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# the Gazette

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## Score one for the students: New student Senate seat a mixed blessing

BY GINA STACK

Despite a new student seat, the representation of students on the Dalhousie Senate will actually be decreasing slightly next year.

The new seat, confirmed at Monday's Senate meeting, will result from the upcoming amalgamation between Dalhousie and the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS).

In addition to the new student seat, there will be three new seats for the deans of TUNS' departments and one seat for the principal of the new college.

The new seat makes student representation on Senate five out of a total of 69 senators, instead of the previously-planned four out of 68. Despite the new senatorial position, student representation will actually drop by about half a percentage point on the new Senate in comparison to pre-amalgamation numbers.

Despite the lack of change of student power in Senate, student representative Dan Clark said that he is pleased with the new seat.

He said that the slight drop is irrelevant in light of the fact that it could have been a lot worse had Senate voted against creating a new student seat.

"Representation is still down, but we can live with that," Clark said.

"We have 2,000 more students to represent, and we needed the new seat to offset all these other new senate members."

Clark and Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) vice-president Chris Lydon worked together to organize the amendment to the motion regarding the four new ex-officio seats.

Lydon put forward the amendment and Clark seconded it at Monday's meeting. After about 10 minutes of debate, the amendment was unanimously adopted.

Clark said that he was surprised by Senate's reaction to the amendment.

"There was no real opposition to the new seat. It was a lot easier than we expected," said Clark.

"There was some resistance because of the problems the DSU

has been having with the TUNS student union, but after I explained that that was our internal problem and it has nothing to do with Senate, they basically agreed [to another student seat]."

Lydon was very pleased with the motion's unanimous adoption by Senate.

"It was a surprise that we got it," Lydon said.

"Increasing our representation, although the percentage stays static, is very unusual at any university, and on any university body quite frankly."

Lydon said that the new Senate seat will be added to the DSU's constitution at its meeting this Sunday.

Since the amalgamation will not be complete until after the DSU holds elections, Lydon said that a student from TUNS' engineering, architecture or computer science program will be appointed to the seat by the DSU council this summer. In the future, students from the college that TUNS is becoming will be able to run for the Senate seat.

Terry Martin soared as Dal beat UNB twice last weekend. The volleyball team stands at 8-0 and ranks 4th in the nation. See page 5.

## The birth of Pink Triangle Day

On February 14th, 1979, the Pink Triangle Press — publishers of *The Body Politic*, the gay liberation journal — was acquitted in court on a charge of using the mails to distribute "obscene, indecent or scurrilous" material. The charges arose from the publication of an article by Gerald Hannon on pedophilia entitled "Men Loving Boys Loving Men". In the course of its defence, *The Body Politic* attracted support from writers, civil libertarians, and feminist anti-censorship activists across the country including novelist Margaret Atwood and the mayor of Toronto, John Sewell. *The Body Politic* was tried and acquitted twice more before the Conservative government of Ontario abandoned its prosecutions.

Later that year, the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition — meeting in Ottawa on Canada Day for the 7th annual Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men — proclaimed February 14th an annual Canadian lesbian and gay holiday to be known as Pink Triangle Day. The resolution originated with Halifax's Gay Alliance for Equality. The Alliance's delegate, Halifax activist and writer Robin Metcalfe, moved the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

"We recognize the importance of making known our history, so much of which has been lost or stolen, and particularly commemorating the victories of lesbians and gay men. Given the historic importance of the acquittal of the officers of the Pink Triangle Press as the first major legal victory for the Canadian gay movement, and given the fortuitous date of that victory, we propose a yearly celebration to mark the day.

"We realize that this date, February 14, has traditionally been celebrated as St. Valentine's Day and dedicated to the expression of heterosexual affection. We take this opportunity to challenge what

Christopher Isherwood has called 'the heterosexual dictatorship' by affirming, for ourselves and the world, the existence, the strength, and the beauty of gay love.

"A central symbol of St. Valentine's Day has been the figure of Cupid, derived from the ancient Greek Eros. We intend to make this day a celebration of Eros, both as a reality in our personal lives since coming out, and as a common political goal to be achieved. We therefore proclaim February 14 as an annual Canadian gay holiday to be known as Pink Triangle Day."

Thanks to Robin Metcalfe for this information on Pink Triangle Day.

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2 Senate Reps

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ST. JOHN'S	-	13:30	-	17:55	-	-	-

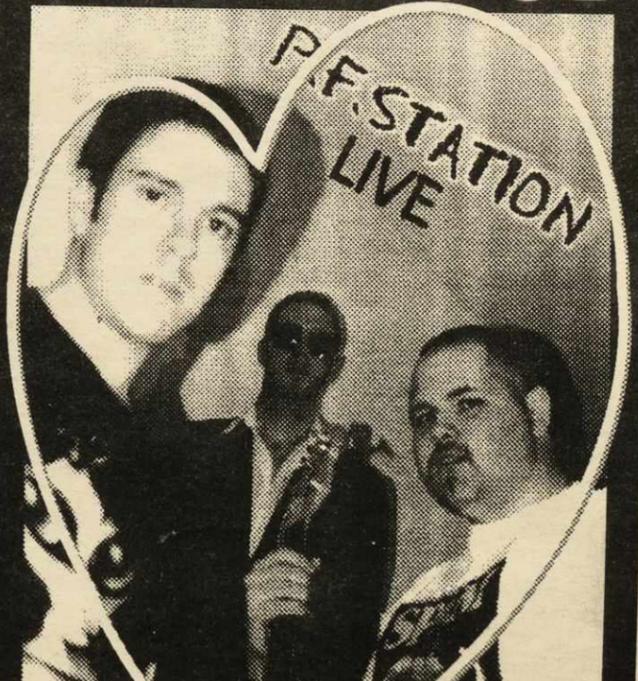
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**Acadia cancer support a first**

BY MICHAEL NASH

WOLFVILLE, NS (CUP) — Away from home to attend university, Terry McDonald and Sharman Connick were not ready for the added stress of watching family members get sick with cancer.

While the disease is never easy to deal with, the two Acadia University students say their experiences would have been less difficult if they had a proper support group to turn to.

With that in mind they started Living with Cancer at Acadia, Canada's first campus support group designed for students, staff, and faculty dealing with cancer.

"We felt there was a need to establish a group on campus," said McDonald. "There weren't any specific groups at the university level designed to provide support."

One out of every three people will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives and of that group, one in five will succumb to it. Cancer can strike every major organ in the body and there is no guaranteed cure — just various forms of treatment and coping mechanisms.

Living with Cancer at Acadia is part of a larger national program sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society known as Living with Cancer. The Acadia group is unique, however, due to the fact that it is the first of its kind in Canada to be established at the university level.

**Computer lets 100 flunk-outs back in**

BY CHAD LUFF

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP) — One hundred students who should have flunked out of Memorial University last semester were fortunate that a computer screwed-up worse than they did, allowing them back in school this term.

University Registrar Glenn Collins said the error occurred during the processing of readmission status and grade reporting in late December. The mistake wasn't picked up until January and by that stage the students involved had already been told they were eligible to return.

In response to the screw-up, the university allowed the students to register, but all were placed on academic warning.

"By the time the error was discovered, these students were back into the university, if not attending classes," Collins said. "A lot of them had made travel plans and decided to come in on the basis of the information they were given. We decided to honour that information."

The university says a computer that calculates grades had trouble with a new system of credit-hours the university implemented last semester.

**Students taught to hack computers**

BY TRACY E. FRAUZEL

OTTAWA (CUP) — For University of Ottawa computer science students, cheating on exams could be as easy as paying attention in class.

Computer science professor George White teaches a course that shows students how to obtain information from their local computer networks. The course focuses on how to interpret codes that reveal information such as the origin, destination and route of e-mail messages.

But in the meantime students are also learning to use the same devices to track down information passing on the university system, including exams and marks.

Wajdi Feghali, a fourth year math and computer science student, is concerned about the possibility of students viewing course marks as they are transferred between administrators and professors.

"A student could acquire a piece of equipment and sniff the network, and by (using sniffers) they are looking at the data being transferred. So not only could you see the marks of all the students, there may be other sensitive information being sent by professors, secretaries and faculty members," said Feghali.

A sniffer is a computer device or programs that allows a user to view all the information passing on a computer network. A computer on a network will only accept information destined for its address, but sniffers pull in all the information passing by on that network.

However, Peter Hickey, assistant director of communication, contends that there are mechanisms in place at the U of O to prevent sniffing but did not want to describe them for security reasons.

"If somebody wants to get marks changed," said Hickey, "they'd be much more successful to bribe someone to do it than they would be to go across the network."

**DAL/TUNS MERGER**

**Changes to engineering program still under wraps**

BY STEPHANIE PIERI

Details about changes to the Dalhousie Engineering program are still sketchy, and faculty remain tight-lipped, with less than two months left before amalgamation with the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

The Bachelor of Engineering program at Dal will soon undergo a radical change as a result of the Dalhousie/Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS) merger. The amalgamation of the two schools, which comes into effect April 1st, will reduce the time it takes to complete an engineering degree from five years to four years.

A professional degree, the Bachelor of Engineering is conferred by TUNS in collusion with Dalhousie University.

In the past, the first two years of engineering study were completed at Dalhousie, and the degree was completed with a three year program at TUNS. The changes mean students will be completing two years at Dalhousie before moving over to TUNS — which will become a college of Dal as a result of the amalgamation — to complete their degree in four instead of five years.

When asked to comment about the changes to the engineering program here at Dalhousie, Dr. Sherwin Nugent, Chair of the Engineering Department, refused to comment at this time.

Negotiations surrounding the proposed changes to the engineering program remain very hushed. In fact, the Registrar's Office does not know the details of the amendments to the program, and doesn't expect to know until April. It is expected that in April the committee working on the curriculum will be finished. No de-

tails are being released before then.

"We live in a microwave, where people want answers now. We simply do not have them," said Linda Conrad, administrative secretary for the Dalhousie Engineering Department.

Dr. Adam Bell, Dean of Engineering at TUNS, explained some of the historical changes that have been made to the engineering program in Nova Scotia.

"It went to a four year program in the late seventies and early eighties and then it went to a two/three year program and it was left at only five years because with only one year at an associated university, it was essentially a non-starter for them," said Bell.

One problem that the universities have been facing in dealing with this change is the impact it will have on course content. In the past, the degree requirements meant the completion of 53 to 55 credits. Now, students will have to have only 45 credits. However, because the engineering degree is accredited, the content of the courses being eliminated cannot disappear from the degree requirements. This means the dropped courses' content will have to be worked into the remaining courses.

A five year engineering program is unique to Nova Scotia; nowhere else in North America is the program set up in the current format. The changes to the degree will mean that the Dalhousie/TUNS engineering program will be made more "competitive" with those of other universities. Students will not only be saving a year in tuition, but gaining an extra year's work experience and — more importantly — pay.

**New roof, new leaks**

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The new roof of the Killam Library atrium was supposed to make the building air tight and leak-free. A heavy snow and rain storm put the roof to the test recently, a test which the structure failed as it leaked water for several hours.

"Two huge gutters with a buildup of slush created lakes [on the roof]," said Bill Lord, Director of Physical Plant and Planning, explaining the cause of the leaks.

The water buildup caused only minor leaks. Water dripping from the roof pooled on the floor of the atrium. As there were no leaks in the interior skylights, there was no water damage done to any books or materials.

Martin Giddy, Manager of Architectural Services, said that the roof design includes a series of peaks and valleys which are meant to allow water to run off. While previous rain storms hadn't caused any real problems, in this particular storm snow that collected on the roof was not given

a chance to melt away before the rain began to fall. The snow acted like a dam, preventing the rain from running off.

"This isn't a regular thing that happened," said Giddy.

The most likely solution to the roof problem is to run heating cables along the roof to melt collected snow. However, the cables can only melt the snow so fast, so there is always the possibility of water backing up if the right conditions arise again.

When the roof was being constructed last year, there had been debate as to whether the heating cables should be included then or at a time when the need arose. Lord estimated the cost for installing the heating cables at around \$200, a small amount compared to the \$1.5 million cost of the whole Killam improvement project.

Along with the addition of the roof, the Killam improvements last year included the upgrading of the ventilation system and the addition of new, more efficient lighting.

**Activities**  
**African Heritage Month**

**FEBRUARY 13**

**Reading by author Dionne Brand**

7 p.m.  
Halifax North Branch Library

**Public Lecture**

7 p.m.  
Black Cultural Centre  
Guest Speaker TBA.  
Sponsored by the Black Cultural Centre for NS.

**FEBRUARY 14**

**Reading by Dionne Brand**

In conjunction with the Dalhousie English Department, Dionne Brand will be giving a reading. BSACE.

**Rites of Passage: Black Youth**

7 p.m.  
Halifax North Branch Library  
Sponsored by the Brothers Reaching Out Society.

**Anti-Racism Conference**

7 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Harbourview, Dartmouth  
Sponsored by the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour.

**FEBRUARY 15**

**African Heritage Month Gala Dinner and Dance**

6 p.m.  
World Trade and Convention Centre  
\$30 per person. Sponsored by the Black History Month Association.

