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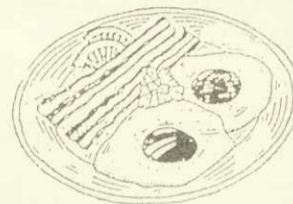
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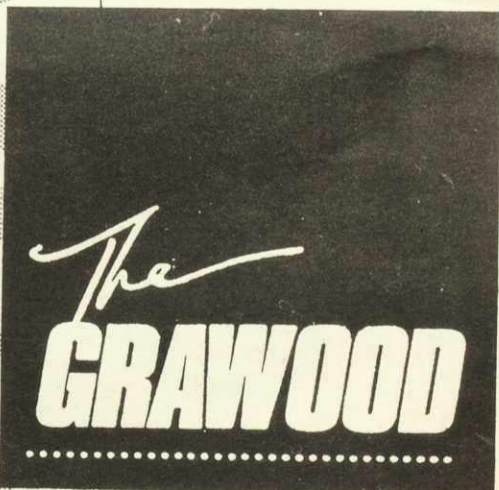
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CFUW survey women's concerns

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Canada's universities are being surveyed to find out how they deal with women's concerns.

The Canadian Federation of University Women, a national alumni group, is surveying university faculty groups, students and administrators, said CFUW president Peggy Matheson.

"We expect to have the kind of report that will be impossible to ignore," she said. The organization wants to aid universities in determining how to help women, she added.

The survey asks whether the university has an effective sexual harassment policy, and whether it ensures physical safety for women on campus. It also inquires about employment equity, tenure and curriculum issues.

Anne Innis Dagg, an academic advisor for the University of Waterloo in Ontario, co-authored a 1988 book on women in Canadian universities. She said the survey is very important.

"I suspect that they'll find that things are getting worse against women, especially with sexual harassment, because women are starting to speak out," Dagg said.

She said she is pleased the survey addresses gender bias in university curricula.

"We have 53 per cent of undergraduates being women, but what they are getting is still this male-based curriculum that is sometimes destructive of their self-esteem by implying that women are unimportant."

Nancy Hepinstall, the national women's commissioner for the Canadian Federation of Students, said the situation for female students varies widely across the country.

"Today's students are also tomorrow's professors, and tomorrow's developers of curriculum, and they'll be the ones that will be turned on or off by the current academic climate, and that is important to recognize," she said.

She said the survey will be very useful for feminist activists, who will be able to use data to back up their claims of discrimination.

"It will be good to point to numbers or findings in the survey when it comes out and say 'Look, there are problems and it's not just us who are saying that there are.'"

Aids in the workplace controversy

MONTREAL (CUP) — Quebec's guidelines for dealing with AIDS in the workplace will do little to eliminate discrimination, says a member of a Montreal AIDS activist group.

The province's health ministry recently published a 51-page booklet entitled "AIDS in the Workplace: Let's do something about it." The brochure is supposed to help businesses deal with harassment and discrimination against HIV-positive employees.

Douglas Buckley, a member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), said the document doesn't do enough. "It hasn't gone far enough to give incentives to commercial employers to promote humane treatment [of HIV-positive employees]," he said. "It only suggests that private businesses follow the public sectors' example."

The booklet suggests ways to distribute AIDS information to employees, offers AIDS hotline numbers, and lists videos about dealing with AIDS in the workplace.

Nicole Marois, spokesperson for the Ministry of Health, said the brochure is a step toward ending AIDS discrimination in the workplace. An "impact committee" will evaluate the effectiveness of the document, she added.

Indecisive SEED funding

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government is stalling its annual announcement on summer employment funding, fuelling speculation about a cut to a popular program.

Funding for the Challenge Initiative is usually announced early in the year, but not a word has been spoken about money for 1992. The federal program funds SEED (Summer Employment/ Experience Development) which provides wage subsidies to employers creating summer jobs for students.

Last year, the Progressive Conservative government increased by \$3 million over 1990, bringing the total up to \$80 million. That marked the first boost to the program since the program was introduced in 1985 with a budget of \$149.3 million.

Since then, announcements about the program have usually been characterized by cuts, much to the chagrin of students. At its peak in 1985, SEED helped create 87,000 jobs, while in 1990, the number had dropped to only 47,000.

The national average unemployment rate for students last summer hit 14.5 per cent.

NEWS

BoG cuts accessibility

BY JENNIFER BECK

It looks like one accessible Board of Governors meeting is all students will get. The Executive Council of the Board of Governors has reacted to student's demands for accountability and openness by becoming more exclusive.

During its most recent meeting on February 16, the Board of Governors Executive Council decided to consider a new structure for the Board. Under the new plan, the Board in its entirety will meet only four times over the course of the year. The Executive Council will meet regularly, every two weeks.

Presently, the Executive Council consists of the President (Howard Clark), the Chair of the Board, and the chair of each Board committee. Dalhousie Student Union President Peter Pottier is concerned about the lack of student representation on the Executive.

"This closes the door on student responses"

"Presumably the structure of the Executive will be altered to include a student representative: that is, the student council president," says Pottier.

Theoretically, this puts the student council president in a position of greater power, but in reality the student representative has little immediate influence on decisions made by the executive.

"Any student council president on the Executive will have no real immediate power. He or she will have to first report to the student council before acting [within] the executive. This really closes the door

on student responses," says Pottier.

On March 17 the entire 55-member Board will meet to discuss the Executive's proposed changes. The Executive need not seek the approval of the Board in order to pass the proposals.

"Everyone I've spoken to [on the Board] hasn't liked the change. In fact, the Premier said to me that the

Board of Governors was neither as accountable nor as responsible as they should be. There are 27 provincial appointees on the Board; hopefully they will raise some debate at the March 17 meeting," says Pottier.

"After the open Board meeting, where so many ideas were circulated and so much was aired, this cutback is really frustrating," says Pottier.

Society changes name

BY MARIBEL T. REYES

Dal Mature Students Association is now Dal OPTAMUS. The new acronym stands for Dalhousie Organization of Part Time and Mature University Students. At the Feb. 28 general meeting DMSA voted overwhelmingly to change their society name.

"We hope that Dal OPTAMUS will better reflect the optimism and positive outlook of mature students," said Neil Mellors, the new president.

According to Mellors, "This acronym should provide better recognition of the issues and problems that face mature students and for the organization as a whole."

During the Feb. 28 meeting a new executive was placed in office for the 1992/93 year. The newly elected executive consists of Neil Mellors, president and Ciona MacSween, vice-president.

"The goals for the upcoming year are to continue to build on the high profile activities of September's "Return to Learn" and January's "Safe Sex Week." The feedback we received indicates that both activities were well received and thought to have been of benefit," Mellors said.

MacSween and Mellors indicate they will carry on talks with other

groups on campus.

"We'll continue Dal OPTAMUS' constructive dialogue with Henson College, Dal Student Union and the several departments of the University's administration," said Mellors. He feels that this ongoing interaction will benefit mature students.

"We'd also like to continue the fund raising efforts into the upcoming year and also promote Dal OPTAMUS both on and off campus," MacSween added.

Constitutional changes passed at the Feb. 28 meeting called for the inclusion of the new executive position of "past president" which Mellors said, "will give the new executive logistical support from the previous administration."

Also passed at the meeting was a motion to have four general meetings per academic year. MacSween said, "We hope this will give the members and other students on campus a better idea of when the general meetings will be held."

MacSween suggested that defined dates for meetings will be of benefit to members and executive alike. "Hopefully this change will provide students with a forum to participate freely in the issues and activities that are felt to be important to Dal OPTAMUS," she said.



Members of the Cultural Diversity Planning Committee meet to plan events. See Kalendar on pg. 19 for schedule.

EDITORIAL

Quality of life. The phrase has been kicking around in my head for a while, and giving me reason to pause.

At the time of Canadian confederation Nova Scotia was the fourth largest (by volume of trade) trading nation in the world. Steam took over from sailing ships and this part of the world was left behind. Since then gold mines and oil wells have built up false hopes of economic prosperity from time to time, but we never seem to have enough of anything to do more than get excited. Now the mainstay of many of our local economies, fishing, looks as if it might soon collapse. I hope not but, what happens if it does?

I find myself wondering what keeps people here if there is so little opportunity. For me it must be more than the fact that my family has lived here for 250 years that continually brings me back to Halifax. I guess it must be the people and the way they treat each other. Life may sometimes be slower than in other cities, and it's definitely aggravating to have people know your every move, but it's nice to know they care.

In fact, I don't think that this place could've developed quite this way if it had had to deal with extended economic prosperity. People would definitely have been too busy to care what each other was doing.

I wonder what would've happened if somebody had found a major amount of oil right in the middle of Halifax harbour. Maybe a large oil company would've come in and spent billions of dollars building a huge towering platform in the middle of the harbour and paying workers copious amounts to operate it.

In a very short time a lot of people's incomes would have gone way up. This city would've been on its way. The money would change hands endlessly and everyone would've prospered.

It seems hard to imagine that a bonanza of this size it would eventually have to come to an end, but it would. Maybe over something as simple as a miscalculation of the size of the oil field, but it would end sooner or later.

Once people's incomes started falling off they might have had a hard time going back to their previous way of life. That would probably have caused a lot of problems for a lot of people.

Who knows, if the company were powerful and ruthless enough, we might even end up with a concrete drilling platform in the middle of our harbour to remind us for all time what it was like for that short time when we were prosperous. If we had no voice we might not even have been able to make them clean up their mess.

I'm glad that didn't happen. Still, I have to wonder how the Cree of James Bay feel.

Jerry West

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Criticizing criticism

To the editors:

It is with annoyance that I have seen an onslaught of condemnation recently against Mr. Costain in the opinion column in the Gazette. I cannot believe how judgemental people have been in placing a label on him. Can it be that these so called adults in our community at Dal are so bloody childish that as to pick apart his simple criticism of an offensive cartoon in the paper, to create a characterization of Mr. Costain which is so biased against choice, self-proclaimancy, personal freedom and the general underdog. Why don't you people try to read what he had written? For Christ's sake people, if you are unwilling to accept criticism of your actions how can you so self-righteously condemn Mr. Costain for expressing his views in the exact same methods that you entertain?

As for offensive cartoons, I must complain about one in your Valentines edition which depicted two people having oral sex with each other. Please refrain from publishing these images in your paper again. Really, I find these pictures of

such activities, regardless of being heterosexual or homosexual sex, not in particularly good taste to present to the general public. If you wish to present information on such topics, does it require an ever-so-nicely drawn border of fellatio surrounding the article? (yes)

In closing, I would like to point out that people are supposed to mature to socially adept adults in university. I really hope that these whining children can reach that by the time they graduate. Really now! Inferring racism and anti-women tendencies in Mr. Costain is pathetic. Grow up you squealing brats!

Chris Barnes

Critiquing Costain

To the editors:

This letter is in response to Darren Costain's letter which appeared in a recent issue of the Gazette. I am shocked at the treatment that he has received. Mr. Costain wrote a letter with an understandable opinion, yet people like Mr. Stacey write unsubstantiated claims about Mr. Costain's beliefs. Where he finds such weak kneed, simpleton claims

I fear I will never know. I sincerely doubt that Mr. Costain has any links to a racist organization like the KKK, or has any hatred towards women. People like you that pass judgement like this on someone, only add to the hatred and fear that the homosexual population now experiences. Instead of trying to heal the wound you make the cut deeper. It appears to me that whenever a person writes in your publication with a view like Mr. Costain's their solution is not to educate, but to attempt to demean and humiliate a person's character.

Michael J. Cooper

Cuba visit no vacation

To the editors:

The following is a warning to next year's Spring Break travellers: avoid Proto Tours at all costs. Signs posted around campus this year for an affordable trip to Cuba enticed us to sign up (enlist is more like it) for a week of fun in the sun. Little did we know the dismal conditions we would be enduring.

From the very first we should have known to turn

around and run for home. The trip was supposed to run from Monday 17 to Monday 24, but Proto Tours first juggled the date back one day, then ahead one so we left and returned Tuesday. Considering that we only learned of the change after classes were over, just days before leaving, we were annoyed to have to miss a second day of classes. The next warning sign foreshadowing disaster occurred at the Halifax airport. The flight was delayed five hours, making us land in Cuba quite late and not actually reaching our "resort" (we use the term loosely) until 1 a.m., where our pre-paid dinner was not waiting. Instead we bought pizza and stood gapping at the pathetic surroundings that would be our home for the next week.

In short, our cabanas, which were supposed to be domes of culture and rest, were flea-infested, scorpion, cockroach, and termite ridden hovels that resembled garden sheds. Each morning and evening brought a buffet identical to that of the previous meal. We did not expect Club Med, but variety is not only the spice of life, it prevents diarrhea. There are so many more things we could add

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(swimming pool of brown/green water, bedsheets never changed, toilet paper shortage...) but you must be getting the point.

The icing on the cake is the fact that our "resort" was a campground. Had we known this, we would have either gone prepared or booked another vacation. This was not a vacation; this was a test. Had we wanted to be tested we would have stayed home and studied for mid-terms.

