidate women into a powerless position, to strengthen shaky ecclesiastical authority, and can shift emphasis away from economic and health problems such as famine, plague and war.

Feminism may represent female freedom, power and sexuality but the violence and torture directed at witches points to the fierce retribution that usually follows when women attempt to assert their power.

Although the intensity of the hatred and misogyny of the Salem trials has passed, Pashta says witches are still persecuted.

"They have just changed form as crusades against midwifery and psychic and herbal medicine," she says. "In [British Columbia], where I used to live, they even tried to pass a law that would have made it illegal to counsel someone about vitamins."

Pashta says her own specialties are "mainly intuitive—knowing things before I should. I can psychically read what's going on with someone. I can see their energy movement, freeflowing or blocked. I also do a particular kind of healing with pendulums that anyone could do if they were tuned enough." She says she has recently tried to develop the skill of listening to bodies. "Lately I've noticed that I can sometimes hear where an injury is."

Witchcraft is ruled by the "three-fold law," Pashta says. This means whatever one does or puts into the universe will come back to one three-fold. "That is why I so strongly object to spells," Pashta says. "Spells are manipulative and clearly against the only law in witchcraft." A real witch, contrary to popular lore, will never use her powers to manipulate other people.

Pashta says she also has no use for the notion that certain tools must be used for witchcraft. "I have no objection to symbolic tools, like candles and burning sage, which I use. But to me, it is very clear that

the symbol helps to evoke the power that is in the person, not the tool. I have strong objection to books that say you have to use a red candle to do this, or a black candle to do that. You should do whatever feels good for you."

The art of witchcraft is foreign and frightening to many people and Pashta says she has had her share of born-again Christians "say I'm going to burn in hell, and that kind of stuff, but I don't get a lot of that here [in Ottawa]." She says her children, aged 11 and 14, know "there's certain kinds of people it's better not to tell, but don't make a big deal of it."

The wicca movement is growing, says Pashta, despite the opposition it faces. She says although the growing number of women involved in wicca may take away from the seriousness of the witch circles, the power remains.

One example of the power of witchcraft is Pashta's latest project, spiritual abortion. "This is when you contract with the child to abort. You talk to the child and ask it to release you from the contract of being its parent."

She also remembers an incident in a downtown Ottawa park where a witch's circle was meeting. The women were being harassed by some men, "real redneck kind, dead drunk and getting drunker, and so they started yelling at us. A couple of us, we focussed our energy on them, and they got real quiet, and sat down and watched. Then one of them stumbled and knocked over a bike which fell into our circle. He was very apologetic, and picked up the bike."

The power remains.

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the University Grants Committee (UGC). The UGC holds the universities' purse-strings and so has some control on the numbers of professors, departments and students.

The funding for students to pay their tuition fees, board, lodging, and other expenses is provided by grants paid by local government

education departments. These are not loans, but non-returnable money "donations". The size of the grant the student receives depends on the level of parental income, provided by student was living at home at the time of university application.

The whole system is based on the 1950's attitude that university education should be open to all who reach a certain degree of intelligence at age of 18 or above, regardless of family background and income.

Many British young people are being denied their right to a university education. The cuts in funding have caused a drastic rise in the qualifying grades of entrance examinations.

At the same time many more young people wanted to go to university rather than face an unemployment rate of over 13 percent. Last year, 10,000 people applied to go to Stirling, while there were only places for 500 first-year undergraduates. People who were once considered capable of entering university five years ago are now being refused entrance.

The personal maintenance grant which students are required to live on while at university has fallen far below inflation. It is now worth less than half its initial value in 1950.

"Successive governments have reduced the value of the students' grant and the purchasing power of the grant has declined steadily,"

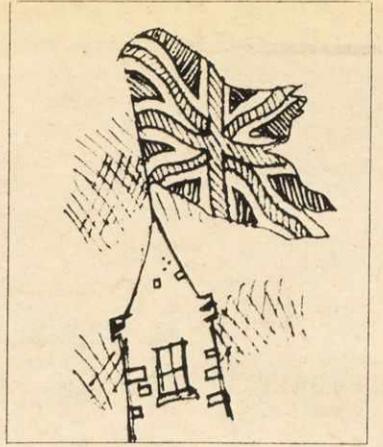
said Williams. "Many students have genuine hardship in surviving while trying to do a degree and many have to borrow money from parents or get overdrafts [loans] from the bank to make ends meet."