**FEBRUARY 18**

**Open House/Coffee Hour**

Student Resource Room, Dalhousie SUB  
Off and on-campus students welcome.  
BSACE.

**Public Speaking Contest**

7 p.m.  
Dartmouth North Community Centre  
Sponsored by the Parents of Black Children for Quality Education.

**Owning the Problem: White People's Response to Racism**

7 p.m.  
Halifax Regional Library, Cole Harbour Branch  
Sponsored by the Metro Coalition for Non-Racist Society.

**A World of Our Own**

Featuring Lucky Campbell  
7:30 p.m.  
Black Cultural Centre, Dartmouth  
A musical about Liberty in all its forms. Liberty, a Black Loyalist, meets Liberty, an indentured servant, on the freedom ship to Nova Scotia where they're set adrift to face further struggle and eventual triumph in the barren winds of Tracadie.

**FEBRUARY 19**

**Building Legal Service in the African Nova Scotian Community**

7 p.m.  
Halifax North Branch Library

**Sankofa**

Film  
7 p.m.  
Windsor Foundation Lecture Theatre, Art Gallery of NS, 1741 Hollis Street (Bedford Row entrance)  
Sponsored by the African Canadian Education Project.

For information on African Heritage Month events, please call 454-INFO (4636) or visit the web site at <http://www.chebucto/~aj509/africa.html>.

For more information on Dalhousie Black Student Advising Centre Events (BSACE), call Khadija at 494-6648.

# We haven't come that far, baby

Six years ago, the *Gazette* ran an article entitled "The Gay man's guide to erotic safer sex". The item, which appeared in our 1991 Pink Triangle supplement, was a reprint of one that had run earlier in *The Muse*, the student newspaper of Memorial University of Newfoundland. The article contained information on safe sex, interspersed with explicit descriptions of gay male sex. The piece ran with a photo of two men having oral sex.

The resulting furore in both Newfoundland and Nova Scotia was incredible. The media denounced the article as pornography, the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary launched an investigation, the *Globe and Mail* reported on the issue, and the *Gazette* was swamped with letters to the editor for the next month. The debate was so heated that one of the editors of the *Gazette* resigned.

Putting together this year's Pink Triangle supplement, it is hard to imagine such a heated controversy arising like that again.

While the article in question did use graphic language, it was not, in fact, much worse than what appears in Dan Savage's *Savage Love* column every two weeks in *Coast*.

In comparison, last year we received just one letter complaining about the Pink Triangle supplement.

Have we become more tolerant of gay issues?

It would seem that we have. This week the Neptune Theatre is performing *Angels in America*, a play that has raised a storm of controversy in both the United States and Canada. The play deals with gay relationships in the era of AIDS. The reaction in Halifax? Nothing. In fact, there has been an awful lot of self-congratulatory editorializing in the local papers (and on national radio) about what a major step this is for Halifax, and how open-minded we are.

No mention is made of the fact that at least 30 Neptune subscribers asked for refunds for this particular show. No mention is made of the fact that the Neptune man-

agement took it upon themselves to send out a special advisory to its season ticket holders to give them the option to ask for a refund for this particular show. Why would this play warrant a parental advisory for the culture-class, and not *Great Balls of Fire* which dealt with religion and incest? This is hardly indicative of a truly open-minded locale.

People also seem to forget that, just last year a Nova Scotia court judge required a convicted pedophile to have a heterosexual male escort whenever in the vicinity of children, thus implying homosexuals are inherently child

## Have we become more tolerant of gay issues?

molesters.

And what of the Gay community at Dalhousie? Is there one?

The Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group has helped create Humans Against Homophobia, an action group on Gay issues. As commendable as this group is, there still isn't a group on campus that is specifically for the gay community. Why?

There are two possibilities. The first is that the gay community has won. Dalhousie is a gay positive campus, gays are not discriminated against at Dalhousie, and there are no issues or obstacles that gays face that are different from the straight community.

This, of course, is patently untrue. Just this year an employee of the Physical Plant here at Dal alleged homophobia and discrimination on the part of his employer. At the University of Ottawa, a new program was launched called Queer studies. Why don't we have that here? As the premiere university in the Atlantic provinces, we should be the groundbreakers. Why aren't students lobbying for greater academic coverage of gay issues?

The second possibility to explain the lack of a viable gay group on campus is that Dalhousie is a patently gay *un*-friendly campus.

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) has allowed the B-GLAD (Bisexuals Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie) seat on council to remain vacant for nearly a year. Have they even tried to advertise that the seat exists? Or are they comfortable in letting a designated space remain empty? Would they do the same if the law representative resigned? They would inform the community of law students that the position existed, and ask people to apply. Why aren't the DSU publicizing the fact that the B-GLAD position exists, and trying to proactively involve the gay community in campus politics?

The DSU and Dalhousie's administration aren't the only ones to blame here. Where are those in the gay community that really should be out there, raising awareness and working towards greater understanding?

Many will say that there is nothing to fight for, that the major victories have been won. Not so. Now that homophobia is recognized as unacceptable, that gay issues are mainstream issues, *now* is the time for the gay community to keep the issues alive.

Every year someone criticizes the *Gazette* for running the Pink Triangle supplement, on the grounds that "they" shouldn't be "stealing" a previously straight holiday.

People still forget that as recently as last year, Members of Parliament were still talking about the "gay agenda" to destroy "family values" and bring our whole society crashing down around our ears.

While there are still people who can still effectively advocate this kind of ghetto-ization, then there is still a need for the Pink Triangle supplement. The gay community and society at large has come a long way, but there is still far too much room to improve for us to sit back now.

MARK REYNOLDS

## letters

### Racial rebuttal

In the February 6 edition of the *Gazette*, on pages four and five, the *Gazette* printed an article entitled "Everyone's a racist", written by Tim Covert, as well as an article entitled "Dialogue, Language and Race: The Intellectualization of Race", by Adwoa Buahene. I must object to several points brought up in these articles.

Let us begin with "Everyone's a racist". Mr. Covert begins his article by throwing a blanket statement on all readers: Wrong. You are a racist he writes.

It seems naive to use "Websters" as an accurate source for defining racism, as you would not use Websters to define Dadaism, or nihilism, yet he continues, in the spirit of Lionel Hutz (defense attorney).

Racism: 1) a belief that race is the primary determinant of human traits and capacities that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race.

And this is what we are accused of. Let us take "we" to mean "Canadians." These labels of racist and prejudiced have been applied to us on the grounds that we make judgements of people without adequate grounds. Guilty as charged. People constantly make judgements. However, this seems to be a human trait, and not necessarily the trait of a racist. These judgements we pass are not necessarily racial judgements as Tim has suggested.

Racism, in terms of what most of us would not like to be associated with, would imply that the judgements we make are based on race. When I encounter someone, (when anybody encounters someone), there are immediately judgements passed. Is this person attractive, my, this person is smoking — whatever. These are judgements. According to Mr. Covert, this makes me a racist. This is an alarmist view of racism. It is not racist because these judgements are not based on race.

True, many prejudices are passed by generation, from one's parents or one's experiences. But these are not the only influences on our lives. Given adequate reason or initiative, we are free to leave these predispositions.

In this respect, many people would be understandably upset at being called racist. For example, I was once a member of a theatre group called Insight, which dealt with racism. I voluntarily put my non-paid time into scenes which would be seen by the impressionable minds of thousands of high school students. I believed in what I was preaching. If as a result of this, I am still a racist, and hence a sexist and homophobe as well as a member of the multitude of other discriminating groups, then my time has been in vain. As far as Covert is concerned, I may as well have not participated at all.

Covert suggests racism requires us to be conscious of its existence 24 hours on end. This seems to be heading in the same direction politically correctness once went. To think that everyone will accept "anti-racist" as their master status, hence watching their every step to avoid falling into the pits of isms is unrealistic, and does not even represent the ideal.

Buahene criticises "intellectuals" for allegedly denying the existence of racism based on one's random sample experience. To even suggest that Canada is a racially sound place to live might toss me into the ranks of the holocaust deniers.

I do not deny the existence of racism in Canada. I am subject to such value judgements every time I sign my name. But let's look at Canada from a worldly perspective. We do not have tanks positioned alongside Catholic parades to prevent Protestant/Catholic riots on the streets of Dublin. We do not have stories deal-

ing with the slaughter of 1200 unarmed Muslims, like in Bosnia. Instead of fighting land disputes with guns, we handle these matters politically by addressing such issues as Native self-government. We have safeguards like employment equity and affirmative action. In brief, Canada is doing very well in worldly terms.

This does not make Canada perfect. We still have a long way to go towards equality. It seems these articles were written to convince the reader that inaction concerning racism might cause the collapse of Canada. Racism is not Canada's major problem, and when a cohort suggests "we move on" from the topic of racism, it is perhaps a suggestion that we concern ourselves with larger problems. It is not a denial of any imbalance.

This is African Heritage Month. It is a month to reflect and display the best accomplishments of African Canadians. It is not a license to infer the label of apathetic on those who do not feel racism is the guiding force in their lives, to label the general public as racists. In discarding Covert and Buahene's myopic view of Canadians, many of us move away from the label of racist. I continue to slate myself alongside non-racists, simply because race is not a criterion on my list of value judgements. Yes, Racism is a problem. But it is not THE problem.

Paul Lewandowski

### Desperately seeking love

I am in search of a girl who goes to Dalhousie University. I met her over Christmas Break, and due to my own stupidity, I didn't get her last name or her address or phone number. But, this is what I do know about her.

Her name is Christine, or maybe Kristine. She is about 5 feet, 4-6 inches tall. She has curly blond hair that goes about a third of the way down her back. She is thin and judging by the way she danced, I would say that she is in excellent shape!!!

She is from the Grand Falls area. I think she said that she lived about 10 miles from there. She has a sister Nina who is a teacher.

I'm not sure if you're interested or not, but let me tell you how we met...

I am from Bridgewater, Maine, and my friends and I decided to go to Foxes (a bar in Grand Falls) for the evening on Saturday night, December 28. We got there early and there wasn't much going on, so after a while, we decided to go over and check out Broadway, another bar across the street. We walked in and looked around a little. My friends pointed out these two girls sitting down and told me to go talk to them. So, to add a little excitement to the evening, I did. One girl, Andrea, was talkative, and the other girl was quiet. After a little while Andrea got up and started dancing with someone, so being the nice guy that I am, I asked the quiet girl to dance. About a song later they left, so I looked around and started dancing with a group of three girls. I was just having a good time and then all of a sudden it felt like something struck me in the heart.

I looked across the dance floor and there she was. Dancing with two or three other girls was the most gorgeous girl I have ever seen. She looked so fine and pleasant that I don't think I stopped smiling from that point on.

We made eye contact while we both continued dancing with others, and then a song ended and every

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# Children, crime and the time they do

BY TRACY STEWART

one was gone except her and I. I asked her if she would stay and dance with me and she did. I did all I could not to stare at her, but she was gorgeous!!!

We danced for quite a while, took a break, and then danced some more. After quite a while, my friends came to get me and said that they were leaving. I talked them into waiting a couple of more dances, but finally,

I had to give in. I told her that I didn't want to leave and she said she didn't want me to go either, but I had to.

I haven't stopped thinking about her since. I felt really bad that I didn't get her phone number or last name or address or anything. I also felt bad that I didn't take the opportunity to really get to know her. Now that I think back on the evening, I realize what a nice girl she was, and I just hope that she doesn't think anything bad of me. I think she really wanted to talk and become friends, but I'm a little shy, and I have trouble thinking of things to say.

So now, I'm in search of my dance partner. I just want a chance to talk to her again and make sure things are good. I know this all sounds like a movie or something, but that's why I'm going to pursue her because you never know. She could be the girl I've been looking for.

If there is anyway possible that you could help me, I would really appreciate it. My name is Chad Bradbury. I go to the University of Maine at Orono. I am a senior, 21 years old. I will graduate next December. I am an elementary education major.

Again, I really want to talk to this girl, and I need your help. I have been searching for the right girl for a long time, and this just might be her. If you have any faith in love at first sight, or if you are any kind of romantic, you'll help me, or at least put me in touch with someone who will.

Thank you very much, and I'll be anxiously awaiting your reply.

**Chad Bradbury**

Chad.Bradbury@voyager.umeres.maine.edu

Contact the Gazette for more information on how to contact Chad, that sly devil.

## IDS hypocrites

I hope the IDS pub crawl on February 8 was a huge success. Lots of alcohol consumption, sexual harassment, smoking cigarettes from multinational tobacco companies, techno music, infantilization of legal-aged students, obnoxious behaviour...

IDS...doesn't that stand for International Development Studies? Now, call me naive, but what does IDS have in common with a pub crawl? Frankly, I find it quite hypocritical for IDS students to participate in such an event.

Perhaps it was planned in the spirit of camaraderie, perhaps they discussed sustainable development and human rights, perhaps they even danced to world beat music. Perhaps the whole thing was just a ploy to see if anyone could detect the irony...

Or, perhaps they're on to something. Maybe all the world's problems could be solved if we could all just sit down and order a Keith's. In that case, I'll buy the next round.