Chip and Cleg

Positive Cuba visit

To the editors:

Piotr Trela's letter to the editor (Feb. 27), "Death Please," epitomizes the shallow commentary offered by reactionaries too comfortable to be critically concerned with frivolities like justice or equality.

In Trela's patronizing critique of my article on Cuba's current crisis, he sarcastically suggests a lack of credibility, "because [I] visited a communist country, while [he] only lived in one." Well, Castro is no Jaruzelski and Poland is no Cuba!

Stalin imposed communism on an unreceptive, war-torn Poland while Cuba's homegrown, popular revolution of '59 independently embraced communism in '61 because of a U.S.-imposed embargo. If it is Trela's experience under a self-interested puppet dictatorship in Eastern Europe which gives him the credibility to comment on Castro's benevolent dictatorship in the Caribbean; then, in capitalist, elite-ruled Canada I am an expert on say Paraguay... or Burundi.

I didn't and won't profess to be a Cubalogist. Moreover, I don't buy that conservative academics have a monopoly on interpreting the world as they see it. My impressions as a layperson are based on independent research and humble experience.

I am confident I was critical enough in Cuba to detect the "aparatchiks" he spoke of. In Canada, I know I can identify most unofficial guardians of the status quo—Trela must be commended on his successful assimilation.

In Cuba I was painfully aware of the privileges bestowed upon me as a guest. I also know as white, straight, middle-class guys Piotr Trela and I are granted certain privileges in Canada.

I'll go further than he to say Soviet interest in Cuba was rooted in opportunities to deploy troops in the U.S.'s backyard and proliferate communism throughout Latin America. Cuba's achievements in health, education and technology should not however, be slighted because of Soviet assistance.

Per capita, the West has pumped far more assistance into the South. The vast majority of which is "security supporting," debt payments, or "conditional" in that it must be invested in the West. Essentially this political aid has precipitated economic stagnation, social strife and environmental degradation throughout the region. I unhappily speculate Eastern Europe will be Latin Americanized as these economic (r)aid programs are extended to Trela's former home.

I also stated in reference to incarcerated human rights activists, Cuba fails to acknowledge freedom of assembly and freedom of speech. I am concerned about their slow democratisation. I am equally frustrated with our own bourgeois system in

which servile Canadians, once every several years, passively elect political masters who are willingly controlled by corporate interests. By 1959, Cubans were already aware of this phenomenon booing Castro when he offered a return to parliamentary democracy.

I'll have to guess this is the system—which is capitalist—to which Trela opts for wealth when he says, "One has to decide: justice or wealth—you can't have them both (though you can have neither)." As 1000 Canadians a day lose their jobs and three-quarters of the capitalist world lives in poverty, I suggest we, collectively, have neither. As Trela may be mesmerised by a big scholarship in one of Dalhousie's wealthier departments his selective reality may not concur.

I urge him to free his mind from left/right politics, grasp for some objectivity and explore new options based on justice and equality. Trela may be correct to accuse me of being "idealistic," yet I am realistic enough to know such an option won't be achieved in my lifetime partially because of uncritical mindsets like his.

Although Cuba is not my Utopia and has many flaws, it offers hope to many people and countries who want to build something better. Presently, its independence is threatened by stepped up U.S. aggression. I would think most Poles know from experience this sort of intervention sucks.

Alex Boston

Trees lose election

To the editors:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matthew 7:15)

Could someone please enlighten me on the meaning of the heralded Recycling motive gracing all the candidates' signs? Now, I'll assume, out of pure speculation, that after the elections, the paper used, so liberally, for the campaigns will be collected and maybe even, picked up by the resident recycler. This, however, does not validate the token environmental pretension of slapping on the Recycle sym-

bol, to the smiling mugs that litter the campus walls, of late. The gallons of photocopy fluid enlisted in this, oh so exciting, election campaign would have been better spent quenching the thirst of a legion of gas-swilling junkies, this fine nation over. Not to suggest that the candidates are hypocrites, but perhaps a little too reliant on false pretense and band-wagon politics.

The emphasis should lie with public forum, albeit a few took place, and not on wasteful, tree slaying posters. As integral as they may be to the success of future politicians, the eyesore propaganda that plasters our fair walls, is not

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worth the paper it's printed on, or the subsequent land-rape that ensues. I highly doubt the transition from one lame duck to the next will shudder the foundation of the DSU or the apathetic policies that typify the Student Union. So, impress me with some 'new deal' ideas, and I might even crawl outside to register my vote with the least offensive candidate on the pond. If democracy is the cult of mediocrity, then Dalhousie leads the pack, with some very mediocre politics and politicians, no less. I'd run myself, but prior convictions and a fierce crack habit have seen to that, maybe after the Clinic. Till then, we, the voters, should entertain ourselves with higher aspirations, and attempt to elect a team with an edge, sharp enough to slice away the bland, dull coma, leadership at Dalhousie has seemingly descended towards. If the recent representatives happened to be opium eaters, then the prevailing apathy would have been understandable, if not excusable. Alas, we live in Halifax not Xanadu, and the closets pleasure dome decree is the Grawood! So, having assumed that we have opium free statespeople, what the hell seems to be the problem? Perhaps, not enough of the stuff!

W. Loman

Oh, Lord

To the editors:

The intent of this letter is to set the record straight concerning the cause of the recently perceived rash of bicycle parking problems on the campus. The problem, as interpreted by Mr. Lord, Director of Physical Plant (and Planning!), is illegal parking of bicycles as a result of poor bicycle etiquette. The cause, as interpreted by the Campus Environmental Action Group, however, is a lack of parking facilities for the bicycle. Mr. Lord then followed this rebuttal by parrying with the standard budget cry as a means to evade the instigated retaliation.

What good is more bike racks going to be if they are buried under snow Mr. Lord? You say that you are a frequent bicycle commuter yourself. If this is true then you must park your bicycle in your office in order for you to be so blind to the real cause of this recently noticed problem: the existing bike racks are not efficient at this time due to problems with accessibility, for both locational and design reasons (the current addition to this problem being the large amounts of snow which has made the racks even less accessible). Why is the cause of this problem seen to be the ignorance of the cyclist rather than a lag between physical facilities and the

realities of demand? Yes, there may be a problem with cyclists on footpaths as Mr. Lord suggests, but this is in itself no reason to separate the two modes of travel. If your son picks on your daughter, do you disallow interaction? I think not, you impress upon them the need to develop a peaceful relationship.

The beauty of the situation is that the bicycle is very versatile. The cyclist has the potential to coexist with both the pedestrian and the automobile, and hence one of the reasons for its appeal and proliferation. Your logic for disallowance of bicycles on the footpath could very well be applied to the street, but I hardly think you are an advocate of a complete and separate system for bicycles. We must take advantage of our potentials rather than confining ourselves with costly limits.

At this moment there is no firm and fast physical solution, it is more a question of attitude. Regardless of the pro and con arguments, in relative terms cycling is the fastest growing mode of transportation in most cities in the western world. The "bike" is no longer a recreational toy. It is here and should be considered in the decision making process in a manner that is integrated and well beyond that of placation.

The immediate issue at hand is bicy-

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Marian Gray at the Alumni Office, 494-2071**

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cle parking accessibility. There may not be a lack of parking facilities during winter cycling conditions, however, there is definitely a lack of functionally adequate racks, regardless of the season. They need to be better designed and placed more strategically. Try asking those that use them, or ask yourself if you really think you know the cycling experience. Ride your bike to each and every building on the campus with a load of books on your back and experience the situation: you are busy, and efficient by necessity; you have difficulty finding a rack and then use it in the manner that it was intended; you really want to ride by the rules so as not to create negative attitudes towards bicycles; yet you have been taught to be resourceful; you emerge from your destination to find nothing but a cut lock.

Or pretend you really are a utility rider Mr. Lord, one of the 22.6 percent of households in a 1988 census who do not own cars in Halifax, one of the 7000 individuals who bought an adult bicycle in the Halifax area in 1991. Get with the program, decision makers must make that attitude change now

(not to forget city cyclists who abuse their versatility and responsibilities as a vehicle). Anticipate and plan for the future in a positive manner Mr. Lord rather than simply reacting to the present. There is a definite need for some useful action on this matter and I am open to discussion on the subject for those who may wish to contact me.

Martin Siddles

**Department of Urban and Rural
Planning, TUNS**

Muslim students respond once

To the editors:

This must be paranoia we hear once again in the article "the recognizing Israel's right to exit" (Gazette, Feb. 6). First of all, Amir, we are deeply saddened by your condescending views on the Arab race. It is imperative that you should get your facts in order before jumping into any hasty conclusions. We are not all Arabs! Instead, we are from different nationality, colour and linguistic backgrounds united under one religion which is Islam. Therefore, you are confronting more than one billion Muslims and those who are deeply concerned about human rights. Ideologically we are opposed to the

notion of a superior race or a chosen people. We strongly believe that this kind of thinking leads to racism, hatred, and eventually violence.

Dear Amir, you did not present facts, instead you're pre-occupied with justifying your position, be it right or wrong. Are we wrong or is it your belief system that Israel should capture land from the Nile to the Elphorates. Hence, if you are unable to recognise your immediate environment, how can you expect them to recognise Israel?

The more we read your article, the more we get the feeling that you are in the state of denial with lines like "death to the jews", and "...21 Arab countries breathing down their necks all around them...". You have made a crucial mistake calling Arabs enemy. How do you begin friendship by saying "enemies," "fight," "breathing down?" There seem to be contradictions in your plea for peace. The over eighteen thousand recent settlements in the occupied territories are not going to ease any tension. In history you will note that the golden age of the jews were under the rule of Islam, in Spain. We advise you to brush up on your history. We like

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Room 234, A & A Room 105 Law School
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Don't let needless complications ruin your year



Celebrate Green Day with action

WELCOME to the annual Gazette Environmental Supplement. The Gazette tries to carry articles of environmental interest on a regular basis, and of course, responsible citizens of the earth should be educating themselves about their environment every day.

With this supplement, though, we hope we can provide a broad range of articles and opinion pieces for the avid reader. For those who usually ignore green headlines, perhaps this supplement can jump-start you into action and into caring for this planet.

The occasion for this issue is "Green Day." Next Tuesday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. The Campus Environmental Action Group (CEAG) has decided to take advantage of this occasion when everyone wears green anyway, so we have co-opted it into a day for the promotion of environmental awareness and things green (did you know that old St. Pat was a very ecologically-minded guy?). So show your concern for Mother Earth and wear all your green clothes.

For the occasion of Green Day, CEAG has planned: "have fun with cloth napkins" day (i.e. paint and tie-dye your very own cloth napkin); and environmental face painting.

We are also encouraging you to "curb your car." If you are going to take just one action on Environment / St. Patrick's day, keep your car at home.

The one small decision to walk, ride your bike, take the bus, or carpool can make a world of difference when you consider the automobile is the



single largest source of atmospheric pollution and global warming. Our beloved car is also responsible for serious health problems (and deaths) in our society.

Although the problems facing us seem huge and insurmountable, don't forget it is only through small concerted efforts, and chipping away at established habits that we will make progress. Rome wasn't built in a day and the ozone layer can't be patched up with a big band-aid. So do your little thing (and join a group for bigger things) and slowly, slowly you will be helping to create change.

CEAG wants to keep track of the energy savings and pollution prevention. So if you choose an alternative mode of transportation on Green Day let us know by phoning 429-9563 and recording your environmental progress.

Also on Green Day, CEAG is running a contest. We know there are lots of closet environmentalists out there, and we want to hear from you! We are soliciting your environmentally sound practices and habits. The best one will be the proud recipient of 500 sheets of recycled looseleaf and a box of Rainforest Crunch (yum, yum), and lots of publicity.

Send in any ideas, mentions, suggestions for things to do around the house, at school, work, outdoors, or anywhere. We welcome any kind of suggestion, and will print them in upcoming editions of the Gazette (to help provide you with a constant stream of environmental information).

Making environmentalism a way of life

BY LISA ROBERTS

Argh! I could scream, hit, pull my hair out, pull your hair out, get violent! Being, however, a non-confrontational and nonviolent person by nature I will, instead, write.

A wonderful, fun, sympathetic friend just told me I shouldn't eat Rainforest Crunch because they kill

brazil nut plants. Now, I am not a biologist, I'm not even a science student, and I haven't a single clue what brazil nuts grow on or how one harvests them. I am, however, quite certain that buying Rainforest Crunch is good, not bad, for the rainforest.

I explained to this wonderful, fun, sympathetic friend that profits from

this product go to rainforest preservation groups and environment groups and it enables farmers in Brazil to make five times more income than by clear-cutting the forest to raise cattle. She then countered that the trees will be cut down anyhow to make the paper bags that are supposed to replace plastic bags.

"Use fabric bags!" I practically screamed. "Then you have to make fabric." At that inane comment I said, "I hate people who argue," and walked out. Obviously, only one of us was arguing in earnest.

She is the latest in a line of similarly frustrating friends. There was the one who said I used more dishwasher and sent more detergent into the ocean by using plastic lunch containers. (Substitute in washwater and you have the argument of another friend against my cloth napkin.)

There was the very cool guidance counsellor who, after listening to one of my speeches on the awful state of the environment, asked me in all seriousness, "Are you going to be like this for the rest of your life?" (That I found funny, to be truthful. You'd think concern for the environment was a chronic disease!)