The result is that British students eventually do have to obtain loans. Also, parents who are required to pay part of their son's or daughter's expenses fail to do so. A survey carried out by the Stirling University Students' Association in Sept. 1982 established that only half of the parents gave the required amount to the student.

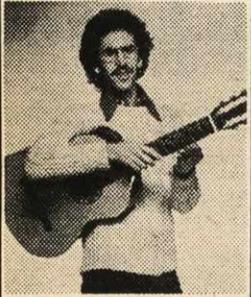
The financial problems of the

British student are many, just as the universities themselves are having financial problems. It is compounded by the relatively poor economy in Britain where only half of all university students found any work over the summer of 1983. What started out as a good idea in 1950 has turned into a major problem for British students in the 1980's. □

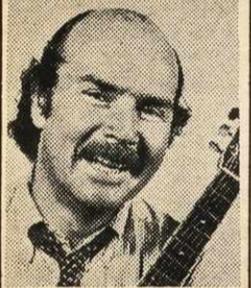
Bill Mitchell is an exchange student from the University of Stirling, Scotland, studying at Dalhousie this year.



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Turks protest author of *Midnight Express* at McGill

MONTREAL (CUP)—Angry Turkish protestors baited author and ex-drug smuggler Billy Hayes during his recent speech at McGill, saying the movie based on Hayes' experiences, *Midnight Express*, discriminates against Turks.

And a bomb threat forced evacuation of the auditorium just before Hayes spoke.

Hayes, whose recent speaking trip to Ottawa and Montréal marked his first time out of the United States since he escaped from Turkish prison nine years ago, said the negative portrayal of

Turks in the film was Hollywood's fault not his.

"I wish there were more sympathetic Turkish characters in the film," Hayes said in an interview before the screening.

At one point in *Midnight Express*, Brad Davis, who plays Hayes, screams, "I hate you. I hate your cities and I hate your people. You're all pigs!"

Before the screening, Turkish demonstrators outside the auditorium handed out flyers saying the film shows Turkish people in a bad light.

During Hayes' speech to about 400 students, 25 Turkish people in the crowd interrupted periodically, demanding that Hayes apologize for the film. Hayes refused.

In July, a group of Turkish-Americans filed a \$300 million discrimination suit against the ABC television network and Columbia pictures for presenting the movie as a "true" dramatization.

During the interview, Hayes conceded the prison guards "weren't portrayed properly" in the film. "They were just ordinary schmucks doing their job," he said. □



ARTS & EXPRESSION

Arts is not only in the eye of the beholder,
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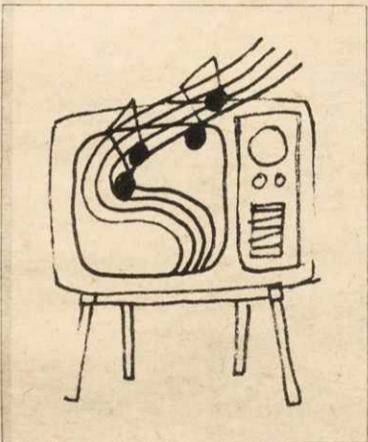
November the 29th the *Gazette* will be publishing an Arts and Expression issue comprising poetry, drawings, photographs and shorts selected from submissions we receive. If you want to express yourself, bring in your work by Nov. 22 to the *Gazette* offices, third floor, SUB.

Much Music - More than a Canadian MTV

By JANICE WALSH

“Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better” should be the song with which each six- or three-hour set of videos played on Much Music should open. While commercialism, formulated music, and high-gloss images dominate the top 40 of America's MTV, Canada's Much Music tends to sway to the more original, less commercial music and a low key image.

Much Music has been offered to the Canadian public since Sept. 1. Many Canadians awaited its arrival with dread feeling that, like many other things that originate in the U.S. and make their way to Canada, the station would bear a very strong resemblance to MTV—bringing with it the controversies which the American station had raised (most people are likely aware of the issue of ‘racism’ raised when Rick James’ “Super Freak” was rejected by MTV).