**Karen Stille**  
4th year Arts

From the moment a child passes from the mother's womb into the world s/he is to call home, it begins to learn the values of life taught by surrounding loved ones. A baby is dependent on its parent(s). As a child grows, it learns to make new friends and attempt new things on its own. Each day after that, the child begins testing its survival skills by trying to prove to its parent(s) that s/he can be independent. This is a part of growing up. Every teenager walks through this stage with their parents. These kids end up growing out of this stage and become parents themselves, to one day deal with their own kids' teenage years.

On the other hand, some children have more of a tendency to be more of a problem than others. The question is whether or not it is the fault of the parent, or other influences in the child's life.

Children all over the world have broken the law many times. These crimes range from stealing and assault to murder. How is it that a nine-year-old child knows about this type of violence? Does s/he see it on television, in society or in the family environment? There are many influences on a child and it is up to the guardian to mediate what s/he sees. I don't believe we should criticize everything around us because what we see is a learning experience. It is how the child sees the message displayed that should be concentrated on.

The justice system is the biggest problem. How exactly are these children to be punished? I see no problem in how adults are tried and convicted, but the Young Offenders Act has many problems that need to be worked out.

I think that if a child commits an act of violence, s/he is aware

of what s/he is doing and therefore, the consequences of the crime. If a child commits adult crimes, s/he should serve adult time. When I say adult crime, I mean serious crimes like arson, robbery, sexual assault and murder.

Some kids know that they can get away with anything and avoid severe punishment. They even test you by tempting you to take a swing at them so that they can charge you with assault. If children were treated like adults for serious criminal offenses, then maybe serious youth crime could be controlled.



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For further information, please contact the Chief Returning Officer, Jennifer Riordan, room 214 of the SUB (494-3527 or e-mail jriordan@is2.dal.ca) or any member of the elections committee:  
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# Observing wolves from a distance

BY KEN SMITH

The men and women at the Canadian Centre for Wolf Research are dedicated to not disturbing the animals. Both in their efforts to keep the centre alive, and in their research of non-invasive techniques, the Canadian Centre for Wolf Research (CCWR) is determined to keep humans out of the lives of wolves.

The centre, located in Shubenacadie, lost its funding from Dalhousie last April. Since then, a group of dedicated volunteers have worked to ensure that the wolves living at the centre never have to be put in zoos or destroyed.

"We're fund raising as we go along," says Jenny Ryon, the caretaker for the wolves. "We've been able to stay six months ahead of the devil."

The centre has raised funds through events such

as an art auction dinner and t-shirt sales at the Island Beach Company.

"Eventually we would like to set up a trust fund, and support the wolves on the interest," says Ryon.

In the meantime, the wolves have remained oblivious to the changes going on at the centre. The CCWR has ensured that life goes on as usual for the wolves despite the funding cuts. Researchers continue to study the wolves in an observational, non-invasive manner. This ongoing work shows promise of reducing the invasive research that is often done on wolves in the wild.

Eric Barr, a graduate student at Acadia University, and his advisors, Dr. Peter McLeod and Dr. Marlene Snyder, are trying to develop a new way to take DNA samples from the pack. They hope to recognize individual wolves from DNA found in their feces. This would mean that scientists could DNA-fingerprint wolves without having to disturb them.

"Non-invasive analyses of DNA has a lot of advantages," says McLeod. "It doesn't stress the wolves. And, more importantly, you could use it to identify wolves in the wild."

Currently, researchers often need to interfere with wolves in the wild in order to study them.

For example, DNA has to come from blood samples. In addition, recognizing individuals in natural settings usually involves trapping the animals and tagging them.

The research being done at the CCWR, however, offers a way of

fingerprinting wolves without having to trap them. Scientists from Yellowstone National Park are interested in this method as a new way to estimate the size of their wolf population. The information from the DNA samples could also be used to figure out how

many males and females there are, and who is mating with whom.

"This hasn't been done with wolves before, but it has been done with other species," says McLeod. "It has been done successfully with other animals, so we're pretty confident it will work."

A possible concern, according to McLeod, is distinguishing the wolf DNA from other DNA in the feces, such as the genetic material from prey or from bacteria. However, the researchers are using proteins called primers, which bind to very specific sequences of DNA. These proteins have been used by other scientists to fingerprint the DNA of dogs.

"The primers are specific. They make it unlikely to pick up DNA

from other species. We know that we have successfully extracted the DNA. Now the trial and error is to make the results as clear as we can," says McLeod.

McLeod believes that the most exciting results of this research will be what other scientists decide to use it for once the technique becomes workable.

"Once people figure out that we can do it, there will be a lot of clever ideas," according to McLeod.

McLeod — along with Ryon, Dr. Will Moger, Dr. John Fentress and Simon Gadbois of Dalhousie University — has already shown in previous research how wolves can be studied non-invasively. Their work has illustrated that the amount of a common stress hormone, called cortisol, can be detected in the wolves' urine. Eventually, the scientists at the CCWR would like to be able to identify the levels of reproductive hormones in wolves using similar non-invasive techniques.

"You can determine from yellow snow some behavioral aspects of the pack," said McLeod. "Eventually, (using this research method) we could figure out how reproduction gets suppressed in subordinate females. Whether they are so stressed that they do not come into estrus, or whether they are so stressed that they actually abort."

Thanks to the volunteers and researchers at the Canadian Centre for Wolves, scientists may yet learn how to keep our remaining wolf populations intact without having to disturb them in the process.

Visit the CCWR web site at [http://jis.nstn.ca/wolves/the\\_pack.html](http://jis.nstn.ca/wolves/the_pack.html)

*"We've been able to stay six months ahead of the devil."*

— Jenny Ryon,  
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# To boycott or not to boycott

BY CHRIS BENJAMIN

Recently I embarked on what should have been an easy task — the purchase of a new winter jacket. My old one was tattered, torn and out of style. I looked at about 30 models in fifteen stores in six malls in three towns. Finally, I found a hot little number at Mark's Work Warehouse in Bedford. It was navy blue (my colour), plaid inside, nice big warm hood and mighty stylish, all at a reasonable price. As I brought it to the counter, almost as an afterthought, I checked the tag to see where it was made. Indonesia. The nation whose military is slowly committing genocide against the peaceful people of East Timor, who ask for nothing more than freedom.

Reluctantly I put the jacket away and resumed my search, eventually settling for my second choice, a nice jacket with a nylon hood which is about as useful for fighting the wind as fishnet. The jacket I chose was made in Korea, not as nice as the other one and more expensive. But worth the sacrifice, I thought, to ensure that my money would not be used for the purchase of ammunition and guns used to kill the innocent. Later I learned that other Asian nations, such as the Philippines and Korea, are allegedly providing military aid to Indonesia to assist its repression of the

East Timorese. So much for the great boycott.

The experience made me wonder if it was really worth boycotting at all. I was mulling over questions such as: "Can boycotting really help?" "Who if anyone should be boycotted?" and "Are there any companies or governments which aren't guilty of some ethical violation?" Human rights, animal rights, the environment — and the list goes on. I know the answers to these questions are largely a matter of personal choice but here is some information that may help you make your shopping decisions.

The answer to my first question is, yes, boycotting is an effective tool for social change, when used correctly. According to sources (Rainforest Action Network (RAN), Greenpeace (GP), INFACT and the International Wildlife Foundation (IWF)), the key is to focus on a vulnerable target which is a leader in ethical violations, and communicate directly with that organization. For example, RAN combatted the use of beef raised in the rainforest by targeting Burger King (BK), a company very sensitive to public image, and according to RAN, a large user of rainforest cattle. RAN used extensive networks of members to influence conscientious consumers through the use of large-scale communication efforts such as Adbusters cam-

paigns. As a result, BK ceased using rainforest products, and McDonald's and Wendy's immediately followed suit. RAN attacked the most vulnerable competitor first.

In regards to who should be boycotted, the list is long, and for many different reasons. Based on the websites of RAN, GP, INFACT, and IWF, here is a short list of companies that are allegedly in violation of human, animal, or environmental rights:

- Nestle for selling infant formula banned in the US to-African nations;
- All tuna distributors for harming dolphins;
- Maritime tourism for hunting seals;
- PepsiCo (which includes such brands as KFC, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Frito-Lay, 7-Up, Dr. Pepper, Ocean Spray, East Side Mario's, Liptons), Eddie Bauer, NorthWoods and Liz Claiborne for doing business with human rights violators;
- Kraft, Maxwell House, Oscar Mayer, Kool-aid, Miller, General Foods, Post, RJR Nabisco (including Fig Newtons, Oreos), Ritz, Planters and Del Monte), the entire tobacco industry, Carnation, Libby's, MJB, Perrier, Chase and Sanborn, Ralph Lauren, Gloria Vanderbilt, L'Oreal, Friskies, Taster's Choice, Coffeemate, Advil, Anacin, Robitussin, Chef

Boy-ar-dee, Jiffy, Black Flag, and Easy-off for Health and Welfare violations;

- Adidas, Browning, Florsheim and Puma for threatening endangered species;
- Blockbuster Video for censorship;
- CIBC and Mitsubishi/Mitsubishi for supporting unsustainable timber interests;
- Gillette and P&G for animal testing;
- California Grapes (including United Farm Workers, La Paz, and Keene) for poor wages and poor working conditions;
- LL Bean for attacks against women's and minorities' rights;
- the entire meat industry for environmental, human and animal rights violations. Keep in mind that this is only a short list.

This "short" list is what leads me to my third question, "Is it safe to buy anything from anyone?" Consider the products you use every day. You wake up, you eat breakfast. Coffee, who makes it? Eggs, what chicken suffered and what third world nation was deprived of grain? You shave, what animal was tested first? You dress, who was enslaved so you could keep warm? Even the place we live is considered a tourism faux pas because our own government, which we consider so advanced by world standards, has failed to ban the utterly unnecessary seal

hunt. So what are we to do? We have to eat, we have to live somewhere, we have to keep warm, and shaving is recommended if not essential.

The answer, as I have said, is all about personal choice. The first step is to know your values. What is most important to you, and what offends you the most? Is it censorship? The environment? Human rights? The second step is to be aware. To make a conscious effort to know what companies and what governments are doing what. When someone violates your values, they violate you. The third step is to not give these organizations one iota of your business. Finally, communicate and negotiate with the organization. Write a letter, make a phone call, explain why you have chosen not to buy products from certain organizations. And for those who are most dedicated to their causes, join an organization which can help magnify the effectiveness of your boycott by making it a national issue.

Through being socially aware and joining with others who are also aware, a strong force can be created to make social change, and force powerful and rich organizations to behave in an ethical and sustainable manner. Only through such efforts can the environment, its animals and its people be protected.

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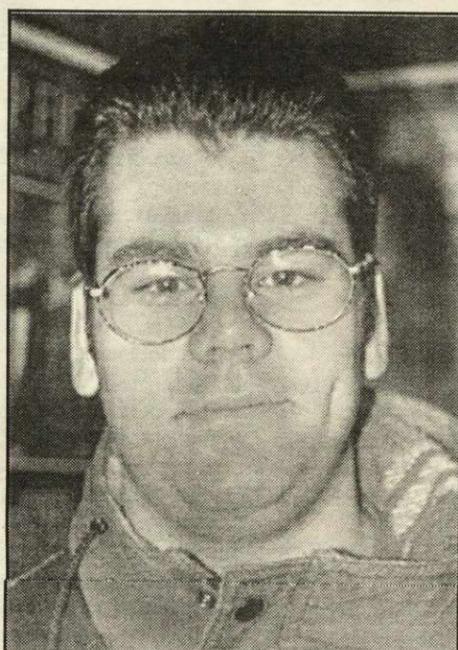
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## Question:

If someone of a different sexual orientation made a pass at you, what would you do?