Finally, there is my very good friend who has repeatedly assured me she doesn't mind my being concerned about the environment since I don't preach at her, or anyone else, about it. Well, it's been a long time in coming, but I'm ready to preach.

First, let me correct my earlier statement. I do not hate people who argue. I enjoy debates. But it seriously does make me crazy to listen to people waste perfectly good energy, time and oxygen trying to tell me, and other environmentally concerned people, that our efforts are futile or, even worse, damaging to the environment. Almost inevitably, these same people will not spend the same energy, time and oxygen trying to improve the situation.

Do you my friends, and people I have never met, have any idea how incredibly easy it is to carry a coffee mug, use a cloth napkin, conserve energy, compost your kitchen scraps, carry a bag, choose enviro-friendly products, make fabric bags to wrap presents in, live without a car to drive you around the block, and consider the effect **your** lifestyle has on **your** environment? I didn't either until two years ago. But I've changed

—probably not enough, I can admit that. But I do do all those little, yet important, things I have listed above. If everyone of us did, maybe it would be enough.

Secondly, let me ask you another question. Don't you realize how important this all is? It is our planet, our home, we are cutting, burning, polluting, and consuming, and it can't take it anymore. Don't you know how crazy and destructive our lifestyles are? Let me quote from Gyorgy Faludy, a Canadian citizen and poet, originally from Hungary. In 1978 he described the members of "consumer societies" as "those who seem obsessed with producing and consuming an ever-growing mountain of things to ensure comfort and survival; who have addicted themselves to energy as if to morphine until they are ready to destroy all nature to increase the dosage..." We consume too much and we protect too little - only 3.4% of the wilderness space in Canada for example.

But this is not an article full of information. This is me taking advantage of some space to preach. What a relief! My friends, you are safe again.

Please take the time to peruse
To listen and learn how to reuse
It is the nineties the world is in trouble
Time to clean up some of our rubble
Time to Rethink, Reduce and Reuse
To save our last environmental fuse
So it these tips you do take
A better world will help make
When you go out for the night
Remember to shut off the kitchen light.
Use cloth napkins without haste
To help eliminate paper waste
Pick up papers in the street

Before they rip under your feet
And if you happen to use a tin
Think of it as no big sin
Just remember the 90's deal
Save the tin, rip off the peel.
When out for social tea
Take home your cup and think of me
If we all do our best
To teach, persuade and all the rest
The final result can only be
A better world for you and me.

J. Meades & T. Williams

For more information...

We hope this environmental supplement has piqued your interest in the environment. We have barely scratched the surface of environmental issues, problems, history etc. The subject is a vastly complex, convoluted one, not limited to discussion of "nature" or "natural resources;" it is a question of our fundamental beliefs and outlook on life.

There is a ton of information out there for those of you who would like to pursue a curiosity in or a dedication to the environment. Here is a short list of suggested readings as well as some local groups which you might consider getting involved with. Keep looking for other sources of information and organizations, because this list is simply a starting point.

Thanks to the Halifax City Regional Library for some of the following sources.

PERIODICALS

- Alternatives
- Between the Issues* (from the Ecology Action Centre, see below)
- Environment
- Garbage* magazine ("Practical Journal for the Environment")
- Harrowsmith* (the Magazine of Country Living)
- Mother Earth News
- The Utne Reader* (a digest of the alternative press)
- Whole Earth Review*

GUIDEBOOKS

- Blueprint for a Green Planet: Your Practical Guide to Restoring the World's Environment*, by John Seymour and Herbert Girardet. New York: Prentice Hall, 19487. Positive actions for reducing the impacts of our ecologically disastrous lifestyle.
- The Canadian Green Consumer Guide: Responsible Shopping that Won't Cost the Earth*, by Pollution Probe Foundation. Toronto: McClelland

& Stewart Inc., 1989. Product-specific guidelines to help the consumer make informed choices.

Daily Planet: A Hands-on Guide to a Greener Environment, by Paul Griss. Toronto: Key Porter, 1990. Like the title says; also how to get involved in environmental organizations and activities.

Fifty Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth, by the Earthworks Group. Berkeley: Earthworks Press, 1989. A slim volume that packs a lot of information and practical suggestion (American facts and figures still applicable).

Green Future: How to Make a World of Difference, by Lorraine Johnson. Markham, Ontario: Penguin, 1990. Looks at reorienting citizens' view

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of "not in my backyard (NIMBY)" self-interest to involvement and responsibility for personal community environment. Helpful directories in appendices.

Two Minutes a Day for a Greener Planet: Quick and Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth, by Marjorie Lamb. Toronto: Harper Collins, 1990. Small but valuable actions to incorporate into your daily life.

What Atlantic Canadians Can Do for their Environment: Hundreds of Things Individuals Can Do Now. Dartmouth: Environment Canada, 1989. Sections cover home, yard shopping, car, work, outdoors, cottage, school.

What to Use Instead: A Handbook

of Practical Substitutes, by Carol Ann Rinzler. New York: Pharos, 19487. Household substitutions for stronger and costlier specialized products. (Not all products have been environmentally evaluated.)

BOOKS

Blueprint for a Green Economy, by David Pearce, Anil Markandya, and Edward B. Barbier. London: Earthscan, 1989. A blueprint for governments for financing a sustainable environment.

Environmentalism and the future of Progressive Politics, by Robert C. Paehlke. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989. The potential of an environmentally-informed progressivism as a political response to neo-conservatism in the 1990s.

For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy Toward Community, the Environment, and a Sustainable Future, by Herman E. Daly and John B. Cobb, Jr. Boston: Beacon Press, 1989. A discussion of how our growth-oriented, industrial economy has led to environmental disaster, this book offers an alternative paradigm for economics, public policy, and social ethics.

Our Common Future, by the World Commission on Environment and Development [the Brundtland Commission]. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987. The book that made "sustainable development" a household phrase, from an international panel that toured the globe and spoke to thousands of people.

The Roots of Modern Environmentalism, by David Pepper. London: Routledge, 1986. A historical, philosophical, and ideological background to environmentalism, including a critique of education as an agent of socio-economic change.

Silent Spring, by Rachel Carson. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1962. The

book that started it all by revealing the global impacts of pesticides use. Reissued in 1987.

State of the World 1992: A Worldwatch Institute Report on Progress Toward a Sustainable Society, by Lester R. Brown et al. New York: Norton, 1992. Since 1984, an annual report on the global environment, highlighting the key issues each year.

Worldwatch Papers, a series by the Worldwatch Institute. A large selection of readable, informative papers on various topics concerning environment and development.

ORGANIZATIONS

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Canadian Unified Students Environmental Network (CUSEN)
Atlantic Region
c/o ECOSS (see below)

Clean Nova Scotia Foundation
P.O. Box 2528, Station M
Halifax, N.S. B3J 3N5
424-5245

Ecology Action Centre
3115 Veith Street, 3rd floor
Halifax, N.S. B3K 3G9
454-7828

Environmentally Concerned Students' Society (ECOSS)
Box 27, Student Centre
Saint Mary's University
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422-1201

Greenpeace
1553 Granville Street
Halifax, N.S. B3J 1W7
492-4046

Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group (NS-PIRG)
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494-6662

Submissions to Green Day Contest (see page 7)

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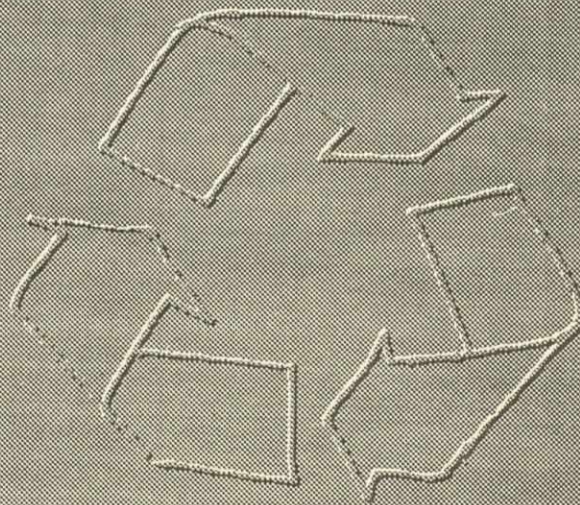
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My environmental suggestion is:

Deadline for submissions is Tues. March 24, 5 p.m.

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Turning off lights for a brighter future

BY JUDY MEADES

Costly and environmentally destructive waste of energy due to lights being left on in the classrooms and offices for no apparent reasons was brought to CEAG's attention.

Since most buildings at Dalhousie were constructed before energy concerns became common, they are not equipped with technical solutions to this problem. An automated turn off system would be the answer to such a energy waste problem but the retro-installation of such equipment would be costly. One assumes the users of a building without automated switch off lights would be in the habit of turning off the lights manually but this does not appear to be the case here at Dalhousie.

Environmental issues, such as the amount of carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere from the burning of oil and coal to produce electrical power by Nova Scotia Power are seriously implicated in the global warming known as the Green House Effect. It is hard to believe that we are allowing carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere at all considering the importance of the ozone layer to life and health as we know it. The realization that so much of the inefficiently produced electricity is being totally and unnecessarily wasted is frightening.

CEAG decided to investigate by looking at a common used group of classrooms to see if there might be a low cost and environmentally friendly solution to the problem. Accordingly, a group of CEAG members

surveyed the LSC common areas from 14-19 February to see what the potential might be for conserving energy. The survey indicates that the classrooms in the common use areas (excluding the Biology, Psychology, and Oceanography blocks) contain lights with a total wattage of 46.1 KW. Most of the lights were found to have been left on from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon (when we turned them off) and found on at 0900 the next morning despite the fact that we had turned them off the previous evening. This survey leads us to believe that the lights are often not turned off on nights, weekends, and holidays.

We are aware both security and custodial functions involved must be taken into consideration. However, we concluded the existing practise does result in a considerable waste of energy, and money.

CEAG proposed a pilot project which would create jobs for the purpose of turning off unused lights in the classrooms and common areas of the LSC.

There are two options under consideration. Option A; The lights would be turned off late Friday afternoon, saving a total of \$4,182 over an eighth month school period. Option B; Lights would be turned off both weekday evenings as well as weekends, saving a total of \$6,041. Remember these figures apply only to the LSC. CEAG intends to implement option A immediately since there would appear to be no major custodial issues involved, financial savings will occur immediately, and as well as an estimated decrease of 45

metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere. Option B will be considered for a later date, based on the experience gained with option A and after working out any problem areas related to security and/or custodial issues.

CEAG proposed that if successful, the pilot project (funded by physical plant and planning) be expanded to other buildings starting in 1992. A student conservator patrol, akin to the

Tiger Patrol could be a part of the existing student job program but with no net cost to the university. In fact there would be considerable financial savings.

A lot of excitement has already been generated. CEAG proposals were well received by the DSU and Bill Lord, Physical Plant Director. Of course there are a lot of logistics yet to be worked out but the wheels are in motion. This project is going to need both students and the adminis-

tration working together in order to be successful.

Therefore until such a time as the University undertakes a technical solution to the problem and/or an Energy Patrol Group is organized. CEAG is appealing to everyone here at Dalhousie to take an awareness approach to this issue, (both financial and environmental) PLEASE TURN OFF THE LIGHTS THAT ARE ON FOR NO APPARENT REASON.

Mother of an earth summit

BY LISA MITCHELL

The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), often referred to as the Earth Summit, will bring together over 130 heads of state to attempt agreement on fundamental issues of environment and development.

The idea is fascinating for several reasons.

1. First of all, this is the largest conference of its kind. There will be more than 20 000 people travelling to Rio, Brazil, to participate in the Conference or the events surrounding the Conference.

2. This is the first time international governments have agreed to listen to the voices of non-government sectors, such as women, industry, indigenous people and youth.

3. This is the first time developing countries have had any power to make bargains with developed countries. In the past, the developed world has simply laid out its own path and followed it, but things are changing.