In September, however, Canadians were much relieved to find laid-back, ‘normal’ veejays J.D. Roberts and Christopher Ward (soon to be joined by Mike Williams), in an informal setting (the “newsroom

effect” with phones ringing and typewriters typing in the background), playing lesser-known groups like Japan in the same hour as they played Van Halen. Yes, now the country's music fans had something besides Rush and Sibirry to be proud of.

Much Music's main attraction is, of course, its videos. A good portion of Much Music's videos are Canadian (at present, M+M and Rush are getting much airplay) in

conjunction with the CRTC ruling that 30% of Canadian content must be played on radio stations across Canada. Also, as to be expected, the songs in the top 40 get the most continuous airplay so that constant viewers are often gifted with the sights and sounds of the Thompson Twins and Rick Springfield freeing their respective brothers and sisters from slavery.

Where MTV would stop at these requirements (perhaps their occa-

sional playing of “black music” video is somewhat equivalent to our Canadian content regulation), Much Music travels further into the world of videos with spotlights (three videos in a row) on the not-so-popular, not-so-commercial artists such as Kate Bush and Japan, occasional videos from the R&B and country music worlds (Ricky Scaggs makes frequent appearances), and a weekly show entitled “City Limits” which was carried over from Toronto's City TV and shows the more imaginative, artistic videos from the past and present.

Unlike MTV, there does not appear to be too much that is cen-

sored on Much Music. Videos such as the original *Two Tribes* by Frankie Goes to Hollywood and *Invisible Sun* by the Police, which have been banned in many countries due to their violent nature and/or blatant political statements, have been played in their entirety on Much Music. The uncensored version of David Bowie's *China Girl*, which contains a nude scene along the lines of the beach scene in the film *From Here To Eternity*, has been shown on Much Music as well.

The other major positive factor to Much Music's appeal which is, to many, a negative factor when

The Little Drummer Girl

By SIOBHAN McRAE

The Little Drummer Girl presents a carefully balanced picture of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and brings home the realities of that ongoing situation without giving any easy answers.

The intricate plot centres around Charlie (Diane Keton), an actress with Palestinian sympathies who is kidnapped by the Israelis and subsequently convinced to infiltrate a Palestine terrorist group to bring about the destruction of its leader.

Both sides are given equal amounts of humanity, dedication and ruthlessness. There are a lot of attractive, idealistic people who are difficult to associate with the cold-blooded killing that is an integral part of their political philosophy.

There are moderates in both camps. An Israeli claims that they do not want to drive out the Palestinians but only come to terms with them. A Palestinian insists that they are not anti-Semitic but only anti-Zionist. Yet the overall

impression is that the extremists are the ones who are in control.

Charlie comes across as a character without any really deep political convictions one way or the other. As a Palestinian sympathizer she took part in a few ineffectual demonstrations; as an Israeli sympathizer she is motivated by her love for one of her captors as well as her own sense of excitement and importance.

The even-handed treatment of the subject matter suggests that in this situation there is no obvious morality, no real right or wrong. Charlie's admission late in the movie that she doesn't really believe in anything is less an indication of her superficiality than it is seemingly the only appropriate attitude in the face of such impossible choices.

The Little Drummer Girl is not just a good suspense movie but also a vehicle for putting across the predicament of the Middle East more vividly and with greater impact than dozens of newscasts.

It is currently playing at the Penhorn 2. □



Herbicide Trials David and Goliath film

By NAIRNE HOLTZ

Herbicide Trials, produced by the National Film Board, is a 50-minute documentary depicting the struggle of 15 Nova Scotia landowners who took Nova Scotia Forest Industries, a subsidiary of Swedish-owned Stova Koppabergs, to court in 1983 to prevent the spraying of the herbicides 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T adjacent to their land.

Since the film's release in June there has been what director Neil Livingston calls a “quiet, well-organized campaign” to have the NFB delist *Herbicide Trials*. One commentator even called the film “brilliantly propagandistic.” Is this reaction on the part of the pulpwood industry and its supporters a legitimate one?

The documentary is a roughly made, but always interesting and sometimes amusing, David and Goliath story which deliberately and unashamedly takes the side of David—in this case the landowner plaintiffs.