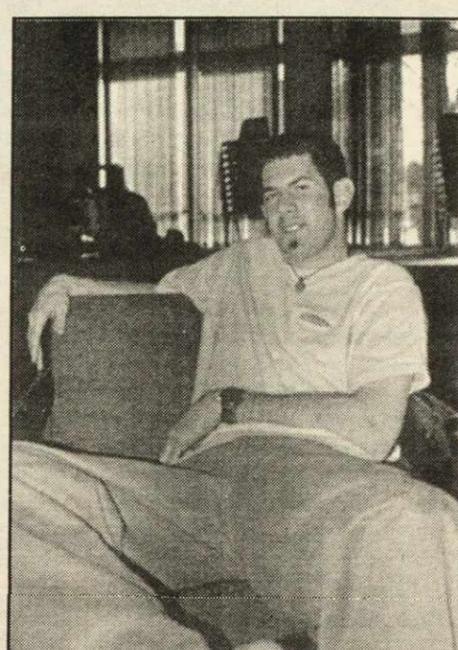
↑ "Accept the pass, tell them I'm straight, and then say, 'Do you want to go bowling?'"  
— Mark Farrant, Class of '96, Thornhill, ON



↑ "Discretely tell them it's not my thing."  
— Derek Stephenson, 2nd year English, Dartmouth, NS



↑ "I'd take it as a compliment."  
— April Ryan, 1st year Commerce, Halifax



↑ "I'd say 'No thank you, I'm not interested because I'm a very heterosexual male.'"  
— Dave Harrison, 3rd year Engineering, Dartmouth



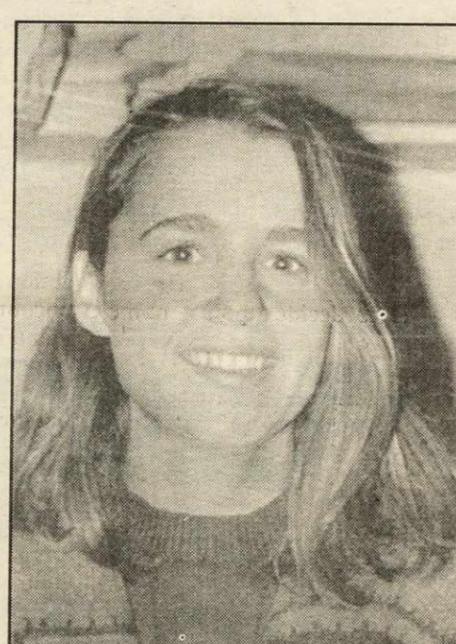
↑ "'Sorry, I'm straight.'"  
— Aurora Chan, 1st year Law, Vancouver, BC



↑ "If it was in a bar, I'd play along to get free drinks."  
— Joe Tratnik, 4th year Contemporary Studies, Toronto

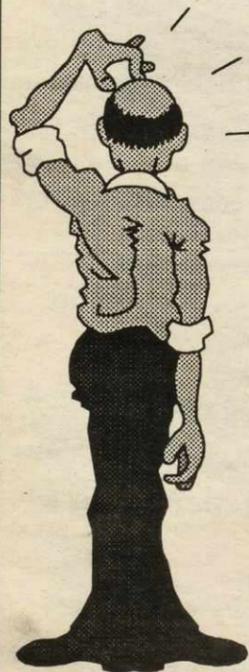


↑ "I'd just say that I'm straight."  
— Mariam Mohamed, 2nd year Commerce, St. Petersburg, Russia



↑ "I'd be friendly, talk to the person. If they were only interested in sex, then I'd say that I'm straight."  
— Renee Labelle, 3rd year English, Vancouver, BC

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# PINK TRIANGLE DAY

## Explaining Pink Triangle Day

*The significance of pink and black triangles:*

The international gay movement claimed the pink triangle as a symbol in the early 1970s. Lesbian activists have claimed the black triangle as a lesbian symbol comparable to the pink triangle for gay men.

The symbols originated as a re-

sult of the colour-coded identification system employed by the Nazis to label different classes of prisoners in concentration camps during World War II. Jewish prisoners wore two yellow triangles superimposed to form a Star of David, political prisoners (social-

ists and trade unionists) wore red triangles, conventional criminals wore green, Jehovah's Witnesses wore purple, emigrants wore blue and homosexual men wore pink. A category known as "asocial", which is said to have included lesbians, wore black triangles.

### Scale Study

I. It is easier to play scales within a cold score she imagine her fingers marked another way squinting into the air after one of the darker passages tired of wincing like a newborn blinking against the light already wondering about patterns the difficulty of honing the sharpness of desire matched by the flippancy of a tone radiating through or the familiar whistling air passing through her head no maybe next time she'll try learning scales love made precise by repetitions the daily betrayals made finite syncopated by pressing love repeated again and again and again falling back on skin's memory fingers understanding what to do the mind stumbles at first at the thought solid practice in this place where each note sounds peculiar feeling even the driest lines measuring her words working towards melody a falling in line scale down to the perfect silence love in its precision made infinite

II. This casual mark on a five lined creased map in the sound she is watching for the first time a five lane highway maybe where anything you catch is out of focus two women passing in a blur I know so little of you marked early before the open marked and still the waiting lines write me a rising scale that I may understand the lines of you but the even the first enters too marked passing her in the clearest line what mark do you make out from the blur? this dare to make her laugh would it trouble her? intention is only momentarily clear would her cheek turn to watch the passing rising line pause to write or carry on her mark still not through would she be one to exchange her love for safety food for fuel to carry on beyond the blur you o unmarked you

— Kelley Lewis

## The organization that dare not speak its name

BY ANGELA FAILLER

The provincial organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, two-spirited, and transgendered liberation, first established over a year ago, has yet to decide upon a name. This has not, however, prevented the group from continuing to organize and network throughout Nova Scotia.

At the latest meeting in Wolfville (January 25, 1997), the following statement of purpose was developed by the group: "We seek to foster change in our communities and our society at large so that people of all sexual orientations are valued and

included. We will achieve this through community development, networking, outreach, and political action."

As described by the statement of purpose, the provincial organization hopes to raise awareness, encourage diversity, strengthen communities and fight discrimination by creating networks with other equality-seeking groups and by organizing specific political action projects around queer issues. The organization also intends to work with and support already established and newly-forming queer and queer-friendly groups in Nova Scotia.

Membership in the provincial organization is currently open to people of all sexual orientations who support the group's ideals

as recognized by the statement of purpose. Meetings occur every three months with the location rotating around Nova Scotia in order to reach communities beyond the Halifax "center". To date the group has met in Halifax, Truro, New Glasgow, Antigonish and Wolfville. Plans for the next meeting to be held in Yarmouth at the end of April are under way.

For more information contact Angela Failler at (902)-429-7091 or by email at [afailler@is2.dal.ca](mailto:afailler@is2.dal.ca). You can also contact Wayves at [wayves@fox.nstn.ca](mailto:wayves@fox.nstn.ca). Rides to Yarmouth can be arranged. Check the March issue of Wayves for details about the next meeting.

1. What do you think caused your heterosexuality
2. When and how did you first decide you were a heterosexual
3. Is it possible that your heterosexuality is just a phase that you might grow out of?
4. Is it possible that your heterosexuality stems from a neurotic fear of others of the same sex?
5. If you've never slept with someone of the same sex, is it possible that all you need is a good gay lover?
6. To whom did you disclose your heterosexual tendencies? How did they react?
7. Why do you heterosexuals feel compelled to seduce others into your lifestyle?
8. Why do you insist on flaunting your heterosexuality? Can't you just be what you are and keep it quiet?
9. Would you want your children to be heterosexual, knowing the problems they face?
10. A disproportionate amount of child molesters are

- heterosexuals. Do you consider it safe to expose your children to heterosexual teachers?
11. With all the societal support marriage receives, the divorce rate is spiralling. Why are there so few stable relationships among heterosexuals?
12. Why do heterosexuals place so much emphasis on sex?
13. Considering the menace of over-population, how could the human race survive if everyone were heterosexual?
14. Could you trust a heterosexual therapist to be objective? Don't you fear that he/she might be inclined to influence you in his/her own leanings?
15. How can you become a whole person if you limit yourself to compulsive, exclusive heterosexuality, and fail to develop your natural, healthy homosexual potential?
16. There seems to be very few happy heterosexuals. Techniques have been developed to change if you really want to. Have you considered aversion therapy?

FROM THE MANDATE OF HUMANS AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA (HAH), A WORKING GROUP OF THE NOVA SCOTIA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

**Homophobia:** Fear and hatred of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people and same sex attractions both internalized and within society.

**Heterosexism:** The assumption that heterosexuality is the only normal and natural way of being, as well as, the assumption that everyone is heterosexual unless otherwise stated.

Homophobia is often characterized by lashing out against Gays, Lesbians and Bisexual people whereas heterosexism often affirms heterosexual people only and may not intend to target gays and lesbians in a negative way. Nevertheless, heterosexism is just as damaging as homophobia. Both are presently enforced by virtually all institutions in our society and both reinforce each other.

# Bisexuals are gay, too

BY TANIA TREPANIER

"Some folks say that bisexuals are not oppressed because at least we are accepted by mainstream society when we are involved with members of the opposite sex. Agreed, society may like us when we show that piece of who we are. But conditional acceptance is not really acceptance at all. When we show our other side, our gay side, we suffer the same discrimination as other gay men and lesbians. We don't lose only half our children in custody battles. When homophobia hits, we don't get just half-fired from our jobs (put on half-time, perhaps?). We don't get just half-gaybashed when we are out with our same-sex lovers. ("Oh please, only hit me on my left side. You see, I'm bisexual!"). We, too, get discriminated against because we are gay."

— Robyn Ochs

Since I came out as a bisexual woman a number of years ago, I have been the recipient of "confessions" over and over. Straight, gay and lesbian friends and acquaintances have shared their feelings, fantasies, and experiences with me, saying, "Oh, there was this time..." and "Well, I did have this incredible attraction..." This leads me to think that the categories gay, lesbian and straight are not as rigid as they appear.

Bisexuality has often been in-

visible as a sexuality. Until very recently, bisexuality has been even less visible as a sexual identity. Often times, those who embrace bisexuality as an identity have sparked suspicion and distrust in both the queer and straight communities.

Perhaps one of the most misunderstood sexual identities, bisexuality is difficult to define. Some say that we are all bisexual, or that we all have "bisexual potential". Others say that bisexuality does not really exist, because at any moment in time, one is either homosexual or heterosexual. Stereotypes abound: bisexuals are promiscuous, non-monogamous, fence-sitters, going through a phase, carriers of AIDS, or confused.

On top of experiencing heterosexism, bisexuals also may experience monosexism, that is the discrimination by those who love one gender against those who love both. Although in recent years many gay organizations have included bisexuals in their names, there is still a great deal of pressure for bisexuals to be "one or the other". Bisexuals, like gays and lesbians, are often considered "freaks" by many straight people, as in, "Let's go to Reflections so we can see them up close."

What being bisexual means to me is that I have had and continue to have attractions and relationships with people regardless of their gender. When it comes to love, there are so many other things that are more important

to me than gender. I can't imagine living or experiencing attraction or desire any other way.

But it would be naïve to say that gender doesn't matter. In the context of a homophobic and sexist world it does matter. When I am with my same sex partner, homophobia is just as real. When I am with my opposite sex partner, I cannot forget my friends, my ex-lovers and future lovers and pretend to be straight. That would negate my lived past and my possible future.

Someone said to me the other day, "How can you do it? You are so courageous. I am so glad I'm heterosexual because I don't know if I could deal with it." Can you imagine someone saying, "I'm so glad I'm a man and not a woman." Or saying, "I'm so glad I'm white and not black or brown. How can you do it, how can you be so courageous?"

There is a point at which the experiences of homophobia and biphobia add up and take me beyond courage. It's about outrage and pain. People in our society ridicule, beat up on, neglect, discriminate, hate and fear people who love people of the same gender. Whether my lover, partner, or date is a man or a woman, I cannot forget this reality and I continue to be part of the struggle to end this kind, and other kinds, of discrimination.

When I let others know about my capacity to love both women and men, I have been perceived as going through a phase, vying for attention, being part of a fad, or undertaking an intellectual exercise. But what I'm doing is describing my desires, my politics, my life. And I, along with thousands of other queer people, want respect. And I want it now.

## OUT AT THE NEWSSTAND

by Sunil Sarwal

It was called *Anything that Moves*, a magazine for and by the bisexual community. My kind of thing.

I hid in my coat while I quickly thumbed through the Gay and Lesbian section in a local magazine store.

"Don't let anyone see me... don't let anyone see me... don't let anyone see me..."

The mantra of the closeted queer. I couldn't find it. Maybe I had better (gulp) ask.

"Umm, ahh, umm... do-do you have," I leaned forward so my whisper wouldn't carry, "Anything that Moves?"

"What section?"

"Gay and Lesbian." I mouthed the words and wished I had learned sign language.

So she thumbed through the G&L section again while I vowed to get a coat with a higher collar. She didn't find it either and, relieved, I turned to go.

"Hey Bruce!" Oh god, she's yelling. Please don't yell.

A man at the other end of the suddenly very crowded store looked our way.

"Yeah?"

"Do we have, Anything that Moves?" the too helpful clerk called out.

The store became very quiet. "What section?" he called back. "Gay and Lesbian!"

The rest of the words were drowned out by the sound of me turning red. Guess I'm out now. Good thing I didn't ask for the other magazine on my list: *Slippery When Wet*.

## RULES

We need rules in society. Yes, I agree with that. We need order, or we would be uncivilized. Without rules we would Lie, steal, murder or harm someone else. Hey check out this rule... One man should not love another man. This is 'Homophobia'. Let's ponder the greatness of this rule.

It destroys individuals. It rips apart families. It tears at the fabric of society.

Homophobia belongs to a set of rules that makes boys rough, and girls soft.

Homophobia causes a father To beat his five year old son when his Granny paints his nails A boy who paints his nails would be... An unruly boy.

14 year old Joseph's black eye is the result of homophobia We have to set Joseph straight. Violence will break our bones, but keep our rules intact.

Homophobia causes marriages of convenience It forces a woman to marry a man she doesn't love. And lie about who she loves. And hide in fear.

It makes him join the Priesthood For the wrong reasons. Homophobia makes men beat men Because they hate their own sexuality. Yes, homophobic abusers are victims of homophobia.

It causes the sexually oriented to become sexually disoriented Disguised, disgraced, disowned. It steals people's lives away from them. Homophobia murders guests on the Jenny Jones show (and gets away with it).