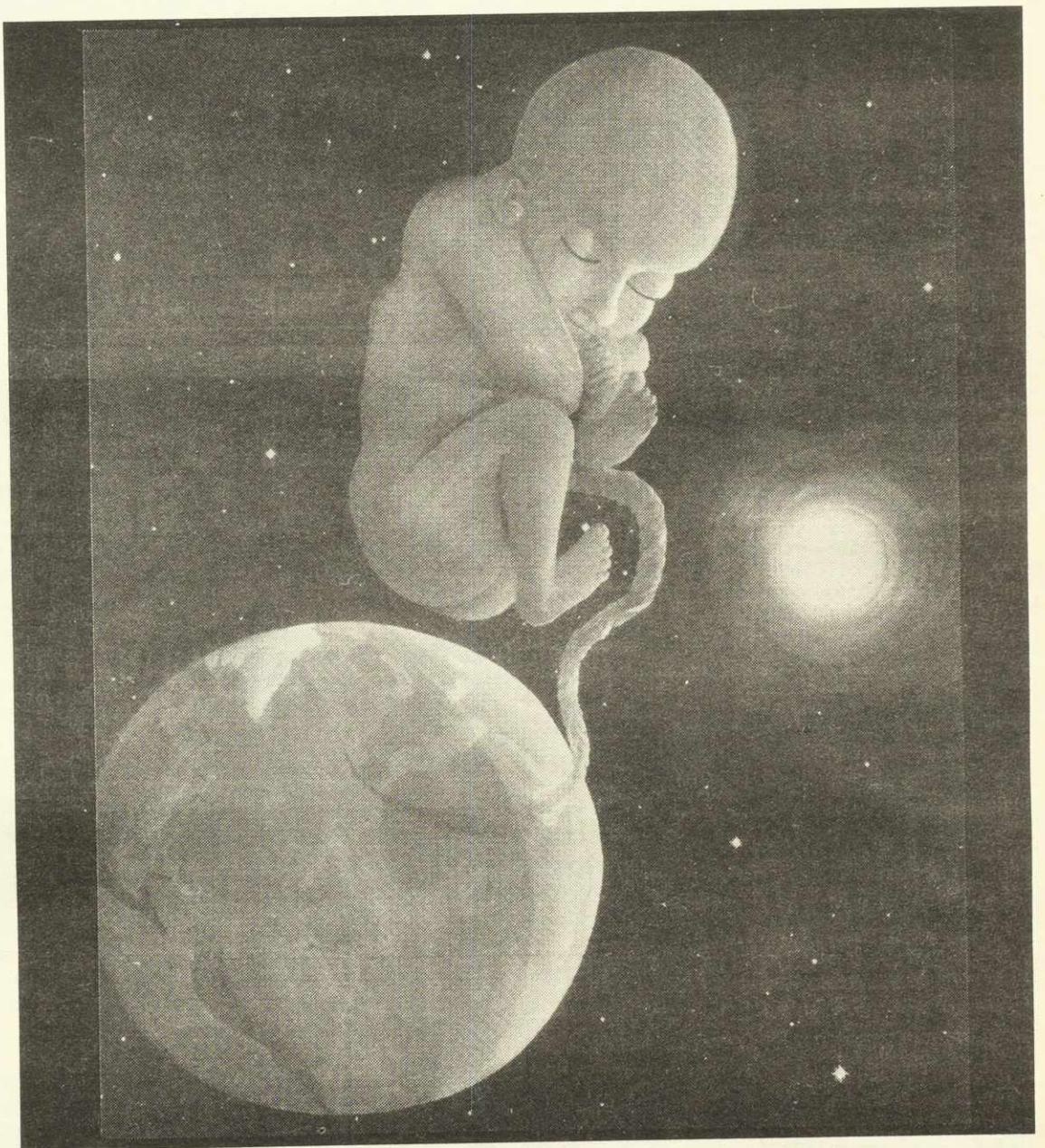
The power remains unequal, but environmental devastation recognizes no political borders. The rich developed world, unmoved by compassion, are moved by fear.

What will happen at UNCED?

Conventions on climate change, forestry and biodiversity; an Earth Charter on relations with the environment and each other; a plan of action for the 21st century and; new ways to transfer money and technology, will all be laid on the table.

These are volatile issues. Developed countries want to concentrate on environmental protection and "sustainable development," while developing countries want to talk about equality, power, forgiveness of debt and the death of their children.

The media has done very little to make people aware of this Conference. The lack of awareness is unfortunate, but somewhat irrelevant, because in the end we will all be affected by the Earth Summit, whether we know it or not.



Carrying cloth to the cafeteria

BY JUDY MEADES

The magnitude of paper garbage collected on Dal campus is embarrassing and totally unnecessary. Each month over one hundred pounds of paper garbage (that can not be recycled) is removed from the SUB alone.

Last year CEAG introduced plastic cups to help reduce the use of styrofoam on campus.

This year CEAG wants to reduce the amount of paper garbage thrown into campus disposals.

A paper napkin has one life cycle and it is a short one. It is used once and thrown away. Recycling paper napkins is problematic as they are

usually contaminated through use or by other garbage, and thus rejected for recycling.

Paper napkins are a waste. Removing the garbage they create is a waste of time and money. The expense of the paper napkin is usually absorbed in the price of the food. Most important they are a waste of trees, as well as emitting chemicals into the environment during the process of making paper!

Dalhousie and associated businesses are concerned about the environment. At present CEAG is working with Beaver Foods and Major Foods on campus in hopes of finding solutions to reduce the amount of

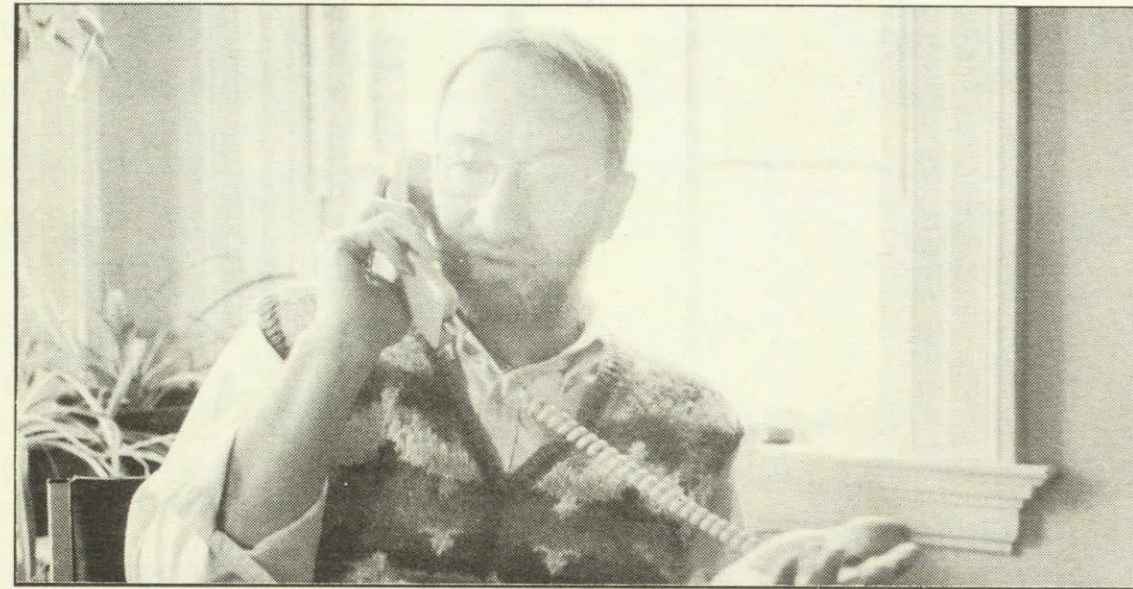
paper garbage. A campus-wide Cloth Napkin Campaign is the favoured solution.

We need student support to make it a success. Just like the successful Coffee Cup Campaign before it, the Cloth Napkin Campaign will use the same logic:

Students buy it, use it, wash it, and use it again and again and again...

Come by CEAG's table in the SUB Tuesday, March 17 and design your cloth napkins at our cloth napkin promotion and watch out for CEAG's Cloth Napkin Design and Logo competition!!

Reduce Re-use and Recycle



Ecology Action Centre director Howard Epstein

PHOTO: ROBERT CURRIE

EAC offers solutions

BY ROBERT CURRIE

ENVIRONMENTAL problems have never received as much attention as they have in recent years. Yet while the headlines scream the latest disasters, solutions rarely get as much notice.

The Ecology Action Centre is interested in solutions. Since 1971, the EAC has been educating the public and lobbying government and industry on a host of environmental matters.

"We take a very broad mandate," says EAC director Howard Epstein. "We are concerned with any environmental problems in Nova Scotia."

The EAC, with about 1500 members, is Nova Scotia's largest environmental group. Operating from their offices on Veith St. in north-end Halifax, the EAC has become a cornerstone of environmental awareness in Nova Scotia. "Every day I get letters and calls

from people asking for information," says Epstein.

As for the EAC's impact, Epstein says, "We're in the business of influencing government action and changing public opinion, so it's often very difficult to point to what your solid accomplishments are."

Aerial spraying of herbicides, uranium mining and solid waste disposal are just three of the issues on which the centre has made its voice heard, often with success.

"When we started out talking about recycling and composting and reducing it was virtually unheard of in this province, and now it's very common."

"People now take seriously the idea of sustainable development here," says Epstein. "It clearly hasn't made its way into the premier's office yet, but it seems clear though that the trend is our way."

Epstein says to look for the EAC to be active in the upcoming municipal incinerator battle. "We'll be looking to try and get the province in-

cluded and put a moratorium in place on incinerators."

Despite the current preoccupation with the economy, Epstein believes the momentum of the environmental movement has not faltered.

"I think people are beginning to see that the simple notion of environment versus jobs is not the correct analysis," he notes.

"Economic and environmental issues are bound up together. We have a responsibility to make responsible suggestions for alternative ways of doing things, including alternative ways of providing people with employment."

The centre currently has about three dozen volunteers, including many students, and is always on the lookout for new.

"People can do anything here," says Epstein. "People can come with well-developed skills or with no skills at all and we're happy to take them on."

CFCs: Multi-nationals move South as ozone disappears

BY LISA ROBERTS

Chlorofluorocarbons, better known as CFCs, have been around since the late 1920s. In just over 60 years, these man-made chemicals have drastically affected the earth's atmosphere.

Regardless of what measures are taken now to stop their use, the damage will continue. In fact, the ozone layer, our protection from the sun, will be destroyed by CFCs at an increasing rate for decades before it begins to recover. This is scary.

The ozone layer was not extensive to begin with. At the pressure of sea level it would be about as thick as a pane of window glass. Yet this layer stops most ultraviolet radiation from reaching the earth's surface. At least, it used to.

Even in the mid-eighties, it was estimated that 12 per cent more radiation was reaching Ottawa than in the 1950s. Correspondingly, dangerous skin cancers have risen by 50 per cent in the past ten years. Again, it is expected, because of latency periods after exposure, skin cancer cases will escalate in coming decades. It is going to get worse, not better.

Nitrous oxide, methane, and other chemicals can also destroy ozone, but until the creation of CFCs, the process of ozone production and destruction was at an equilibrium. CFCs were considered wonderful when introduced, and due to several desirable qualities quickly replaced other chemicals.

One of these "desirable" qualities is that CFCs have low solubility in water. Whereas most other chemicals fall as acid rain, and thus never reach the stratosphere, CFCs reach this level containing the ozone layer about ten years after emission — from old refrigerators, air conditioners, aerosol sprays, and so on. When struck by ultra-violet light

from the sun, the chlorine atom breaks off the compound. This then acts as a catalyst for a reaction which turns ozone into oxygen. It is estimated that one chlorine atom from one CFC molecule can destroy 100 000 ozone molecules before it is finally neutralized.

The chemical equations explaining ozone destruction were first formulated in 1974 by two researchers, F. Sherwood Rowland and Mario J. Molina. They sounded the warning 11 years before the actual hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica was discovered in 1985.

The evidence had been in American hands for ten years in the form of data collected by satellites, but the computers had not processed the data because they had been programmed to treat such things as impossible.

"We have data back to 1957, and from then until the mid-seventies, there was no ozone hole," said Rowland.

In March, 1990 a hole was found over the Arctic confined within the polar vortex, the circling winds over the pole. This year the potential exists for the ozone layer to "be temporarily depleted in the late winter and early spring by as much as 40 per cent" over "the northernmost parts of the US, Canada, Europe and Russia." (Lemonick, "The Ozone Vanishes," Time, Feb. 17, 40).

Chloride is present in record high levels and it will react with the ozone within the polar vortex if the vortex holds until the sun comes up over Antarctica after months of darkness. If not, then it will inevitably happen next year, or the year after, or the year after that. And when one realizes that every one per cent drop in ozone could result in one to three per cent increase in skin cancer, the impact is obvious.

This is, of course, a global problem. All countries and all species will be affected. Phytoplankton, the last link on the ocean's food chain, may be drastically affected. And increased ultra-violet radiation on plants could cause plant stunting, reduction in leaf area, and



reduced physiological vigour — making plants vulnerable to pests and disease. During a six year study at the University of Texas, it was found that a 25 per cent decrease in ozone resulted in a 20 to 25 per cent loss in yields on the test crop of soybeans.

Global problems require global solutions. Canada and the United States, along with many other signatories to the Montreal Protocol, have pushed ahead the deadlines for the phasing out of CFCs. There is concern however, that as environmental regulations are tightening in Western countries multi-nationals are moving to developing nations.

The ozone layer and CFCs know no borders. It is the responsibility of Canada, and other nations which enjoy relative prosperity, to help developing nations switch over to environmentally inert substitutes for CFCs. Hopefully we'll learn from this experience, and not allow our other environmental problems to reach such drastic proportions.

Carmanah Contrasts

BY T. FLEMING

Nodding off. Having dust waft into my nostrils and a sense of bumpily continuing upward — upward to a place of uncertainty and fame.

I jerk awake and upon opening my eyes I behold a nightmare yet a stark reality. Dull grays and black cloak the landscape. Stumps where trees once towered, their skeletal roots exposed, are poised atop rock out-croppings. Charred poles and sticks, scattered in disarray, cover the remaining areas. High hilly ranges stretch to the horizons. Each conical knoll is bald and stubbly like many shaved heads. The green life once so lush on these hills will not grow to its previous grandeur in my lifetime. In fact, maybe never. I realize this with a feeling of loss and with a sense of being cheated.