The film gives glimpses of people talking about aspects of the political battle, fundraising to meet legal fees in the plaintiffs' office above a pizza parlour, getting ready for

court, visiting the parent company in Sweden where use of such herbicides is banned and also includes a clip of a promotional film produced in the 1950's to sell herbicides about “weeds—the enemy of man since the dawn of time.”

The film makes the assumption that you know “David's” arguments and doesn't probe the details of the evidence of safety and health effects on which the case was established, or the issues of forest management and manual weeding as an equally feasible economic option to spraying. (Given that the reason N.S.F.I. and the provincial government support spraying is solely economic and that unemployment in rural N.S. is 20%, I felt that the latter issue needed some in-depth investigation.)

I would not agree with the censorship of this film on the basis that it is propaganda. It is not manipulative propaganda but a factual account of one side of a controversial issue. It is so clearly one-sided that it establishes a feeling of ambivalence, of questioning. “Is there another side? What is it?” Having seen *Herbicide Trials*, I'd now like to see the issue through the eyes of ‘the other side.’ □



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discussing MTV, is the choice of veejays. J.D. Roberts and Christopher Ward, both knowledgeable 'veterans' of the Canadian music scene (Roberts was a regular on "The New Music" while Christopher Ward had "City Limits" on City TV), are mature, relaxed,

humorous, and knowledgeable—the opposite of veejays Nina Blackwood and Alan Hunter of MTV who appeal, possibly, to the younger viewer who may not care about what the veejays do as long as they show the videos.

Much Music and MTV are alike in some ways. Both stations have interviews with popular recording stars, both have spots when they inform the viewer about any news concerning the music industry, both stations have occasional concert specials and, most importantly, both stations are contributing highly to a recent boom in interest in music—an interest that many record labels were worried would not return fast enough. Videos have

become perhaps the most important record advertising tool—perhaps even more important than radio—as videos sell an image as well as promoting the song being played as the backdrop of the action in the video. One may wonder if Duran Duran would be as popular as they are now if videos were not yet in existence.

Whatever the similarities and congruent roles of both Much

Music and MTV, it is clear that Canada, although again following the lead of the United States, has again bettered the U.S. medium in presenting well-rounded, free and flexible programming. Musically speaking, as perhaps one should when discussing music videos, Much Music could be seen as a David Byrne rising out of a medium chock full of Chaka Kahns. □

"caressing" members of the group), women are in the videos merely to give the aura of sexuality that seems to be a prerequisite for many videos of today.

Should women be used as selling devices for songs and videos—strolling around in bathing suits and being abused simply in order to add a "sensual" feeling to the video or to catch the eye of the viewer? Are parents correct in assuming that videos in which violence or domination occur could be harmful to their children? Could these images be harming the subconscious thoughts of adult male (or female) viewers?

Just as these questions have been asked regarding other visual mediums such as prime-time television and cable television, these questions must be addressed with regards to videos as well. They are just as accessible as television, perhaps preferable to ordinary television as the attention span of the viewer need not be as long as for watching a television program and there is music being played as well. The question at hand is, then: Are videos more or less desirous viewing for the people of our society and are images presented in any way harmful to the viewer and if so, how shall this be remedied?

If any reader has any comments about violence, presentation of women or videos or merely comments about videos in general, please type them and drop them by the *Gazette* offices. We would be happy to print your views. □