Homophobia brainwashes... It convinces people that being gay is worse than being dead And that being a father of a gay son is worse than being dead. "I could deal with my son if he had a terminal illness... I can't deal with him being gay"

Homophobia tells us to unlove Untrust, unlive, undo. Fight, but don't love. Throw things around the room Pull the damn phone out of the wall Scream and yell But don't love. Murdering would be better than loving Why? Love between the same sex is uncivilized It will lead to the demise of society That's why we must lie, steal, murder, Now...before it's too late.

Homophobia victimizes all of us It brainwashes, makes us grieve, kills our souls. It steals, murders and lets us harm one another Thank God for rules. Thank God for Homophobia Without it, we would be uncivilized.

— Someone you know.

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# FrontRunners moving forward

BY PAUL

Are you lesbian or gay, and like to run? Come and join FrontRunners, a gay running group here in town.

Frontrunners began in 1973 when a group of San Francisco gays formed a running group as one of the clubs participating in a free newsletter called Lavender U. The newsletter was a practical expression of the free universities concept of the times, reflected in part by the "new age" philosophy of the era. It is mostly remembered for the study of arts, literature, philosophy, yoga and meditation.

Two individuals, Jack Baker and

Gardner Pond, decided to put an ad in the newsletter for a "learn to jog" class. Individuals would run a half mile a week, and add a half mile each week until they graduated at a level of five miles a week. The group eventually became known as the Lavender U joggers.

The club continued to expand and for many of the runners it was the first gay association they had that was not centred around bars. For more than a few members it was their first experience knowing and being around other gays. Although no membership lists were kept, many members only revealed their first names for fear of exposure.

In 1978, the club first staffed a water table at the San Francisco Marathon. Later in 1978 the Lavender U newsletter folded and the runners organized themselves into FrontRunners, named after the book by Patricia Nell Warren about a gay university student who became an Olympic runner. There was consensus that the club should be a "running club", with other activities secondary; that it should welcome runners of all abilities, from beginners to serious competitors; and that it should serve not only gays and lesbians, but be open to all who wanted to join, including those who could not (or would not) pay.

The first two club newsletters were published in December 1978 and January 1979 and contained mostly information about joining and voting. About 40 people paid their dues and became "charter members". All but three or four members listed their full names and addresses in the membership directory, a brave showing for that time, which surprised many people. It was the first time that many of the members knew each other's full names. By the end of 1979, there were 75 members.

The club name appeared on its 1980 T-shirt as FrontRunners (one word), which became the club's "official" name thereafter. The Advocate magazine approached the club and asked if they would put on a race, which the magazine would sponsor, and call it the "Gay Run". After much discussion about affiliating with a sponsor, the members of FrontRunners decided to do it. The race consisted of 5K and 10K runs, with awards for women and men in four or five age categories. It was a great success with about 400 runners entered.

The first "other" FrontRunners Club was founded in the spring of 1980. Bob Plantz of FrontRunners got a call from Malcolm Benjamin, editor of the club magazine for the New York Roadrunners (a huge club with about six or seven thousand members which puts on the New York Marathon). Malcolm said that he was starting a gay running club, wanted to call it FrontRunners New York, and wanted permission to use the name. Bob explained that he did not control the name, and that yes, it was OK.

Malcolm was a nationally-rated runner and knew many other top runners who were gay. He wanted to have these top runners enter (and win) major races as members of a gay club. He liked the way that FrontRunners welcomed all runners, and discarded the idea of forming a club for elite runners. Other FrontRunners clubs formed in rapid succession.

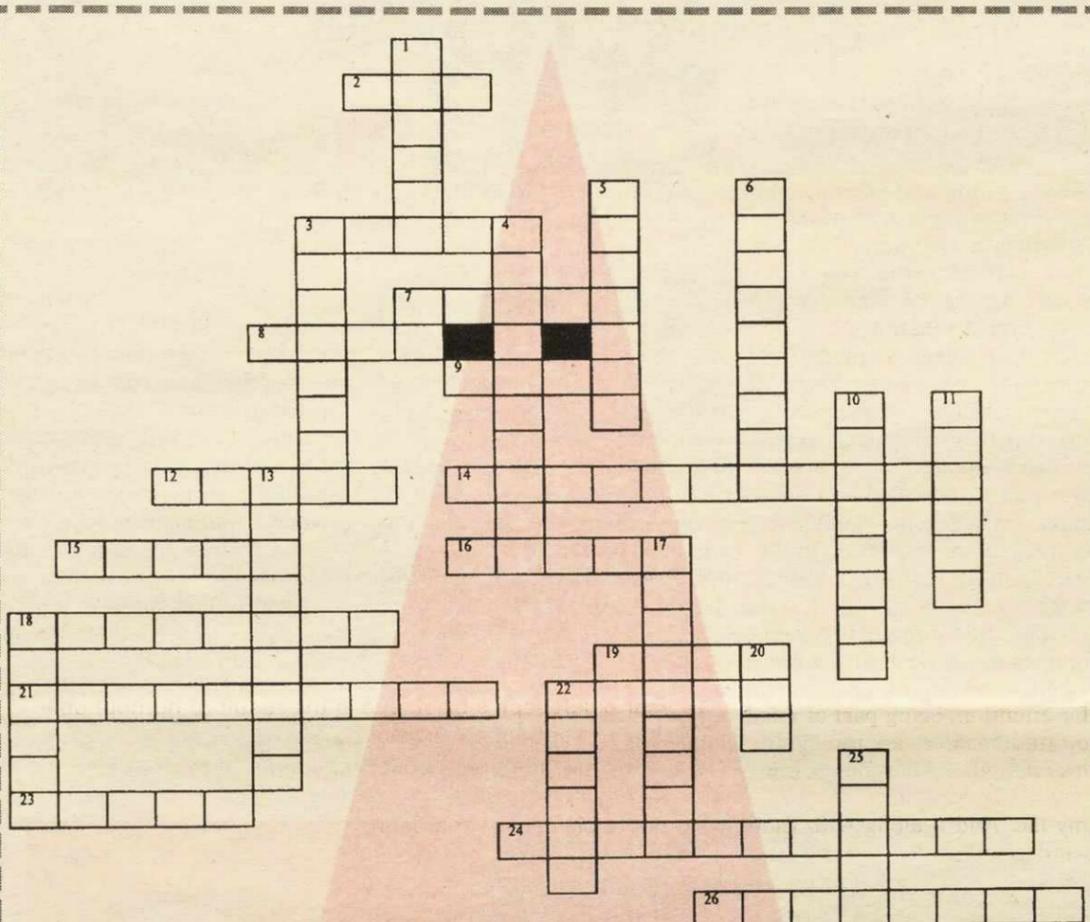
FrontRunners Halifax is a group of men (and hopefully someday, women) who enjoy the athletic and social aspects of running together up to three times weekly. The local chapter has been "running" since the fall

of 1995 when four keen runners in various states of physical condition met at the Spring Garden Road and South Park Street entrance to the Halifax Public Gardens on a crisp Saturday morning. The group ambled down South Park Street to the park, circled the park and returned via Tower Road to the starting point. They then headed into the Daily Grind coffee shop for some conversation, muffins and coffee. The general route has remained the same to this day. Since then some of the keener runners have been running on Tuesdays and Thursdays, normally running a little further and at a slightly faster pace than the more social Saturday run. Walkers are also encouraged to join the group on Saturdays.

Since we are one of the fifty-five FrontRunners chapters around the world, we receive newsletters from clubs near and far. With this network in place it becomes quite convenient to run with other clubs when travelling, and to get to know fellow runners in these communities. There is no such thing as a strange city for a FrontRunner as long as there is a FrontRunners chapter in that community.

Halifax FrontRunners recently hosted a visiting runner from San Francisco who did not know anyone and helped turn his visit into a very enjoyable stay. More guests are expected in 1997 as we become better known to the international gay running fraternity! Many of the clubs host weekend runs such as one in Washington at the end of April and a special invitation has been extended to Halifax FrontRunners to attend. Every second year Frontrunners converge on one site for a FrontRunners International running and partying weekend.

All TUNS, SMU, DAL and MSVU gays and lesbians are invited to join the Halifax FrontRunners. We run from the Public Gardens at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays. The Saturday run is more social, and we meet for coffee in the Daily Grind on Spring Garden Road afterwards. Run at your own pace, and enjoy the social gathering after the Saturday run. For more information please call Paul at 425-3144, or e-mail gleatuns@tuns.ca.



## A Cross(dressing)word Puzzle

BY FARHAD DASTUR

### Across

2. adj. Happy and carefree; merry.
3. Member of the same sex. (acronym)
7. Acronym for Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie.
8. The god of love and son of Aphrodite.
9. The opposite of the meaning of Valentine's Day
12. Synonymous with the word "strange".
14. A person who has undergone a sex change.
15. This food category is one of four recommended food groups.
16. These structures are used in Holland to prevent flooding.
18. Olympic diver (last name).
19. The abbreviation of the brain structure that Simon LeVay examined.
21. A type of stereo.
23. Openly gay member of Parliament (first name).
24. What you see when you look in the mirror.
26. Half of a quadrasexual.

### Down

1. A bundle of sticks, twigs, or branches used for fuel.
3. The union of two loving people.
4. Canadian-Sir Lankan author of *Funny Boy* (last name).
5. The author of *The Pianoman's Daughter* (last name).
6. American female singer: Melissa \_\_\_\_\_
7. Acronym for Roseanne Skoke's belief's.
10. One of the mottoes of the French Revolution.
11. Famous female singer from Western Canada.
13. The singer of "Circle of Life".
17. A wall made of rocks.
18. The home of Sappho.
20. Acronym for Humans Against Homophobia.
22. A place where you store coats.
25. A group of lions.

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# Staging Stoppard

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

Five years ago Michael Sanderson was studying physics at the University of Manitoba. Today he is in theatre at Dalhousie, although to say that he is simply "in" theatre is an understatement.

It is not hard to tell when someone loves what they are doing, even if they are trying to control their enthusiasm for the sake of a professional appearance. At odd moments during my interview with Sanderson, I could see the reins slipping — his accelerated speech, and my aching pen hand, betrayed the joy he found in discussing theatre.

"I wasn't enjoying science so I thought, 'Why not do something I love?'" said Sanderson.

Sanderson does more than just discuss theatre: he is assistant director of this week's Dalhousie Theatre Department Production, *Arcadia*.

*Arcadia* is the latest offering from Tom Stoppard, and some critics claim it is his best. The British playwright is renowned for his extravagant use of language and obscure references, most famously

in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* which he wrote almost 25 years ago.

Sanderson says *Arcadia* is no lightweight either.

"The text is very dense. There are a lot of issues dealt with in one play — from sex to the second law of thermodynamics. It takes this huge variety of stuff and equates it to life, which is

what makes it a great play."

Grab hold of something heavy, here comes the plot summary.

*Arcadia* is set in both 1809 and the present, in the

same room of an English country home.

In 1809, Septimus Hodge is tutoring 13-year-old Thomasina Coverly in her family home. While enlightening his student, Hodge is frantically trying to avoid Ezra Chater, a minor poet. The poet has challenged Hodge to a duel, having caught the tutor mucking about with his wife.

In the present, meanwhile, Bernard Nightingale is a grumpy academic doing research on an obscure poet called Ezra Chater. Hannah Jarvis is a feminist writer interested in studying the lover of



Jodie Stevens and Matthew Kennedy lighting up Dal Theatre's production of *Arcadia*. The show runs from February 12 to 15 in the David Mack. Murray Studio Theatre of the Dalhousie Arts Centre.

the late, great poet, Lord Byron. Both are the guests of the Coverly family (the present generation still living in the same country home).

When evidence is discovered suggesting Byron had once visited the Coverly home, along with evidence that Chater died in a duel against an unknown opponent, Nightingale concludes it must have been Byron who killed Chater.

While this summary barely scratches the surface of *Arcadia*, Sanderson — who did extensive background research and wrote the program notes for the show — promises *Arcadia* won't go over

its audience's head and seemed reasonably certain it hadn't gone over his.

"There is a lot of information in this play, and I'm sure people won't get it all because there is just so much, but I'm sure they'll get a lot," he said.

By showing the past and the present simultaneously, Stoppard reveals the danger of drawing speedy historical conclusions based on loose correlations.

"It's the chaos theory. Small little things can change the whole outlook of the future," continued Sanderson.

Working under director Jean

Morpurgo — a 1996 graduate of Dalhousie's Theatre program — the entire production has been put together and run by active theatre students.

"The great thing about theatre is that so many people work together to give you that finished product," said Sanderson.

Does theatre get enough support from the student body?

"I don't know and I'm gonna stick with that," said Sanderson with an ironic smile.

*Arcadia* is playing in Studio One (David Mack. Murray Studio Theatre) of the Dalhousie Arts Centre from February 12 to 15.

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# Paranoia, rage and youthful folly

Boomers Bar and Grill

BY ANDREW SIMPSON AND JOHN CULLEN

John and I feel the need to make a confession. You see we were recently sent to cover a show for you, the Gazette reader. Unfortunately, our attempted coverage failed and we were sucked in by a savage, downward spiral into Halifax's subterranean social cesspool.

There are some stones in this world that are better left unturned, but having accidentally kicked one over, it is our duty to report to you on the variety of crustaceans we found lurking underneath.