Ahead I can see the blunt edge of an ancient forest. Cedars with fluted bases fork upward. Their canopy is sparse and gray-green in colour. This triggers the memory of a comment lightly made by a fellow biologist to describe such a sight: "green ghettos." How can these trees be "merchantable," I ask myself?

I composed this description after returning from my first trip to Carmanah which, at the time, in spring 1989, was only a proposed park. Clearcut logging had taken place for miles around right up to the edge of the tree farming licence in which Carmanah is located. It seems to me now it also represented the time I became painfully aware of what was happening to the very last of Vancouver Island's ancient outgrowth rain-forests.

Over the past ten years or so, various organizations and committees of the American Pacific Northwest have been researching the old-growth forest and have proposed its definition. Only recently has the B. C. Forest Service initiated old-growth research, somewhat more frantically, however. They suddenly awoke to realize Vancouver Island and coastal B. C. have more clear-cut areas than forest.

Many people whose livelihoods depend upon

the lumber/wood fibre industry in B. C., including the politicians of our present government, do not see the point of preserving old-growth. They say it is decadent timber which must come down to make way for a "productive" new forest. This is a paradox, however, because old-growth forests are the culmination of centuries of organic cycling, housing a diverse biota biologists are only beginning to describe.

generations may never experience the vast biodiversity unique to these forests

Forestry companies currently use clearcut logging almost exclusively. The perpetual cycle of logging, burning, planting, stand tending, then logging, burning, planting... ad infinitum, will not result in "productive" new forests. It will result in, at the very least, nutrient-depleted soils beneath a sterile monoculture of conifers. This new forest has no structural diversity; having an even-aged closed canopy and little understorey shrubs or trees. Indeed, it has none of the attributes of an old-growth forest.

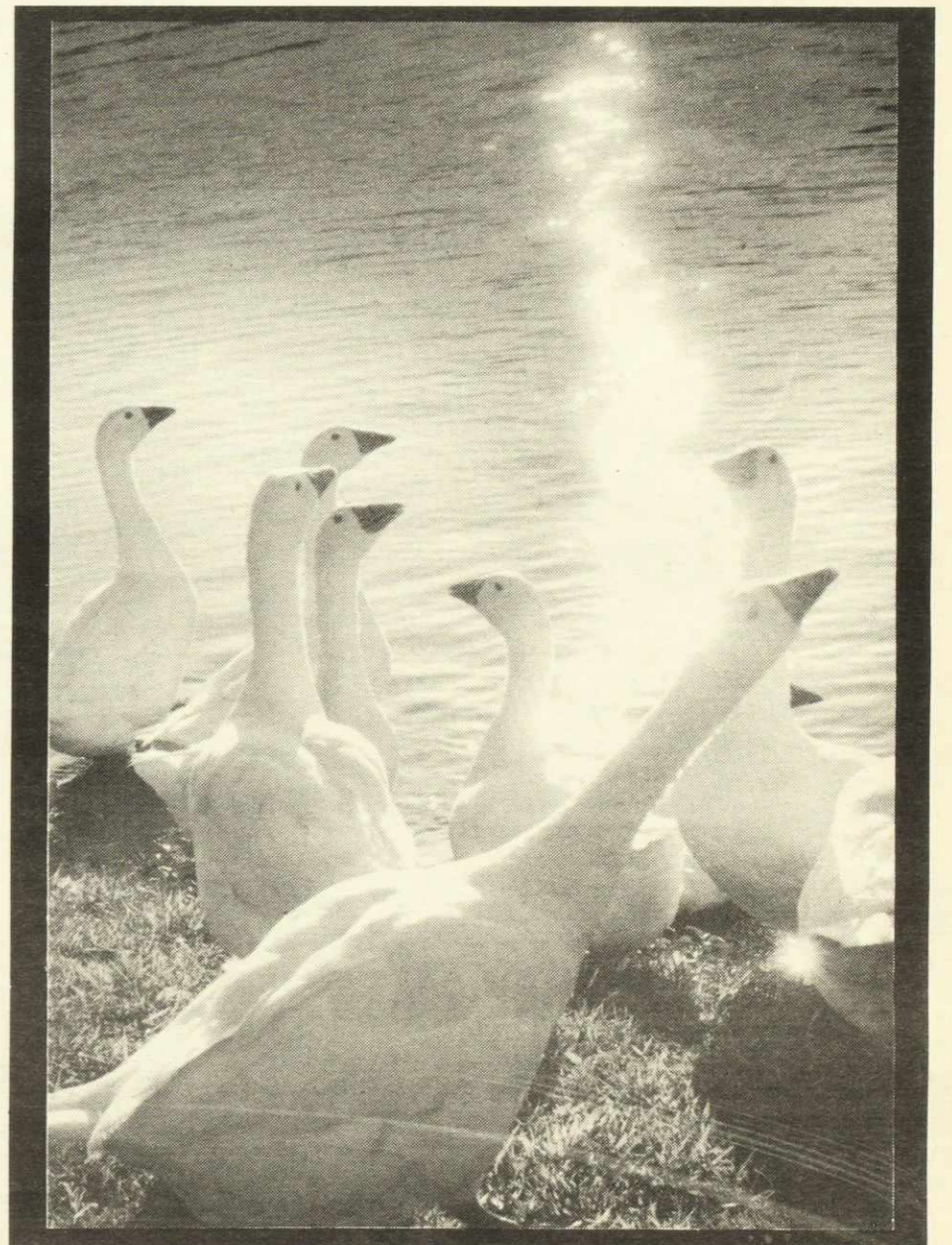
The ecosystem is a complex of interrelated and inseparable flora and fauna that cannot continue to function when simplified by cur-

rent crop forestry practices. Many of the public do not understand, and indeed, none of us do completely, the wonderful biodiversity of old-growth forest ecosystems. Can we help these people to understand what intrinsic value means? That some things cannot have a dollar value placed upon them? Well, yes, we can try.

"One problem is the difficulty for the general populace to understand and relate to the concept of ecosystems. It is much easier for people to understand money, jobs, and self. As biologists we must make it an important goal to educate the public, as education is the key towards a more sympathetic approach to nature," says the guest editor of the summer 1990 edition of *Biolone*.

Sadly, most of our ancient first-growth forests are already gone; the remaining stands being mostly fragmented or patchy at best. Soon clearcut logging of first-growth timber will halt whether or not some is preserved simply because supply will run out. With our present cut rate we are only quickening the inevitable.

Why not set aside the remaining old-growth (at least that of Vancouver Island and the coast) for our children to appreciate and study? Old-growth that is clearcut today may never again be achieved considering a forester's 50 to 80 year rotation strategy. Even if a clearcut is never again disturbed by man it will not attain old-growth stature in our great-grandchildren's lifetime. Generations may never experience the vast biodiversity unique to these forests. Why not just let them be? Just because it is? Instead of learning too late what it was.



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Harbouring hazardous waste

BY SUSAN ARSENAULT

As I walked along the beach for the thousandth time that summer, I wondered what little surprises I would find that day. However, before treasure hunting began, there were a few precautions to be taken. First the rake, then the rubber gloves.

This daily routine proved to be an interesting endeavour. Items found upon our lovely beach included many paper and plastic items from the canteen, along with an assortment which had washed up overnight.

I cannot begin to count the number of times I heard the question "Do people actually swim in this water?" Well, the answer to that question, to all those who have been dying to ask is, yes. I had to swim in it because it was part of my job, and to this day I still have the correct number of limbs.

But what is in the water? As of late, there has been much talk in the media about the fate of the harbour. No one can deny that the harbour has been used as the great dumping ground of metro. Here is a little history of what some perceive to be the dumbest mistake Haligonians have made so far.

The Harbour is the reason Halifax was

founded. It is the deepest natural ice-free harbour in the world. It serves many purposes: a military base, container piers, recreation, fishing, cooling water for industry, water for research and institutions, transportation, and of course a marine ecosystem. The first pipes were installed in the 1850s, after 100 years of dumping. At that time, the world was seen as infinite.

Today, unfortunately, we are faced with the reality that this is not so. It is true the amount of damage in those early years was negligible. Today there are forty outfall sites from which raw sewage is dumped. The sources are domestic, industrial, and atmospheric and urban runoff.

Sewage is wastewater. The characteristics vary according to factors such as location, population, industry, season, etc. The composition is around 99.9 per cent water to .1 per cent solids. These solids consist of organic and inorganic materials, and gases.

One of the organics which we are concerned with is fecal coliform. This is checked for on a weekly basis to ensure safety of swimming areas. Surprisingly enough, the concentrations are lower in the Harbour beaches than in some lakes. This is mostly

due to the low temperature of the water.

In order for a beach to be closed down in Halifax the concentration must be over 200 coliforms/100ml. If the concentration is over 14/100ml then shellfish harvesting is banned. Trace metals also accumulate in shellfish.

There are ways to control this pollution. There is the obvious source control where the three Rs are applicable

This can be toxic to animals who feed upon them. No shellfish can be harvested from our shores.

The levels of inorganics in the Harbour is similar to those around other shores, although the levels increase closer to the sewage plumes. Some metals, such as zinc, are in higher concentrations. The effects

of this are yet to be seen.

Litter is a big concern. This is the most obvious of the pollutants. A survey conducted by the School of Resource and Environmental studies found 250 000 pieces of litter in one sampling. It is estimated that 22 per cent were from sewers and the rest from boats and shore. Not only is this unsightly but it can be a hazard to wildlife. The rings which hold together beer and pop cans can get caught around the necks of birds and small animals and suffocate them.

I have watched the effects of litter on our beaches. One day a group of children were playing near shore and a boy held up what appeared to be the insole of a shoe. At least that is what he tried to convince us it was. In reality it was a thin feminine napkin. The girls seemed to know the difference. Even so, I later observed another group of children decorating their sand castles with the multi-colored tampon applicators.

These "treasures" are not as commonly washed up as rumours may tell. Luckily these are usually properly disposed of. It is a much greater problem on McNabs Island

because they are not cleaned up as often.

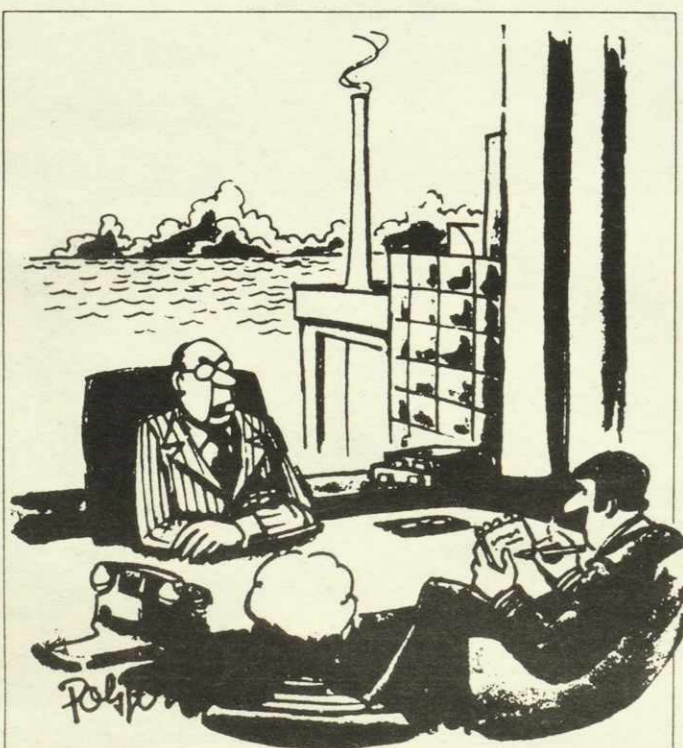
There are ways to control this pollution. There is the obvious source control where the three Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) are applicable.

There are also treatment plants. Treating the wastewater produces sludge. The fate of the sludge is presently being debated. It can be used as fertilizer, although the toxic levels may be too high. A modern idea is to convert it into an oil product.

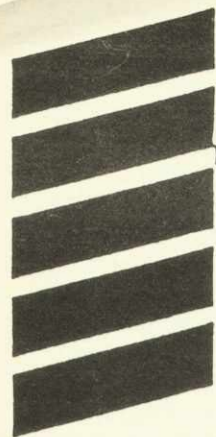
There are two existing sewage treatment plants in Halifax county. These were built because of laws governing separate sewer outputs in new developments. The total treated outflow for metro is 20 per cent.

The guidelines for the Harbour cleanup can be found in the "Final Guidelines" set out for the Halifax Harbour Cleanup Inc., and in the "Final Report" by the Halifax Harbour Task Force. This and other literature can be borrowed from the N.S. Dept. of the Environment library (use inter-library loan).

In the summer when you go to the beach remember that it is safe to swim but I would suggest a shower afterward.