Women in video

By JANICE WALSH

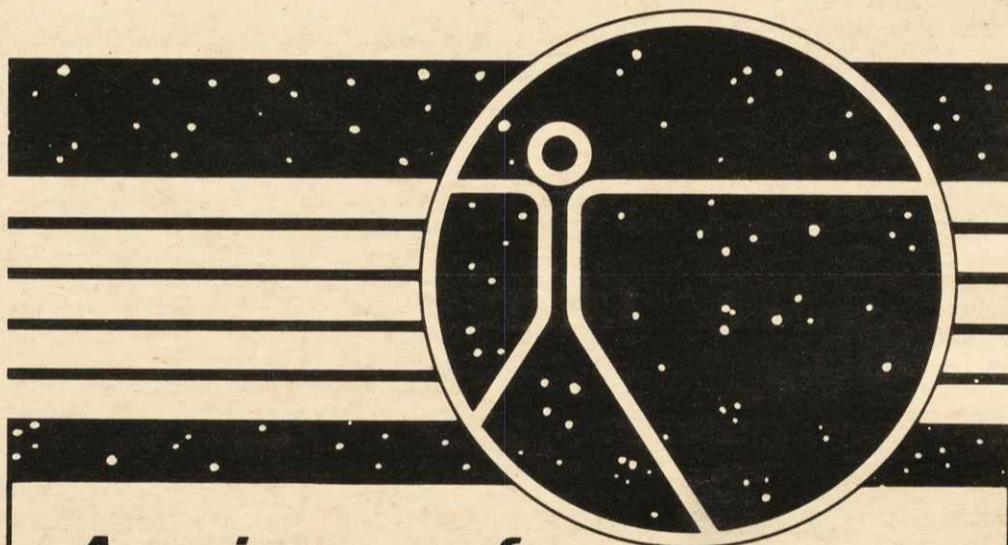
With the rising popularity of the viewing of music videos as a past-time of many young adults and adults, perhaps our society should be paying more attention to the content of these videos. Many people, especially the concerned parents of children who stay up to watch late-night video shows, have expressed concern regarding explicit violence and sexual encounters which are being shown in three- to five-minute videos across the country. Videos by artists such as Billy Idol, Twisted Sister and Trio have been named disturbing and unfit to show to children.

Just as important, but infrequently discussed publicly, is the image of women that has been consistently degraded in videos. The comparison between videos and commercials seems to be applicable

here, as both are seemingly using women and sex to sell a product (in the case of videos, the product is the record) rather than depending on the product to be able to sell itself.

In the run of any hour of any day on Much Music, Canada's 24-hour video station, a viewer will most likely see women more than any other thing or person on that station. These women, unfortunately, are not always the singers of the song being promoted, but are, instead, tools being used by the director of the video to get the audience interested in the video so they will listen to the song.

In videos for songs such as *Legs* by ZZ Top (or any ZZ Top video, for that matter), *Whip It* by Devo (in which one of the members of the band strips a woman by whipping her clothes off with a whip), and Kiss' new release *Heaven's On Fire* (in which women in scant clothing and two or three at a time are



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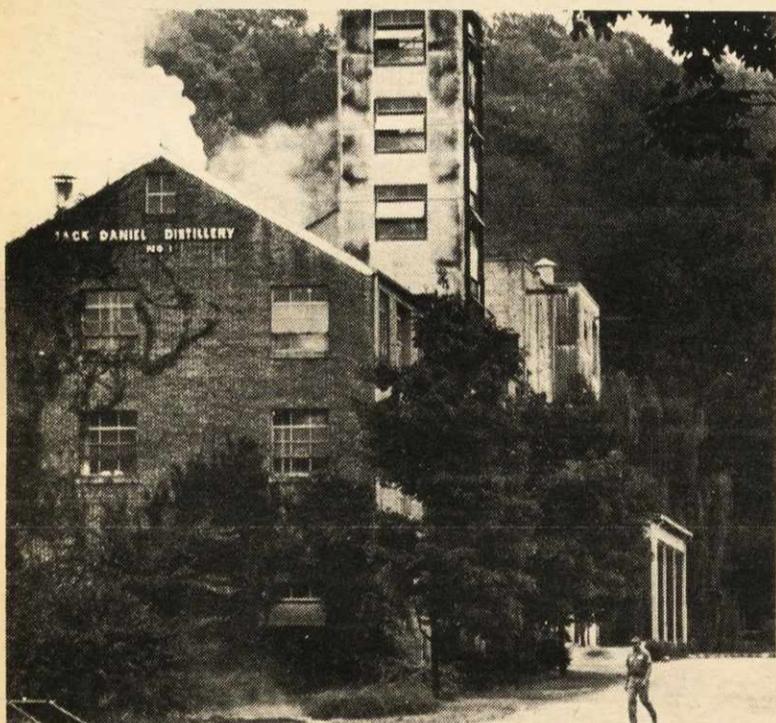


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Videos save declining popularity of television

By JEAN LEBLANC

Videos must be a television executive's dream come true. In a time of rising costs, falling ratings and the demise of quality programming, video shows appeared. The cost of a video show is extraordinarily low compared to other programmes. With no need for big salaries or high production costs, and with the videos being given to the networks by the record companies, costs are kept at a minimum. At the same time the ratings began rising again as the video programs drew huge audiences.