You may never have been to Boomers Bar and Grill — we certainly hadn't — but the story you are about to read will reveal the horrible truth lurking behind its rather innocent exterior.

We had received instructions straight from the head office in Dartmouth (Nova Scotia), which were rumoured to have come straight from the *Giant Smooth* himself. *Giant Smooth* wanted us to cover a big name act at the Metro Centre. There would be tickets waiting for us at the box office and plenty of opportunity for swanky networking backstage (and maybe even some of those triangle sandwiches with the crusts cut-off).

Arriving at the box office John hastily demanded his "Fucking tickets now!"

"I need your name, sir," responded the woman behind the plate-glass.

"Listen," said John. "Do you know who the *Giant Smooth* is? I bet you don't because nobody does, but that doesn't mean we can take his power for granted..."

"Sir, if you'll just give me your name," interjected the woman.

"What, so you can report me to security," continued John. "No way, baby. You may think this young face looks naive, but I know what's going on. I don't want those bloodthirsty hounds nipping at my heels all night."

I realized that John and this dullard behind the glass had reached an impasse. Luckily a crude plan was hatching in my mind. I yanked him away from the window and spoke to him in a hushed voice.

"Look man, She's not gonna give us the tickets unless we give

her a name. Of course, giving our own names would be unthinkable, but what if we just made some up?"

"Are you suggesting I tell an untruth?" said John indignantly.

I was confused. "John, I thought you were the guy with the pathological aversion to the truth."

"Oh yeah," remembered John. And he swiftly returned to the window, oozing charm.

"I'm terribly sorry for my behaviour. I've had an awfully bad day; a few too many cups of coffee, I think. Anyways, you will be pleased to know that there are two tickets under the name Shagg, Rick Shagg — that's with two Gs. If you could just run along and get those tickets, we'll be able to get out of your hair."

Five minutes later the manager stepped up to the ticket window with a grim look on his face. "I'm sorry gentlemen, but there are no tickets for a Mr. Shagg.

If you would like, I can try and contact the *Giant Smooth*, but it's unlikely that we'll find him."

John didn't even hear the second part of what the man said. "What! No tickets! How can that be? I mean what, our mission...the *Giant Smooth*... Shagg...tickets...trouble, big trouble..." said John sobbing.

He was falling apart at the seams, the stress of working for the *Giant Smooth* was getting to him. He was slumped over the front of the ticket counter, his teary face pressed against the glass. I had to get him out of there — the bloodhounds were closing in.

We needed a safe place to hide,

a place to regroup, evaluate our situation and maybe have a beer — I was parched.

## Boomers — a haiku

*Life swimming  
past me  
Having a Mid-life  
crisis  
How 'bout  
Boomers, guys?*

Boomers is across the street from the Metro Centre. It was the first place we saw to get a drink, so we entered, even though the bar's name screamed receding hairlines, saggy flesh and minivans. I stopped John at the threshold of the establishment. "They have Video Lotto here. I love Video Lotto. Make sure I don't spend too much money. Can you do that?" I asked.

"Have I ever let your addictive personality roam free before?" John countered.

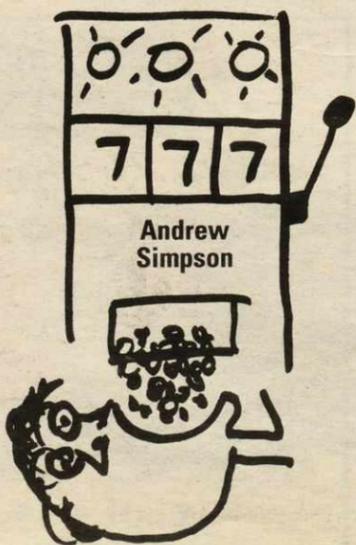
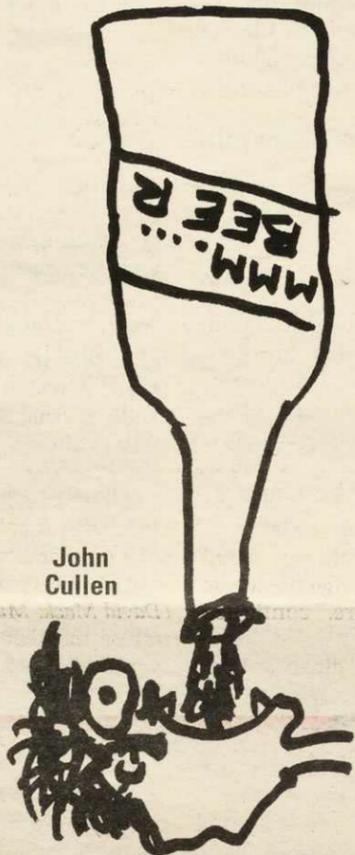
"Yes, you have, and I love you for it."

We entered to the thick, choking smell of Ben Gay and Old Spice. John immediately ran for the bar while I elbowed my way towards the poker screens. We were soon in fits of heavenly self-indulgence — me with my gambling, and John with his booze. We catered to our vices for the better part of an hour, absorbing the 50s jingles on the stereo and the sanitized, neon decor surrounding us. I zoned out on the disco ball for a while and had some powerful, polyester day-dreams.

Suddenly it hit me — I was being watched. I looked over at John, who had the frightened look of a deer about to be crushed by the unfriendly front fender of a Mack truck. He knew the eyes were boring holes in the back of his skull. He was frozen.

From every corner of the room, the eyes stared out from wrinkled faces.

*Pale desperation  
Hunkered in a  
dingy bar  
Sucking at our  
youth*



One of the more bold (bald?) of the male patrons lunged at John, but John's youthful athleticism enabled him to deftly sidestep the pathetic assault. John screeched with glee as the man landed, spread-eagle, on the floor.

"This place is getting hostile, let's flee before Yoda gets his second wind," said John.

"But I'm a hundred bucks up in poker! We can't leave now," I selfishly replied.

"Fuck the poker, addict. This

is about preserving our youth. Your measly C-note can't buy that back."

We quickly stole into the night, full of the arrogance of our limited years.

"Why do those dusters keep bothering us with all that talk about their life experience?" I said to John. "We already know everything worth knowing."

"Yeah..." said John, not really understanding. "Let's go find a good place to get drunk."

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REVIEWS AND SPEWS

All Mixed Up  
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If you didn't get enough of La Bouche the first time round, you can now purchase the "new" al-

bum. *All Mixed Up* features all of their housey-housey dancefloor smashes in extended remixes.

The lucky listener gets not one but two versions each of "Be My Lover", "Sweet Dreams" and "Fallin' in Love" which leads one to believe that this is nothing more than an "extended" scam. The album also features club mixes of "Forget Me Nots" and "I Love to Love". These songs may have sounded great last year when we were all pickled in any one of Halifax's fine downtown establishments, but this is the crack of dawn and most of us are stone cold sober.

The icing on the cake is, however, the "Megamix", a heartless fusion of their most overplayed hits — the audio equivalent of mental fellatio. This also sums up the rest of the album. It is a crock of the most vile effluent. It is a rip-off of monumental proportions. Do not purchase this. If a friend of yours owns this CD, you must break it. It is crap and must therefore be "wiped" out.

EUGENIA BAYADA

*It Happened One Night*  
Holly Cole  
Alert

As a general rule live albums are never good. They invariably fail to capture the true live dynamic of any band, save perhaps Kiss' *Alive I* and Peter Frampton's *Frampton Comes Alive*. To witness first hand a glaring example of a horrible live album, please see U2's *Rattle and Hum*.

A disappointing, uneventful live album is Holly Cole's latest — and first — live album, *It Happened One Night*. The deficiencies in this album, to be sure, are many. In particular, the CD offers the listener little in the way of anything new, and what it does offer lacks depth and profundity.

Recorded on the tour promoting her mildly successful album *Temptation*, *It Happened One Night* contains a meagre eight songs spanning most of Cole's previous albums. Unfortunately, the songs closely resemble the album versions: examples are "The Train Song" and "Que Sera Sera". It makes one wonder what the point of the live CD was in the first place. One would do better to purchase the studio versions and avoid subjecting themselves to the tepid applause which occurs between songs, as well as Cole's meek "Merci" at the conclusion of most tracks.

Furthermore, *It Happened One Night* has an austere consistency which precludes it from reaching any peak, and it fails to reflect the

musical intensity for which Cole is capable; more songs might have achieved this. For example, there is little or no improvisation and no live feel is given to the tracks. Moreover, the songs are lacking in real emotional depth and excitement which live performances are supposed, in my view, to provide. In short, this album is just plain boring.

*It Happened One Night* does contain a Multimedia Program, which, though I didn't check this out, might increase the desirability of the CD. But unless you are a hardcore Holly Cole fan, or in search of a quasi-greatest hits album with a small sampling of Cole's songs, then purchasing *It Happened One Night* is probably unwise.

ANTHONY SKELTON

*One Fierce Beer Coaster*  
Bloodhound Gang  
Republic/Geffen

Buy this album if you like old Beastie Boys (circa *License to Ill*). *One Fierce Beer Coaster* rocks. The Bloodhound Gang are a playful, immature rap/rock group who seem to fit into the "white rap" genre alongside House of Pain and the Beasties.

Their style is self-proclaimed "middle school" due to the Beavis and Butt-head-type humour that pervades the album. The horrifically crude, insulting, amusing lyrics poke fun at everything from homosexuals to homophobes, boyfriends to girlfriends, their audience to themselves. Jimmy Pop Ali is the band's head guy. He sings, writes, produces and seems bent on presenting a rather unflattering picture of himself, especially when he spouts lines like "I know I'm known as Polaroid/It's cause I'm done in sixty seconds and you still want it enlarged."

*One Fierce Beer Coaster* seems to be more aimed at the stereotypical male audience with song titles like: "Kiss Me Where it Smells Funny" (No, not armpits folks) and "I Wish I Was Queer So I Could Get Chicks."

Musically, these guys aren't amazing...or even skilled, yet they have a knack for writing catchy riffs. A few friends of mine even dared to go as far as to compare the Bloodhound Gang to The Presidents of the United States of America...on crack.

Overall impression? Go for it. It's fun and frolicky, and hey, like the message on the lyric sheet warns, "If you find the contents of these lyrics offensive, you're not cool."

JEREMIAH HIERS



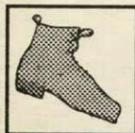
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# Volleyball repels Red menace

BY AARON BLEASDALE

The UNB Varsity Reds came to town last weekend for a pair of games against the women's volleyball team. Even though Dal boasted a marginally better record — 10-2 versus UNB's 9-5 — the Reds weren't to be taken lightly.

UNB's roster boasts several Canada Games players — a slip in intensity could easily have seen the Reds walk away with both games. Dal head coach Leslie Irie wanted to make sure that didn't happen.

"I don't pay much attention to records," said Irie.

On Saturday, the Reds wasted no time in letting the Tigers know they were in for a struggle. They won the marathon, 35-minute first set by a score of 17-15, and pushed Dal to the limit in the second. The Tigers were on the verge of losing the second set, and control of the game, but they battled

back and triumphed 17-16 in play punctuated by some exciting rallies. The remaining two sets were just as tough, but Dal pulled them out, 15-12 and 15-13.

During the game, Dal had to play some solid defense to overcome the powerful hitting of UNB's Chantal Martin. In her fifth year, Martin is a one-woman team. Every time the Reds' setter sent the ball her way, the crowd held its collective breath.

"Her shots are hard, harder, and hardest," said Irie.

It was a treat to watch Martin and Dal's unflappable Jenn Parkes — two of the AUAAs' best power middle players — face each other on the same court.

The game also saw the resurgence of Tiger team captain Cara MacKenzie. She had been in a little bit of a slump, but was dominant on Saturday, racking up 27 kills and winning Player of the Game honours. For the weekend



Dal volleyballer digs a UNB attack. The Tigers swept the weekend series, 3-1, 3-1.

# Men move to 8-0

BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie Tigers, fresh from winning a silver medal at the Dal Classic, continued their winning course with a pair of victories over the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds last weekend at Dalplex.

Captain Eric Villeneuve led the way with 15 kills for the Tigers in their 15-4, 15-1 and 15-4 devastation of the Reds on Sunday. The undefeated Tigers only needed 55 minutes for the 3-0 sweep. They stand alone at 8-0 in the conference standings, while UNB dropped to 4-4.

Other top performers for Dal were Terry Martin and Jamie Mallon who both had 11 kills. Setter Peter Exall was named Player of the Game as well as Dalhousie's Athlete of the Week for his solid performance. Jason Stewart had 6 kills and 2 service aces in the Reds' losing effort.

The next day, Dalhousie only needed a little more than an hour to defeat the Reds. UNB had managed to put up more of a fight but the effort was wasted as Dal triumphed 15-6, 15-5, and 15-8. Villeneuve continued to impress with 15 kills and 2 blocks, while teammates Jason Trepanier and Martin added 13 kills and 12 kills respectively. Player of the Game honours went to fourth year veteran John Hobin who had 5 kills and 3 blocks in the Tigers' victory. Dennis King responded with 10 kills for the Reds.