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Whereas the Dalhousie Student Union Constitution should reflect the DSU's commitment to protecting and promoting the interests of these groups, and

Whereas By-Laws X and XII provide for the amendment of the DSU Constitution,

BIRT Section 3 of By-Law I (Preamble) of the constitution be amended to read:

3 (a) The Union and any organization under the jurisdiction of the Union shall not discriminate on the grounds of race, colour, sex, religion, sexual orientation, political orientation, national or ethnic origin, age or mental or physical disability nor shall the Union or any organization under the jurisdiction of the Union promote or subscribe to such discrimination.

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BIRT 5.3 of By-Law IV (The Council) be amended to read:

- 3 (n) Howe Residence Representative
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- 3 (q) Women's Group Representative
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Whereas the constitution of senate has been amended to incorporate eight (8) student senate members to be elected from their respective faculties, replacing the five (5) student senate members elected by the general membership of the student union;

And Whereas the DSU constitution has not yet been amended to reflect this change;

BIRT By-Law IV - The Council of the DSU constitution which now reads:

- 2. [...] (c) two student members of the Board of Governors and (d) five student members of the Senate.

Shall be amended to read:

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ARTS

Using laughter as a weapon

BY JENNIFER BECK

HERE IS SOMETHING exceedingly familiar about the exhibition *No Laughing Matter*. This collection of pieces by thirteen internationally-known artists is presented with a solidarity that blurs the distinct anti-ism of the individual works, and leaves the viewer with an impression of union that belies the disparate commentaries.

EXHIBITION *No Laughing Matter* Dalhousie Art Gallery

This unity is achieved through the cement of humour that lends the show its balance and coherence. Some artists have combined text with visuals, and the effect of this is direct and striking. The textual pieces take some of the ambiguity out of the message of the art, but replace it with an undercurrent of tension that gives the humour its edge: be it ironic, sarcastic, or cynical.

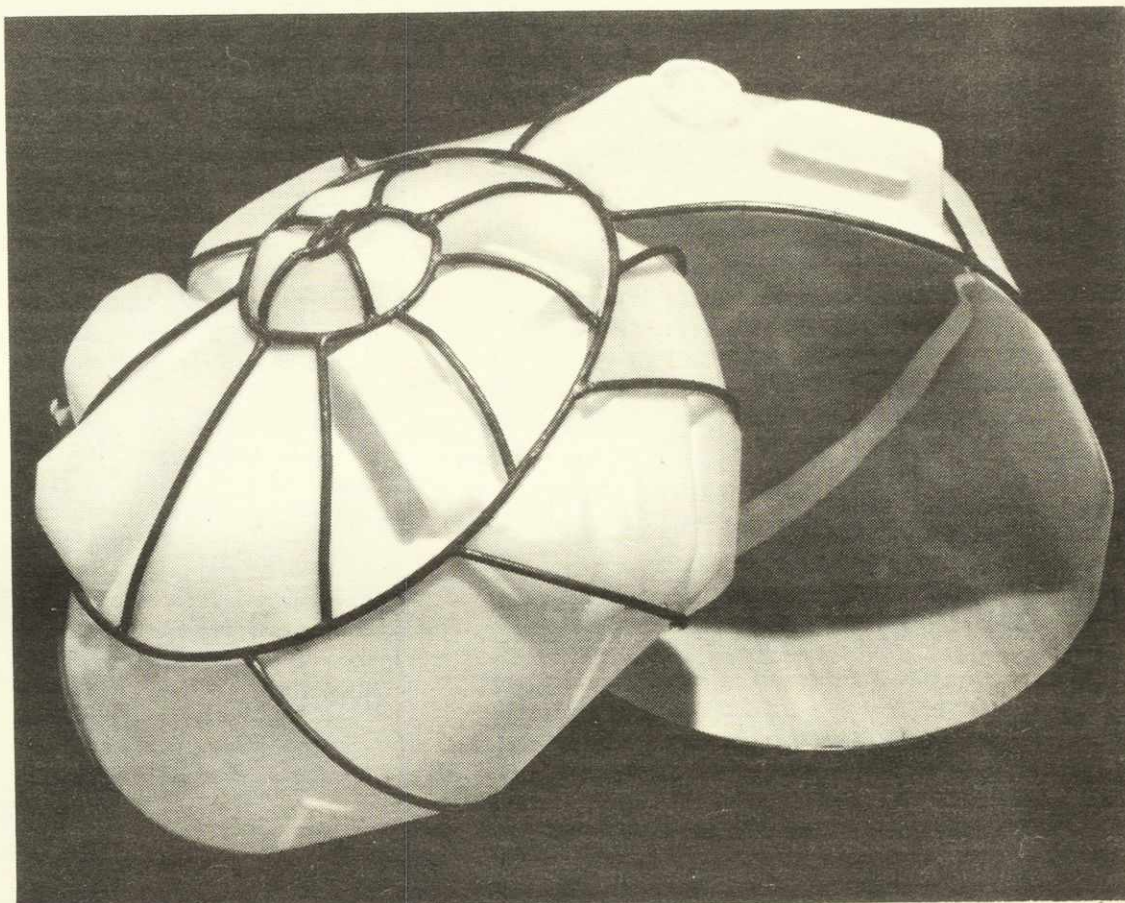
The humour provides an open invitation for the works to be at least superficially understood, and it would be possible to see the exhibition and leave the gallery sensing nothing incongruous. But this is a show dedicated to social commentary and criticism, and the point is to assess why these humorous portrayals have the power to frustrate us, exasperate us, and in some cases make us thoroughly uncomfortable.

One series of particularly vivid photographs is by Cindy Sherman. Sherman was commissioned to create full-page ads for a New York boutique's designer lines, but she took the haute couture and modelled it herself in the various guises of beaten, manic, and gleefully satanic women. The series has nothing like the typical fashion pose that objectifies the female form (lessness), and only four of the six shots were actually cleared by the boutique to run as ads. This folio of sexual stereotyping is a blatant, bold slap in the face of the commercial powers that be.

Those same powers are also well taken to task by the Guerrilla Girls, a group of women who hide their identities with gorilla masks and gloves and picket scenes of art-world discrimination. The group bills itself as the "conscience of the art world," and it uses its posters full of incriminating statistics to point out the folly of idealizing one's reality instead of realizing one's ideal.

Ilona Granet highlights the problem of sexual harassment on the street by using street-style signs. These bright, "punny" pieces use the imperative tone of street signs to command men to "curb your animal instinct." The humour is obvious, but the frustration comes from the very real necessity for the signs to be taken seriously.

No Laughing Matter also shows pieces by different sculptors, Christy Rupp and Tom Otterness among



Christy Rupp, *Technobabble*, 1990.

them. Christy Rupp has three pieces in the show, and to see them is an exhibit in itself. The delicacy of her shell forms totally belies the materials used to create them, and the message of environmental responsibility is clear.

Each artist in the exhibit deserves some kind of mention, but the best possible scenario would be to see them for yourself. The exhibit will be on display in the Dalhousie Art Gallery until April 19, handing out free Gran Fury stickers while supplies last.

Nina Felshin, curator of *No Laughing Matter*, will present an illustrated talk on the show on Thursday, 19 March, at 8:00 pm in the Gallery. This is free and all are welcome, so go find out what is so familiar about this exhibit for yourself.

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ARTS

Shady sweetness of Sloan

BY MATTHEW MURPHY

LAST SATURDAY, local band Sloan played to a full house at the Flamingo Cafe and Lounge. Although Sloan is more comfortable in front of an all ages crowd, they nonetheless showed an ease of execution which was well beyond their cares.

MUSIC

Sloan

Flamingo Café and Lounge

Sloan played most of the songs off their upcoming album entitled *Glue Gun*. Five new tunes rounded out and balanced their repertoire. Though the words to some of the songs were not yet complete, there was enough other stuff going on that it did not matter.

Their songs are characterised by a shady sweetness of melody intertwined with gut wrenching guitar and feedback. Frustration and beauty contest each other in the songs Sloan perform. They consider themselves to be most influenced by grungy American underground music and noisy British pop like my Bloody Valentine.

The moderately alternative crowd was pleased — very pleased as they demanded an encore.

Oddly, Sloan handled the encore somewhat bashfully. They changed instruments, invited a friend up to sing with them, danced, paraded, and left the stage in utter confusion. They also did a sort of Sonic Youth noise fest but it actually ended sounding like "Space" by the Grateful Dead. What made the concert even more interesting was knowing Sloan would soon be playing those same songs in clubs across the country.

The band has been together for only a year and they have already

Chris Murphy, who sings and plays bass in Sloan, says, "We were pretty sure we wouldn't get to the showcase... so we rented the 00 Gallery... to make a mockery of the whole thing."

In the end the shows at the 00 Gallery represented Halifax's underground pop scene and came to be in conjunction with the Awards. This meant that record executives could come and check out the alternative shows first before heading back to the Flamingo to see the more mature bands.

Sloan weaseled a spot on the Thursday night showcase at the Flamingo anyhow, and blew everything away.

"The papers said the Wolverines stole the show, which is bullshit," says Murphy.

The hell raised Thursday night brought the company representatives down to the 00 Gallery on Saturday night to see Sloan. That was when Sloan made their greatest impact.

Sloan also gave out press packs which included photos of the band, a biography and a tape. "We spent a lot

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received an offer from Nettwerk Records (Sarah MacLachlan, etc...). Sloan's success came out of the East Coast Music Awards which were held in February. The Flamingo gave three nights of showcases which were meant to display the region's musical talent to record companies.

Typically understated mentality

of money on it," says Murphy.

It was not long after the show that Sloan received a written offer from Nettwerk. Andrew Scott, Sloan's drummer says, "We're surprised that we got signed but not surprised no others did." Murphy believes that this is because "the reps only saw sucky bands."

Sloan believes that the company is looking for a band that can sell like Nirvana. "I don't know what they're doing but I think it would sell," says Murphy in imitation of the typical record executive.

Nettwerk sent Sloan a contract memo which gives them a five-year, five-album deal. The first album has already been recorded here in Halifax at Sound Market Studio. It will be remastered in Los Angeles, says Murphy.

"They control everything and we control nothing," says Scott. Other companies have shown interest but have not yet come up with an offer in writing.

Besides the contract, Sloan has received a \$7 000 grant from the government to make a video for "Underwhelmed."

Sloan will be playing the Grawood on March 25 and at the Super SUB the week after. They have been confirmed for a date in Vancouver for the West Fest on May 1 and will kick off their tour across Canada, with their typically understated mentality, from the Double Deuce Roadhouse on Hollis St.

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The Sugarcubes: Short and sweet

BY MICHAEL GRAHAM

THE SUGARCUBES' long awaited third album was finally released last month, much to my jubilation. It has been about two years since I happened upon an interview with Björk, the lead singer, on *Much Music*. Although I only saw a minute or so of her and maybe 15 seconds of their unforgettable song "Birthday", I was hooked.

MUSIC

The Sugarcubes Stick Around For Joy

The first two albums (*Life's Too Good* and *Here Today, Tomorrow, Next Week*) are great pop oddities. *Stick Around For Joy*, continues in more or less the same direction, but I have a few complaints. The long wait is one of them, but I suppose that the band has a good enough excuse. After releasing the second album, The Sugarcubes went on a world tour which lasted 8 months, taking them from Iceland to Japan. After the tour they then took a "break". Björk recorded a brilliant Icelandic jazz album (*Gling-Glo*), sang two songs and appeared in one video for 808-State's *Ex:El* and did a few background vocals for some fellow Icelandic bands. The rest of the band were active in writing, playing in and/or producing other bands, and taking care of their company, Bad Taste Ltd., which signs Icelandic bands and publishes Icelandic authors.

The Sugarcubes sound is undeniably "pop", but it is good pop! This may be an oxymoron for some, but not for the 'cubes because of the way in which they seem to twist and stretch pop to suit their own purposes. Their arrangements are very unique and the vocals make things really interesting.

Björk and Einar are both vocalists in the band. She has a very dynamic, innocent and fun-sounding voice with a high range and pure tone, whereas Einar doesn't. Björk does all of the singing and Einar mainly talks or half-sings. This combination opens up many possibilities for two perspective songs. Often Björk will be singing along and then Einar will pipe in, offering another point of view within the song. The overall lyrical/vocal interaction is part of what makes the band unique.

Through the use of electronic mail I recently asked Einar (he actually has a computer account) how the band writes lyrics and his reply was, "we meet up and start throwing ideas around while we drink coffee then we drink more coffee then we realise we are late for something else so we go home". Think whatever you want of that response. In interviews, Einar is renowned for his witty and sometimes absurd double-speak.

I really like *Stick Around For Joy*, but it is a bit short – only 38 minutes. You put it on and then it ends (at least it sometimes seems that way). Another thing I dislike about this album is the "booklet" which comes with it. Simplistic cover art, no lyrics, no pictures of the band... it doesn't even mention the band members' names. Maybe I was spoiled by the tome included with U2's latest. With regard to the music, there are two songs which I could do without; "Happy Nurse" (too cluttered) and "I'm Hungry" (painfully straightforward). "Vitamin" is another song that is just ok. Big deal – I don't like two (and a half) songs. The problem lies in the fact that this is approximately 1/3 of the total playing time.