A case in point is the CBC's "Video Hits". Shown on weekdays at 5 pm, this half hour programme receives an audience of almost half a million viewers.

Even though there have been other music-related television programmes concerned with the music industry, not all were well received, and only *American Bandstand* survived through the years. Video really came in force though during 1983. Television's influence was again demonstrated as the videos seemed to turn the music industry from a cycle of declining record

sales to one of record breaking sales. Videos soon were everywhere, millions of homes in the U.S. and Canada are being connected by either MTV or Much Music. The commercial networks have also appeared on the scene with their own video programmes. The CBC is one of the leaders in this field with five and a half hours of video programming every week.

Even though video shows improve the ratings of the networks, are they beneficial in the long run? Quality programming and ratings have been going down for years. The video shows brought the ratings back but they have yet to get quality programming back. Is it just part of a continual downward trend that has seen television become worse and worse over the past ten to 15 years? The networks could use the revenues generated by the video shows to bring back television that shows some form of intelligence. A first step might be replacing such shows as the A-Team and Dallas with programmes of the calibre of Hill Street Blues and Cheers. Only time will tell if television will take this opportunity to reverse the continual degradation of quality. □

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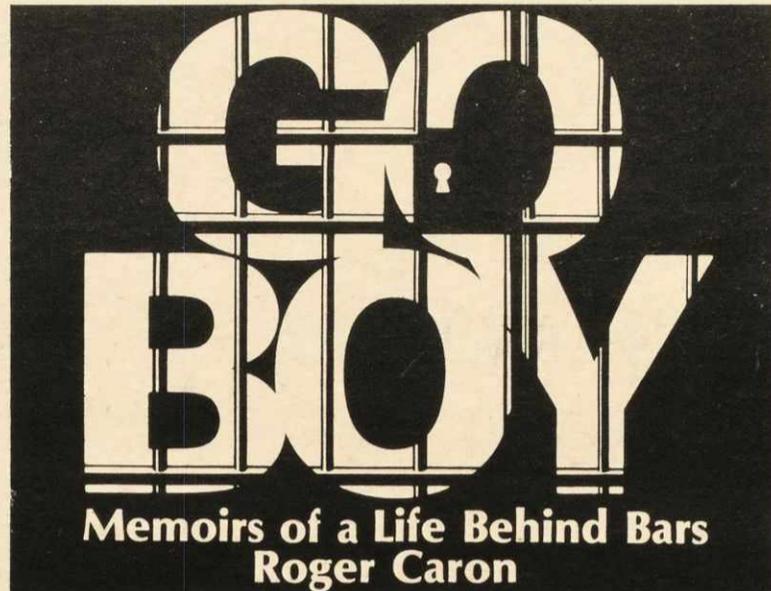
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• **EDUCATION SEMINAR**—"COMPARATIVE ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION IN CANADA, U.S.A. AND THE U.K." Dr. Janet Eaton, Director, Community Education Research and Development Programme, Dalhousie University. Nov. 1 at 4:00 pm, Arts Annex, 424-3724.

• **MEETING FOR WINTER CARNIVAL '85**—Thursday, November 1, Room 100, SUB, 6:30 pm. All interested parties are urged to attend.

• **FILM**—"From Our Land", the story of a Palestinian village in Galilee. Held Nov. 1 at 8:00 pm in the MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. Free admission. For further info call 429-9100.

• **LECTURE—UNDERSTANDING THE STOCKMARKET** will be given at the Dartmouth Regional Library, Woodlawn Mall Branch, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, 7:30 pm Thursday, November 1.

• **GAZETTE STAFF MEETING** 3rd floor Dal SUB, 4:30 pm. We have coke and valley apples and they're both free. Also featuring discussion, debate and information on how you can get involved.

FRIDAY

• **LECTURE**—entitled "Gold in the Basement: Copyright Canadiana in the British Library", presented by Prof. John R. T. Ettlinger. Takes place on Nov. 2 at 11:45 am in the MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library. For further information contact Mrs. Jennifer Brownlow, 424-3656.