With the victories last weekend, Dalhousie retained their 4th place national ranking. They'll be looking for a chance to solidify this ranking when the Varsity Reds host an AUAU tournament from Feb. 21-23.

Memorial will also be competing in this year's last league action.

The Tigers last home game will be played on Feb. 28 and 29

MacKenzie had 45 kills and only 9 errors, and pounded out a formidable 48% attack efficiency

(30% is considered good).

"She's realized she's gotta take things into her own hands...she did that," commented Irie.

UNB came out hard again on Sunday, anxious to avenge the previous day's loss. The first set was a 15-13 Dal win, but the Reds came back to win the second 15-11. The third saw Dal take control of the game with a 15-11 win. The Reds looked out of steam and got run over 15-3 in the

fourth. It was the only set in the two game series to be decided by more than three points.

UNB was some tough competition over the weekend, and despite two four-set victories, Dal had to dig deep and pull out some key points. Coach Irie isn't concerned, however.

"We're finding ways to win," Irie said. "It might not be the prettiest, but this time of year, that's what you want to see."



against the Reds for the Atlantic Championships and the right to represent the AUAU at the National Championships in Calgary in early March.

# Axemen fell men's basketball

BY ANDREW COOK

The Acadia Axemen snapped a seven game AUAU losing streak against Dalhousie on Tuesday night, stealing an 81-78 decision at the Dalplex.

The Axemen, mired in last place for much of the season, received an inspired second half performance from their low post combo of Derek Cotton and Jan Trojanowski in capturing the win. The two 6'8" forwards combined to score 20 of Acadia's 40 second half points, including two critical Trojanowski lay ups in the final two minutes.

Key for the Axemen was a subtle lineup change which saw sophomore forward Colin Popone inserted into the starting five in favour of Victor Herbert. Herbert, a freshman point guard, had been clearly overmatched against All-Canadian Brian Parker in the

teams' two previous meetings and while Popone didn't fill up the stat sheets he added stability that Acadia previously lacked.

Also significant was the unusually strong play from the Acadia bench. Forwards Adam Gladwin and Jim O'Grady carried Acadia through the first half with a combined 14 points and 7 rebounds. Dalhousie's bench, aside from Stan Mitchell, could only manage 3 points and 4 rebounds in the entire contest.

Not to be forgotten was the Axemen's excellent performance from the free throw line. Acadia was 20 for 23, including Mark Headley's two free throws with 14 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

There was, however, marked improvement in Dal's shot selection. Guards Tremayne Howe and Mitchell, both of whom have struggled through hard times of

late, returned to their form of old. Mitchell led the way with 16 points off the bench, while Howe added a career high 7 rebounds to his 15 points. Parker shared a game high 16 with Mitchell, with Ray Fountain and Darryl Baptiste rounding out the Tiger double figure scorers. One name conspicuously absent from that list was Shawn Plancke who was never able to get into a rhythm offensively.

The loss came on the heels of the Tigers' 70-69 overtime win in Fredericton on Saturday night against the UNB Varsity Reds. In a game in which Dalhousie held double digit leads in the second half, the Reds fought back only to lose out in the end. The Tigers battled through foul trouble to bring home the crucial 4-point out-of-province win and remain in second position in the league.

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## this week's games:

### Friday, February 14

Swimming AUAAs @ Dalplex pool (Until Sunday)

### Saturday, February 15

Volleyball(w) @ UCCB, 7 p.m.  
Hockey vs. UPEI, 7 p.m. @ Memorial Arena

### Sunday, February 16

Volleyball(w) @ UCCB, 1 p.m.  
Basketball(w) vs. UCCB, 1 p.m. @ Dalplex  
Basketball(m) vs. UCCB, 3 p.m. @ Dalplex

### Tuesday, February 18

Basketball(w) @ UNB, 6:30 p.m.  
Basketball(m) @ UNB, 8:30 p.m.

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# Winless streak ends at five

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

Dalhousie's hockey team came away with three points from their last three games as they tied SMU at 2-2 last Wednesday, dropped 3-2 to UNB on Saturday and pulled a 3-2 overtime win out of Mount Allison on Sunday.

At the Metro Centre, the Tigers started off strong against the Huskies, causing the home team to take their first time-out within the first four minutes of play. Regardless, Marc Warner deked past SMU's James Sheehan a short while later to net the game-opener from the slot.

Dal increased their lead to 2-0 in the second period when blue-liner Shane Gibbs slammed the puck into the top of the Huskies' net. Only two minutes later, SMU's Casey Walsh tipped the puck in from the crease, narrowing the difference. The equalizer came from Brad Mulvihill with only a few minutes left in the game.

"They got an easy puck on net, Freddy got screened and they tied it up," explained Tiger forward Jason Pellerin.

Saturday's game against UNB saw a much faster pace. Dal's Trevor Doyle scored the first goal short-handed on the rebound from an attempt by Pellerin. The Reds were quick to tie when Peter MacKellar deked past Gibbs and Jeff Letourneau. MacKellar scored again in the second period to edge the Fredericton team past Dal.

Luke Naylor added a wristshot from the slot on a pass from Carson to tie the teams at 2-2 at the end of the second frame.

"Once again, it all came down to who was going to pay the price in the third and [who would] get the puck on net," commented Pellerin. "We were very effective except a few flaws here and there."

It was UNB's Jeff Andrews who netted the third period's go-ahead goal and the score remained firm at 3-2. However, head coach Darrell Young was satisfied with his team's effort.

"I thought that we served a better fate tonight," he commented. "The commitment, the work, the style were all there."

"Tonight we finally showed up. Good things will happen from there with hard work," added forward Doyle.

"Goals are coming hard these days," noted Gibbs. "We're lacking a little 'zip' around the net, in finishing. Other than that, we're playing well."

On Sunday, Dal dominated the ice as they outshot, outchanced and outplayed Mount Allison. However, it was Mountie Tom Malcolm who scored first. The equalizer came from Dave Carson with just 19 seconds remaining in the second frame.

Greg Foulidis delivered a slapshot from the slot at 16:25 of the third frame to put the Mounties ahead but Tiger Martin LaPointe responded at 17:53 with a slapshot from the blue-line.

The game went into sudden-death overtime which Luke Naylor solved with a wristshot from the slot at 1:07. Tiger goaltender Fred Corkum took Player of the Game honours for his solid performance between the pipes.

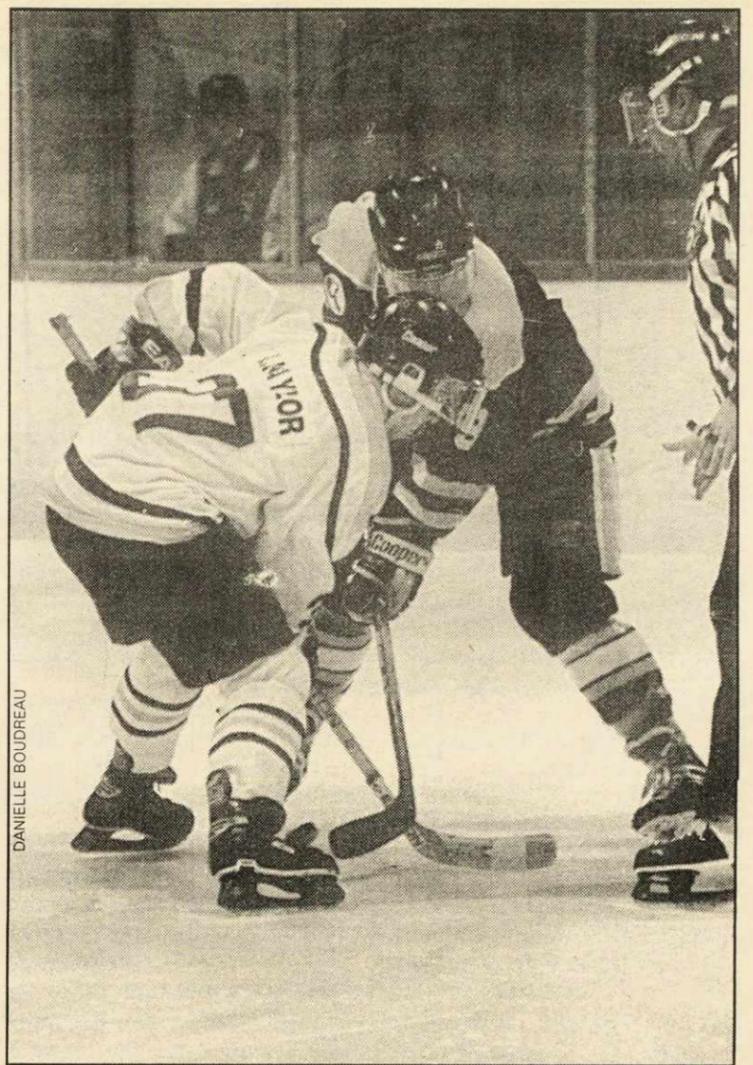
"We're just glad that we managed to pull a win out of that one," he said after the Tigers' first win in six starts.

"It's always a tough game against those guys — they always play hard," noted assistant captain LaPointe. "The key point was to shoot and go to the net and that's what we did and got some breaks and we scored."

The Tigers are putting the final touches to their game in preparation for the playoffs which start on February 19 at Memorial Arena.

"When you get to the playoffs, games become more difficult — execution must be more efficient and attention to detail becomes that much more important," pointed out Young.

The Tigers' final game of the season will take place this Saturday at 7 p.m. as Dal hosts the UPEI Panthers at Memorial Arena.



Luke Naylor faces off against Mount Allison. The Tigers won the game 3-2 in OT.

# Birthday girl Parkes Acadia

BY AMY DUNPHY

Sue Parkes celebrated her birthday Tuesday night the way most Dalhousie varsity athletes would love to celebrate: with a mauling of the Acadia Axettes. Acadia never stood a chance. Even poor officiating couldn't stop the women's basketball team from dominating 62-43.

At times it seemed as though Acadia came out to play football rather than basketball, trying to push Carolyn Wares around the paint and Patti Hutchinson into the scorer's table. Fortunately for Dal, players like hard-working Sue Parkes refused to give in to the Axettes' physical style of play and set the pace early on, earning 17

points, 3 assists and 11 rebounds. She was on fire and has been since the Christmas break.

"I seem to have found my place on the team," Parkes said, and judging from the way she leads the team on the floor, most would agree with her. But she is quick to point out the play of her teammates.

"It's easy to play well when you have great guards like Dani Moe and Patti Hutchinson who can get you the ball at anytime, from anywhere," said Parkes.

And they do get her the ball in seemingly impossible situations. They do so because they know that Parkes, and Carolyn Wares, can finish the play, either with a score or with two made free throws. Parkes and Wares are fifth and seventh respectively in AUA free throw percentage rankings.

Tuesday night was a prime example of the guards and post

players working together to put on a show. The Hutchinson-Wares combination was working well, and Jodie Euloth and Moe were firing some pretty passes into the paint as well.

Dalhousie seems to be on a roll over the past few weeks, winning their last five games. They are now sitting in first place atop the AUA standings.

"Lately we have been playing really well," said Parkes. "It looks like we should peak at a good time, right around playoffs."

With playoffs just around the corner and only five games left, Parkes says that the team seems to be anxious and excited to play every game in anticipation of the AUA championships. Hopefully coach Carolyn Savoy will have the girls in top playing condition so that they can successfully defend their AUA title in March.

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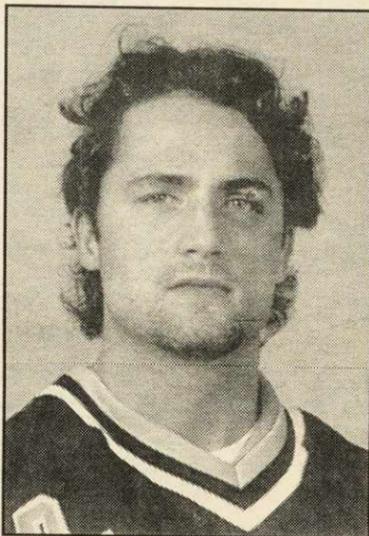
PROFILE

# Go ahead, make his day...

BY NIK MADAN

"No more BS," he says, looking me right in the eye. "No more is that going to happen. They may beat us because they have the better skills, but they will never beat us because we don't come out to play. Never. When they leave the rink, they're going to know they've been in a hockey game."

He is David Haynes, Captain of Dalhousie's hockey team. They are the Tigers' arch-nemesis, the Acadia Axemen. Today is the morning after the night before, when in front of some 2,000 fans, the Tigers beat Acadia 6-5 in overtime in what many called the best game of the year.



He's still looking me in the eye. Of course he has respect for Acadia and their achievements, he explains, but there comes a time when one gets fed up with losing. After five years of being dumped out of the playoffs by Acadia, that time is now.

Before we started the interview, we had stopped at David's apartment. As I walked in, the first thing I saw was a huge Clint Eastwood poster. Great, I thought. There's my whole story right there: Lone Ranger comes from over the prairies, armed with a gun, to save the town from its foes. I was wrong. He might be armed with a hockey stick, and may well deliver us from Acadia, but David Haynes is no Lone Ranger.