The other 2/3's of this album is fantastic. *Stick Around For Joy* is very much groove oriented and the grooves are infectious to say the least. I don't think that is possible to listen to this album without bouncing around or at least tapping your fingers on your desk. My favorite song on the album has to be "Walkabout" (call up CKDU and request it!). "Lucky Night" is another tune that stands out. It has a great Jah Wobble-like bass line coupled with beautiful guitar playing and, of course, Björk's beautifully mesmerizing voice.

If you have never heard the Sugarcubes, then I would hesitate to recommend this album as an introduction. Start with the first one, *Life's Too Good*. It had the entire English music press wetting their pants in stunned amazement. It is also about 20 minutes longer and is the band's most diverse album. I would also highly recommend *Live Zabor*, their video compilation of interviews and



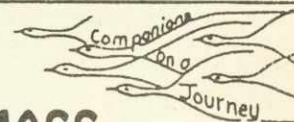
Björk braces as she belts out the Sugarcubes' Icelandic brand of pop with Bragi on bass.

live performances – they are definitely a band to be seen!

If you are already a 'cubes fan and you have the other two albums, then I would suggest picking up *Stick Around For Joy* – it's well worth the outrageous cost of buying music around here.

Overall, this is a great little album, regardless of the 2 songs which I didn't particularly like. With *Stick Around For Joy*, The Sugarcubes have once again cleverly avoided falling into the stagnant and downright brain-dead world of formulaized dance/pop.

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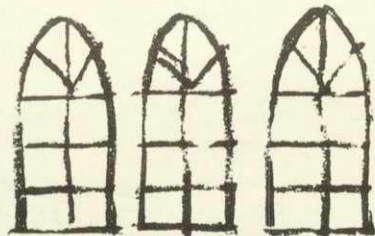
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| 16 | 11 | C | Eric's Trip | Warmgirl | Independent |
| 3 | 12 | | Bad Religion | Generator | Epitaph |
| - | 13 | | Pixies | Head On EP | 4AD |
| 21 | 14 | | Public Enemy | Shut 'em Down CD single | Sony |
| - | 15 | | Teenage Fan Club | Bandwagonesque | MCA/D.G.C. |
| - | 16 | | Disposable Heroes of... | Hipocrisy is the Greatest Luxury | Island |
| - | 17 | | Various | Ska Bonza | Stony Plain |
| - | 18 | | Various | Until the End of the World | Warner |
| - | 19 | C | Bare Bones | Happy International Womens Day Baby | En Guard |
| 8 | 20 | C | No Means No | 0+2=1 | Alternative Tentacles |
| - | 21 | | The Rollins Band | Low Self Opinion, single | BMG |
| 40 | 22 | C | Various | Mass Turbulence | Independent |
| - | 23 | | Sister Double Happiness | Hey Kids | Warner/Reprise |
| 24 | 24 | C | Bob Wiseman | Presented by Lake Michigan Soda | WEA |
| - | 25 | C | Various | Kick at the Darkness | Intrepid |
| 10 | 26 | | Dag Nasty | Four on the Floor | Epitaph |
| 23 | 27 | | Luka Bloom | The Acoustic Motorbike | Reprise |
| - | 28 | C | Cheese Ranch | Million | Independent |
| 19 | 29 | C | Mecca Normal | Orange | Harriet |
| - | 30 | | Ed's Redeeming Qualities | It's All Good News | Fling Fish |
| - | 31 | | Nocturnal Emissions | Scamboogery | Elektra |
| 15 | 32 | | Afghan Whigs | Congregation | Sub Pop/Cargo |
| 29 | 33 | | Pop Smear | Pop Smear | Harriet |
| 28 | 34 | | Hole | Pretty on the Inside | Caroline |
| - | 35 | | Jesus and the Mary Chain | Freejack Sound Track | Morgan Creek |
| - | 36 | C | Jean Le Loup | Rock'n Roll Pauvreté | Distribution Select |
| 18 | 37 | C | Shadowy Men on a ... | Dim the Lights, Chill the Ham | Cargo |
| 22 | 38 | | Eric B. and Rakim | Juice(Know the Ledge) | MCA/Soul |
| - | 39 | | Ride | Leave them all Behind | Warner |
| 35 | 40 | | Ani Difranco | Not so Soft | Righteous |

TW — This Week

LW — Last Week

C — Canadian Artist



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SPORTS

Of tournaments, tigers and, yes, tattoos

BY GIL J. KORN

This past weekend, the mens' volleyball team travelled Westward, finding themselves in Winnipeg. Yes, it was that time of year again — C.I.A.U. Nationals time, the quest for top honors among Canadian Universities.

The Tigers headed into the tournament ranked eighth in the country, fresh off their sound defeat of Memorial University which re-affirmed their regional dominance and gave them yet another A.U.A.A. title.

Their first match was on Thursday, against the number-one ranked team in the country, the Calgary Dinosaurs. Equipped with two National team members, tournament experience, and a slight size advan-

tage, the Dinos (eventual runners-up in the tournament, losing to Laval in the final) proved too much for the Tigers, as Dal conceded three straight matches. Captain Paul Villeneuve was designated Player of the Game (P.O.G.), and was offered his choice of a micro-wave oven or a free tattoo. He chose the latter.

Friday's meeting with the McMaster squad ended in a similarly unfortunate fashion for those wearing the Black & Gold. Losing three straight, in retrospect it was clear that Dal "never really got things going," as "things just didn't work out" (Please bear with me, I am feeling very cliché-ish). Second-year player Everett Rose distinguished himself as P.O.G. for the Tigers. Not wanting Captain Villeneuve to per-

ceive himself as a trend-setter, I believe the 6'4" Rose chose the micro-wave.

Saturday, The Tigers' final game pitted them against the University of Toronto Blues. This was by far their best match of the weekend. They had a great blocking game, playing the inspired sort of 'ball that had provided them with success in the past. However, they seemed to get oh-so-few breaks, losing 15-13 in a heart-breaking fifth game. Nonetheless, they finished on a good note. Especially pleased was P.O.G. Kirk Yanofsky who, rather than settling for what his teammates had received,

managed to negotiate himself a new pair of cowboy boots to complement the ones from his previous trip out West.

Congratulations are in order to Paul Villeneuve for being named C.I.A.U. All Canadian, and to Kirk Yanofsky for honorable mention in the same capacity.

The long volleyball schedule has come to an end. However, Dal certainly has next season to look forward to, considering that at present there are six rookies on the team, and that none of the more experienced players are graduating. Improvement is inevitable.

Unfortunately, all too often the enormous efforts put forth by the team are under-appreciated, and their successes over-looked. Having followed the team closely over the past few years, I have come to realize that besides being very talented athletes, the members of the Dalhousie mens' volleyball team possess a fantastic assortment of personalities. Hence, I thank them not only as a whole, but on an individual basis, for giving me something to write and comment on, and most importantly, have fun with. May the Big R thrive.

Hockey Axemen CIAU bound

BY STEVE MILLS

The Acadia Axemen are on the rampage. After losing the opening game of the Kelly Division finals to Dalhousie two weeks ago, the Axemen have had four straight, very important and convincing victories.

In those four wins, they sent the Tigers packing and then swept the UPEI Panthers two games to zero, winning the Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference final. Their efforts culminated in last Saturday's 4-3 double-overtime win.

This is the first time in Acadia's hockey history that the team will be heading to the national finals, which begin this Saturday in Toronto.

After devastating their opponents on home ice last Wednesday by a score of 12-1, the Axemen ventured to Panthers territory Saturday for the second game of the series. Two hundred or so fans faithfully followed their beloved team to the island to experience an incredible finish to

the Atlantic hockey season.

Duane Dennis was the hero of the game, with two short-handed goals, the second of which was the game winner at 16:45 of the second overtime period. With a Panther holding on to him, and opposing goalie Jamie Blanchard coming out to cut down the angle, Dennis still managed to outmaneuver his two foes and notch the winner.

The celebration for the visitors sent 3000 home town fans quietly away to an early bedtime.

Also scoring for the Axemen were Norm Batherson and Paul Sutcliffe. Goalie Denis Sproxtton stopped 37 of 40 shots to record the victory.

Blanchard had an even busier night, turning aside 50 of 54 shots on goal including 21 in overtime.

This Saturday, Acadia will face Wilfred Laurier in a national semi-final match, while Trois-Rivieres will face off against the University of Alberta.



Bringing home the bacon, the microwave and the cowboy boots.

DALHOUSIE ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

MARCH 2 - MARCH 8

LYNNE PATTERSON - SWIMMING

This past weekend in Montreal, PQ, Dalhousie swimmer Lynne Patterson participated in the C.I.A.U. Swimming Championships. Lynne swam the 200 M Butterfly in a time of 2:21:72. This outstanding performance earned Lynne a C.I.A.U. bronze medal. Lynne is a Physical Education major in her second year at Dal. (No photo available)



ED JAMES - TRACK & FIELD

The men's Dalhousie Track & Field Team captured the A.U.A.A. Championships held this past weekend in Moncton. Fourth year member Ed James set a new A.U.A.A. record in the 600 M race as well as being on the winning 4 x 200 M, 4 x 400 M and 4 x 800 M relay team. Ed was nominated as Co-Athlete of the Meet. Ed will be graduating with an honours in Bachelor of Science. (No photo available).

First Baptist Church Halifax

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Sermon: *The Journey Begins* - Rev. John E. Boyd
Music: Bach, Mendelssohn

Student Luncheon Every Sunday at Noon
Ministers: Rev. John E. Boyd, Rev. Adele Crowell
Director of Music: David MacDonald

FOLLOW THE TIGERS!

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your statement that the Israeli constructed roads, hospitals, universities and much more for the Palestinians. May we ask to whose benefits? Does it not bother you that the hospitals occupy the victims of the immoral shooting of humans? Please do not reply and say they throw rocks while the Israeli army is equipped with high power rifles. How would you feel if a group of people start building and occupying your neighbourhood by force? It leaves to reason that even the most passive individual will become aggressive under occupation. The Israelis will never solve the problem by force. It is human nature to resist.

We hope you are a reasonable man, therefore, kindly present facts and not empty lines. Back-up what you write. People are not naïve no matter how much the media covers up. Some Canadians have come back from the occupied territories and pictures are clear.

Zia, Member of MSA

Muslim students respond again

To the editors:

After reading the article "Recognizing Israel's right to exist" on the February 6 edition, I could not help but to respond to the article.

The land of Palestine is not an Arab issue as always been inculcated by

the Israelis, but it is in fact an issue concerning the 1 billion Muslims living around the world. No sound mind of any human being who will not protect and fight for freedom and justice when homes, livelihoods, and societies are being violated. Would you not resist and protect your loved ones when a killer breaks into your home? And would you not defend your country when it is invaded? Or, would the visible minorities not voice their anger when social discriminations are practiced unto them? The only answer to these questions is yes because it is simply the natural call of human instinct.

The land of Palestine covering the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been

occupied for decades despite countless U.N. resolutions condemning the occupation. The International Human Rights have been violated more times than the eye can blink (children are shot and maimed because they throw stones at armed soldiers, youth are imprisoned simply because they want the right to exist in their own land) and yet many are blinded by these falsehoods churned by the Israelis and many who are in power on this part of the hemisphere are being hypocritical in the highest order. Shamir may justify and defend his so called 'mission in life' in capturing land to illegally provide settlements for more Jews, but the truth of the matter is so long as there are living Muslims around the world,

the turmoil in the Middle-East against Israel will not cease because we, as Muslims, are like a body - when one part aches, the others feel it and so long as we still feel this pain, the struggle against this oppression will not come to an end.

Fadzil Manap, (Not an Arab!)

Muslim students respond yet again

To the editors:

In response to the article "The recognizing Israel right's to exist" (Gazette, Feb. 6). Palestine is the land of Aqsa, the third holy place for Muslims, Palestine is the heart of approximately one fifth of the world population. When Israeli extremists tried one time to break into the Aqsa Mosque, they in fact challenged the feelings of the whole Muslim nation. The real fact is, it was never an Arab-Israeli conflict, it is a Muslim-Israeli conflict, where Arabs are considered a small portion of the Muslim population (no more than 20%).

Mr. Amir, in one incident, you said that Israel has been forced to occupy the West Bank and Gaza and that Israel does not have the policy of expansion and later, you said: "When Israel returned three quarters of its land (the Sinai desert) to Egypt in return for peace." This is contradiction of the highest proportions because the Sinai desert was occupied in 1967, and at the same time, you are referring to it as Israel's land. On the other hand, Israel is the only member of the UN which has undefined borders. The dream of the Israelis will never stop at the West Bank and Gaza, but to get back what they call the Great Israel. In other words to usurp the land from Egypt to Iraq. What kind of consequences will this bring about.

Mr. Amir, you tried to change the facts when you said: "Israel built roads, hospitals, universities and much more before the Intifadah." You will be amazed to find out that the Palestinians in the occupied territories are paying taxes, called the Life Taxes. This is one aspect of the miserable conditions the people of the Intifadah are living under. Do you think the world is blind to consider kids as terrorists? Intifadah means uprising! Now reply and tell us that the Intifadah is a terrorist act. Please spare us the irony because any people who have gone through what the Palestinians have gone through would stand up and fight for their rights. Or do you think that they have no rights? You should take time to ponder. You will come up with a better conclusions than the ones you presented in your article. Therefore, next time ask why did the Palestinians throw rocks. The answer, after thinking coolly, would be that you are taking their land by force, making their lives full of misery. They are fighting for their home land. As you stated that the Arabs did not help them and U.S. is more than helping you (billions of dollars). The humane thing to do is get out of their land for they have right to their identity. You would not want to strip some one of his/her identity would you?