• **LECTURE**—Knowlton Nash, CBC TV's anchorman, will be speaking at Dalhousie Law School Friday, Nov. 2, 12:00—1:00 in Room 115. Mr. Nash will talk about his new book, *History on the Run*, a reminiscence of his 20 years experience as a foreign correspondent. All welcome.

• **CANADIAN PARAPLEGIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL—REUNION DINNER** to be held at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Nov. 2. The public is cordially invited to attend. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the C.P.A. offices at 5599 Fenwick St., or phone 423-1277.

• **FASHION SHOW**—The Atlantic Spinners and Handweavers will hold their 3rd annual fashion show at Oakwood House, Crichton Ave., Dartmouth. It begins at 7:30 Friday evening at Oakwood House. Admission is free. For more information call Wendy Landry at 861-1027 or Rosemarie Gwilliam at 445-4527.

SATURDAY

• **MOVIES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**—Dartmouth Regional Library, 100 Wyse Road, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia presents movies for preschoolers, Thursday, November 1 at 10:00 am—2:30 pm at the Woodlawn Mall Branch. This week's movies are *Seasons Change* and *Really Rosie*.

SUNDAY

• **WILLIAM TRITT**, Pianist, will be performing as part of the Fall Concert Series presented by Dalhousie University Music Department. The program, including a Haydn Sonata, Sonatine by Ravel, and Sonata No. 2 by Chopin, will be performed on November 4 at 3:00 pm in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$6 for students and senior citizens; and free to music students of Dalhousie University. Tickets are available from the Dalhousie University Music Department at 424-2418.

• **SINGING SEMINAR**—The Nova Scotia Choral Federation is sponsoring an exciting evening of fun and learning for all singers, led by Jon Washburn, one of Canada's foremost choral conductors. A variety of challenging music, including Christmas selections, will be worked on as well as vocal techniques, tone and choral blend.

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• **UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES** are held every Sunday night at 7:00 pm in Room 314 in the SUB. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY

• **TENSE DURING EXAM TIME?** The program *How to relax and think more clearly during tests and exams* will be conducted at the Counselling Centre on the fourth floor of the SUB. Students should pre-register by Nov. 6. For further info phone 424-2081.

TUESDAY

• **FILMS**—*Das Boot* and *Diva* will be playing in the Weldon law building, Room 115 on Nov. 6, 7:30 pm. Admission price is \$4 for both, \$2.50 for one. These films are presented by the John Reed International Law Society.

• **MAKING CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** out of bread dough will be demonstrated at the Dartmouth Regional Library, Woodlawn Mall Branch, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 am. All participants should bring a paring knife and a cookie sheet.

• **ECKANKAR** the Ancient Science of Soul Travel is the title of a free information talk presented by ECKANKAR. Subjects on the program include Soul Travel the easy way, the importance of a Living ECK Master in the life of the seeker, karma and reincarnation. It will be held on Tuesday November 6th at 7:30 pm, at the Archives of N.S., 6016 University Ave. For more information call 435-1002 for a prerecorded message.

WEDNESDAY

• **THE VANCOUVER CHAMBER CHOIR**, under the direction of Jon Washburn, will perform at St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, Halifax on Wednesday evening, November 7 at 8:00 pm, offering a rare choral treat that features a varied and exciting repertoire.

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For further information, contact Elizabeth Batstone, Executive Director, 423-4688.

• **FILM**—*Abortion: Stories from North and South*, playing on November 7 and 14, looks

at the political and social aspects of abortion around the world. It was directed by Gail Singer and released this year. Showings start at 8 pm in the NFB theatre, 1571 Argyle St., Hfx. Admission is free. Call 426-6157 for more info.

• **FILM**—*Der Mond is a Nackertekvgel*, a German film, will be shown in the Learning Resources Centre, Basement Killam Library, 8:00 pm. Admission is free.

• **CENTERTAINMENT SERIES—VOICE REPERTOIRE CLASS**—3rd year—Elvira Gonnella. Takes place in the Sculpture Court on Wednesdays and in the Art Gallery on Fridays. Recitals begin at 12:30 pm; admission is free. Bring your lunch and enjoy performances by Dal's talented young musicians.

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