E. H., Member of MSA

To help you fill out your income tax return



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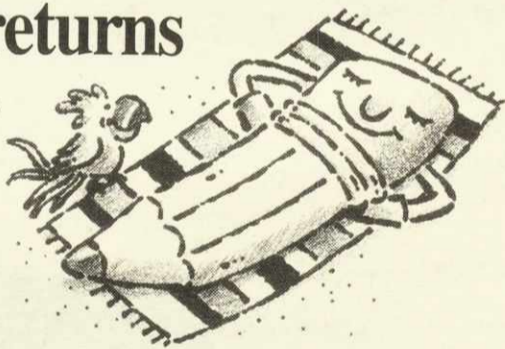
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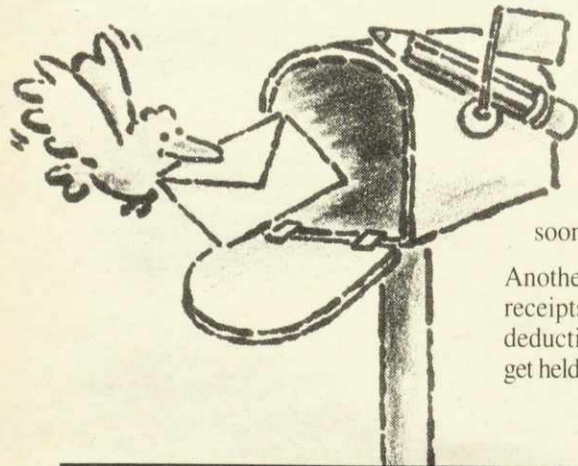
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Make sure your return is not delayed



Lots of people fill out their tax return with great care, only to miss details that can make all the difference. For example, if your address is incomplete or incorrect, your refund could be delayed or sent to the wrong place.

If you will be moving, write the new address on your return, or if you don't know it yet, please call us to let us know as soon as you can so we can update your file.

Another important detail is attaching all the slips and receipts that support your claims for credits and deductions. If any are missing, your return may get held up while we contact you for the information.



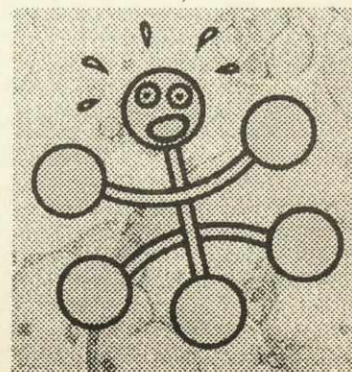
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THURSDAY 12

International Students: A representative from Revenue Canada will be on campus to answer your questions and explain the tax forms at 3:00pm in the Council Chambers. RSVP at 494-7077.

Choosing a Major seminar from Counselling Services, 9-10:30 am.

African Studies seminar series - Assis Malaquias, Public Sector Reform and Structural Adjustment in Africa: some lessons from Angola Multidisciplinary Centre 4:30 pm.

FRIDAY 13

Resume Writing seminar from Counselling Services 9-10:30 am.

The Black Canadian Students Association present "Night of Black Achievement". Guest Speaker: Howard McCurdy MP. 6:30 pm - 1:00 am McInnis Rm. Dalhousie SUB.

MONDAY 16

The third of a five part discussion series on masculinity will be held from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm by the Counseling and Psychological Services Centre.

Cultural Diversity Festival events: 11:00 am Rally and Walk from Lower University to SUB

11:30 am Opening Address: President Clark

12 noon Reception and Cultural booths - Green Room, Dalhousie SUB

1:00 pm Info Booth for upcoming events - Dalhousie SUB

Counselling on "Choosing a Major" will be offered by Counselling and Psychological Services, 4th Floor of the S. U. B. from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

KALENDAR

7:30 pm Film: "Welcome to Canada" - Grad House.

The Omega Psi Sorority presents "An AIDS Research and Awareness Benefit" at the Halifax Hilton. For general and ticket information call 425 5781. Tickets may be purchased at any Island Beach Company in Halifax or Dartmouth.

Counselling on "Choosing a Major" will be offered by Counselling and Psychological Services, 4th Floor of the S. U. B. from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

A film by Robert Mapplethorpe, STILL MOVING: PATTI SMITH will be shown at the Dalhousie Art Gallery at 12:30 and 8:00 p.m. Bruce Davidson's ISAAC SINGER'S NIGHTMARE AND MRE. PUPKO'S BEARD will also be shown. Admission is free. For more info. call the Gallery at 494-2403

KILLING US SOFTLY: Advertising's Image of Women will be shown at 7:00 p.m., Room 224 in the S. U. B. The film, sponsored by the PLC, is about stereotyping and the power of advertising to shape attitudes and behavior.

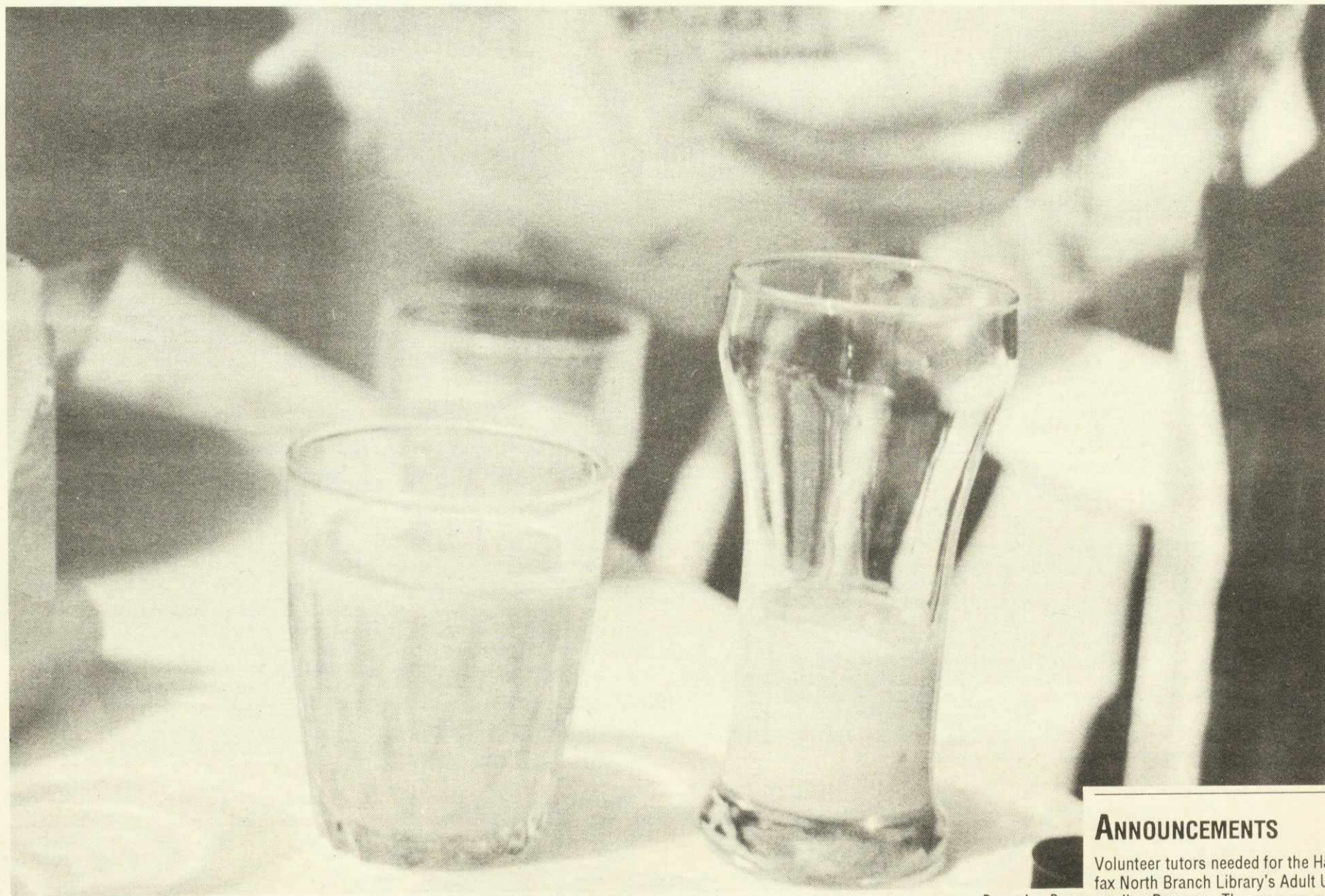


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SATURDAY 14

Come and watch the Sea Cadets make sailor's knots, bends, and splices against the clock at the Fifth Annual Ropework Competition at 1:30 pm in the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, 1675 Lower Water St., Halifax.

SUNDAY 15

Second Annual Twelve Hour Cut-a-Thon from 9:00 am - 9:00 pm. A shampoo, cut and style will be offered for \$15.00, with all proceeds being donated to the Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition. For appointments call Boyd at 423-5638, at the Hair Loft, 5239 Blowers st. Halifax. Walk in cuts will be allowed.

TUESDAY 17

Cultural Diversity Festival events:

11:00 am Professional Development Session: cross cultural counselling with Wanda Thomas Bernard- counselling office, 4th floor Dalhousie SUB.

12 noon Children's stories - green rm., Dalhousie SUB, TAI CHI demo SUB lobby

1:00 pm Workshop - I'm not prejudiced am I? part I

3:00 pm Workshop part II - location

WEDNESDAY 19

Cultural Diversity Festival events:

12 noon Nova Scotia Black Reality Song - performed by David Woods and "Voices"

12:30 pm Affirmative action at Dalhousie: Prof. Sinclair Faulkner - Rm. 316, Dalhousie SUB

3:00 pm Civil Rights Movement: A critical reappraisal with Isaac Saney Rm. 316, Dalhousie SUB

7:30 pm Films: "Unnatural Causes" and "Sitting in Limbo" - Grawood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer tutors needed for the Halifax North Branch Library's Adult Upgrading Program. The program runs from September through April. Share your skills in reading, writing, and math. Please call 421-6987 for more details.

The Halifax YWCA is offering programs in step aerobics, a masters swim program, social dance, Aikido, waterfit, and a variety of fitness programs. For more info, contact Dana Puma at 423-6162.

Find out about sea kayaks and coastal paddling in a display at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, 1675 Lower Water Street, Halifax.

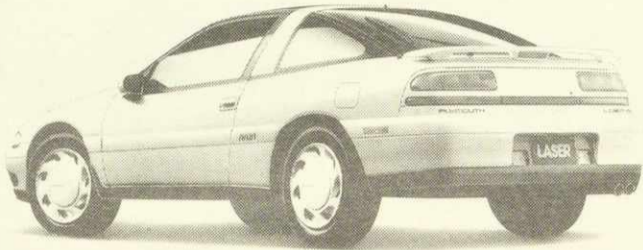
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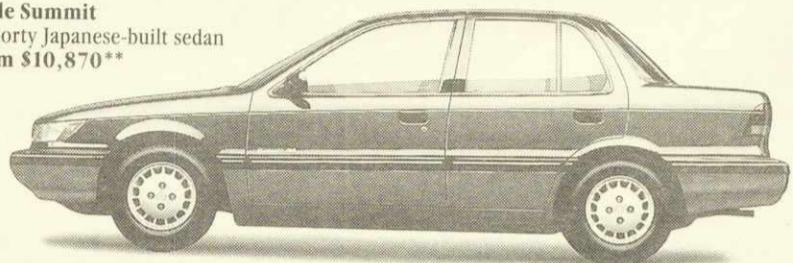
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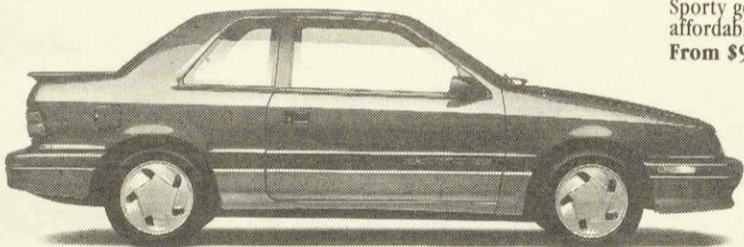
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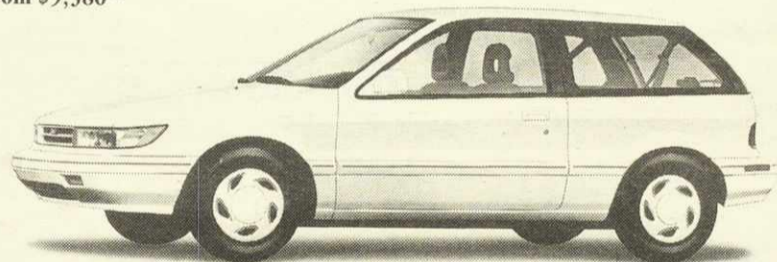
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