His is a familiar hockey story of moving. Born in Kitchener, Ontario, David came to Nova Scotia when he was twelve, after his parents split up. Haynes played minor hockey in the Valley, Tier Two in Halifax and Major Junior in Quebec. He eventually ended up at university after a brief stop in Granby. Two people were instrumental in his coming to Dalhousie: his longtime girlfriend Jennie and Tiger hockey coach Darrell Young.

He pauses to sip some water. At 6'1" and some 200 lbs, wear-

ing his trademark ball-cap, he cuts an imposing figure. He also has a habit of looking you right in the face when talking to you. He never looks away until he's done talking. This intense, in-your-face manner is clearly what inspires those around him, and unsettles opponents. I ask him about his captaincy.

"I take tremendous pride in wearing that C. You wouldn't believe how much. It's nice to be the captain and have lots of ice time, but what's the point if you can't enjoy it with others."

Those guys on the team are all great guys. That's what drives me on. I would do anything for the guys. I can't give enough for them. My girlfriend thinks I give too much, but that's how I am. Win or lose, it's that togetherness and teamwork that's important. I put great pressure on myself, and it hurts me personally when the team isn't doing well."

It is undoubtedly this dedication and determination that led to David's selection for the Kelly Division Team at the third annual AUAA All-Star Game. Naturally, he was excited at the prospect of taking part.

"I was honoured to be picked for two reasons. Firstly, the Tim Horton's Cup is a class act. The organisers put a lot of effort into putting on a good show. The second reason is that I am honoured to be a coach's pick. This is important to me because it means they notice the little things I do, and my competitive nature, even though I haven't had the best season points-wise."

Haynes has a way of making the most of his opportunities. He scored in the All-Star Game. In his third year of Major Junior, he was appointed captain of the Laval team, despite the fact that he wasn't really enjoying himself there. Prior to this season, he attended the Portland Pirates training camp, and proved to himself that he can play at the AHL level.

In typically modest fashion, rather than acknowledge his own play as the reason for

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## athletes of the week

### Cara McKenzie, Women's Volleyball



This past weekend Cara helped the Tigers to back to back wins over UNB. She managed 44 kills (with a kill efficiency of 48%), 14 digs and 3 aces. On Saturday, she was player of the game. During the summer, the Sydney N.S. product earned a tryout with the National B team. Cara is a third year athlete studying Sociology. She stands 173 cm tall and is 20 years of age.

### Peter Exall, Men's Volleyball



This past weekend, Peter managed 3 blocks, 4 digs and 3 aces in two back to back matches against UNB. The Tigers won both matches and will host AUAA's at the end of the month. Peter was selected as Player of the Game on Saturday. He is a second year athlete from Calgary, Alberta. He's a transfer student from the University of Calgary. He stands 6'2", 175 lbs. Peter is 20 years old and is studying Psychology at Dalhousie.

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getting this chance, David credits Young as the prime mover in getting him his opportunity.

I ask what the future holds in store for the Tigers, and the speed of David's reply catches me

off-guard. This is something he has very definite ideas about.

"We have no stars on our team. We have a bunch of players who come out and work hard every game. They sacrifice themselves in the corners, and do the little things that are needed to make this team win. We have the best fans in the nation, and if they come out to support us, and we

can keep working hard, then we can give this university something it's never had."

The interview comes to an end. As he disappears over the horizon, I realize I was way off with the whole Lone Ranger thing. This guy is very definitely his own man. Not so much the next Clint Eastwood, but rather the first David Haynes.

# Axemen

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Leading the way for Dalhousie was Fountain and Plancke, both registering double doubles including Fountain's game high 18 points. Parker and Mitchell added 17 and 16 respectively.

After a second consecutive week of splitting two games, Dalhousie finds itself at 10-4 in conference play with 30 points, still good enough for second spot. They remain in the top five of the national polls at #4.

Dalhousie next prepares for the UCCB Capers who travel to Halifax this weekend for a 3 p.m. Sunday showdown at the Dalplex.

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## intramural schedule

### February 14 - February 20

Remember to Check Dial-a-Rec on the day of your game to confirm your Game time. 494-2588

#### FRIDAY FEB. 14

##### Co-ed C Broomball

1:00 p.m. Killer Cod vs. Ultimate Rascals  
2:00 p.m. Exterminators vs. Pharmacy

#### SUNDAY FEB. 16

##### Co-ed A Basketball Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Court 1: Pharmacy vs. Rec 3  
7:30 p.m. Court 2: Killer Cod vs. Dentistry  
8:30 p.m. Court 1: Girl Guides vs. Loser 7:30 game  
8:30 p.m. Court 2: Wild Raiders vs. Loser 7:30 game

##### Mens A Basketball Playoffs

1:00 p.m. Cool Moe Dees vs. Swim Team  
2:00 p.m. Pharmacy vs. Minutemen  
3:00 p.m. Dentistry vs. Freaks of Nature  
4:00 p.m. Law vs. Med Heartbeats

##### Mens Res. B Hockey

No games.

##### Co-ed C Volleyball Championship Match

6:30 p.m. Rizzos vs. Geology

##### Co-ed B Broomball Div. 1 Playoffs

9:30 p.m. Physio vs. Girl Guides  
10:30 p.m. Chemistry vs. Eliza  
11:30 p.m. OT vs. Loser 9:30 game

##### Co-ed B Broomball Div. 2 Playoffs

9:30 p.m. Pharmacy vs. MBA  
10:30 p.m. Glengary vs. Med Shooters  
11:30 p.m. Wild Raiders vs. Loser 9:30 game

#### MONDAY FEB. 17

##### Res. A Hockey Playoffs

11:00 p.m. Cameron vs. Bronson/Smith  
12:00 p.m. Henderson vs. Eliza/Studley

##### Mens A hockey Playoffs

8:00 p.m. Ultimate Rascals vs. Law  
9:00 p.m. Medicine vs. Commerce  
10:00 p.m. Dentistry vs. Physio

##### Women's Basketball Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Raiders vs. Sheriff II  
8:30 p.m. Sheriff I vs. Pharmacy

##### Mens B Basketball

9:30 p.m. Law vs. Purple People  
10:30 p.m. Pharmacy vs. Chemistry

##### Co-ed B Volleyball Div. 1 Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Game(5): Rec 3 vs. Comp Science  
8:30 p.m. Game (6): Physio vs. Ultimate Rascals  
8:30 p.m. Game (8): Daps vs. Purple People  
9:30 p.m. Game (9): SAA Shooters vs. MBA  
9:30 p.m. Game (10): Loser of (6) vs. Winner of (8)

##### Co-ed B Volleyball Div. 2

7:30 p.m. Game (2): Commerce vs. Pharmacy

#### TUESDAY FEB. 18

##### Mens B Hockey Playoffs

8:30 p.m. Loser of game (2) vs. Loser of game (3)  
9:30 p.m. Loser of game (4) vs. Loser of game (5)  
10:30 p.m. Winner of game (1) vs. Winner of game (2)  
11:30 p.m. Winner of game (3) vs. Winner of game (4)

##### Coed A Volleyball

7:00 p.m. Loser of game (7) vs. Winner of game (10)  
7:00 p.m. Loser of game (6) vs. Winner of game (11)  
8:00 p.m. Winner of game (5) vs. Winner of game (7)  
8:00 p.m. Winner of game (12) vs. Winner of game (13)  
9:00 p.m. Loser of game (8) vs. Winner of game (14)  
9:00 p.m. Winner of game (8) vs. Winner of game (6)

#### WEDNESDAY FEB. 19

##### Mens Res. B Hockey

11:00 p.m. Loser of game (1) vs. Loser of game (2)

##### Mens C Hockey Playoffs

8:00 p.m. Dentistry vs. Med Blasters  
9:00 p.m. Loser of game (1) vs. Loser of game (2)  
10:00 p.m. Loser of game (3) vs. Loser of game (4)  
12:00 p.m. Winner of game (1) vs. Winner of Game (2)

##### Co-ed Innertube Water Polo Playoffs

8:40 p.m. Winner of game (1) vs. Winner of game (2)  
9:10 p.m. Winner of game (3) vs. Winner of game (4)  
9:50 p.m. Winner of game (4) vs. Winner of game (5)

##### Women's Volleyball Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Pharmacy vs. Winner of game (2)  
8:30 p.m. Winner of game (3) vs. Loser of game (4)  
9:30 p.m. Winner of game (1) vs. Winner of game (4)

##### Mens B Basketball Playoffs

Games TBA.

##### Mens Res. A Basketball

7:30 p.m. Loser of game (1) vs. Loser of game (2)  
9:30 p.m. Winner of game (1) vs. Winner of game (4)

##### Mens Res. B Basketball

7:30 p.m. Raiders vs. Killer Cod

#### THURSDAY FEB. 20

##### Mens A Volleyball Playoffs Begin

7:30 p.m. Game (6): Teams TBA.  
8:30 p.m. Game (7): Teams TBA.  
9:30 p.m. Game (8): Teams TBA.

##### Mens B Volleyball Playoffs

7:30 p.m. Game (7): Teams TBA.  
8:30 p.m. Game (8): Team TBA.  
9:30 p.m. Game (9) - If needed.

##### Co-ed B Basketball

7:30 p.m. Game (1): #1 vs. #4  
8:30 p.m. Game (2): #4 vs. #8  
9:30 p.m. Game (3): #2 vs. #6  
10:30 p.m. Game (4): #3 vs. #7

##### Coed A Broomball

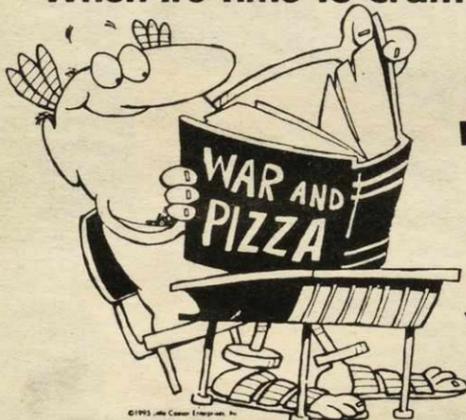
11:00 Winner of game (1) vs. Winner of game (2)  
12:00 Loser of game (1) vs. Loser of game (2)



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# On campus & around the city

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February 13 - February 19, 1997

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**

**PAW (People for Animal Welfare)** meeting today at 5 p.m. in the SUB. Check at info desk for location. This is going to be our permanent meeting time for the rest of the term. New members always welcome — if you are interested in animal rights then come on down!

**NSPIRG's new and improved food issues group** is having a lunchtime meeting at 11:45 a.m. in the NSPIRG office (Room 315 in the SUB).

**Corte Dance Club** meeting at 8 p.m. in the SUB McInnes Room.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH**

**"New Electron Deficient Cyclic and New Curved Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds"** will be the subject of a Chemistry Seminar at 1:30 p.m. in Chemistry Room 226. All are welcome, and coffee and donuts will be provided at 1:15 p.m. in Room 225.

**"Memory, Trash and Politics: Community Struggles in an Argentine Working Class Neighbourhood"** will be the subject of a Sociology lecture at 2:30 p.m. in Room 202 of the SOSA building.

**Economics Society** meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 306 of the SUB.

**Chinese Christian Fellowship** is gathering at 7:30 p.m. in Room 316 of the SUB.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**

**Let's Talk About Love** — a discussion hosted by the Dal Ass'n for Ba'hai Studies, at 6:30 p.m. in SUB Room 310. All are welcome — bring your thoughts for a dynamic evening!

**Dal Magic** meeting at 11:30 a.m. in SUB Room 316.

**Illuminated Thoughts Society** meeting at 1:30 p.m. in SUB Room 318.

**Ba'hai Students Association** meeting at 6 p.m. in SUB Room 310.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**

**"That Time", the Samuel Beckett play** with recorded voice and a single performer, will be presented at the SMU Art Gallery at 7 p.m. For more information call 420-5445.

**INDISA** meeting at 2 p.m. in SUB Room 310.

**Omega Pi Sorority** meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in Room 316 of the SUB.

**Greek Council** meeting at 4:30 p.m. in SUB Room 310.

**Zeta Psi** meeting at 7 p.m. in SUB Room 306.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

**"Glycoconjugate Vaccines"** will be the subject of a Chemistry Seminar at 1:30 p.m. in Chemistry Room 540. All are welcome, and coffee and donuts will be provided at 1:15 p.m.

**Alpha Gamma Delta** meeting at 6 p.m. in Room 224/226 of the SUB.

**EcoAction Student Environmental Group** meeting in Room 306 of the SUB at 6 p.m. Call 494-6662 for more information.

**Bluenose Chess Club** meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the SUB. This club is open to all members of the community and is free. Contact Kim Tufts at 423-9274 or nst1286@fox.nstn.ca for more info.

**Dalhousie Science Society** meeting at 7 p.m. in the SUB Council Chambers.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

**NSPIRG presents "I am Cuba"** as part of their tapeworm series in the Killam Library's MacMechan Auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but we are asking for a donation to the Metro Food Bank.

**Black Students Advising Centre Open House/Coffee Hour** in the Student Resource Room. All are welcome. Please call 494-6648 for details.

**"Defending Native Rights - Stop the Backlash"** will be discussed at this week's meeting of the International Socialists. All are welcome at 7 p.m. in Room 310 of the SUB.

**"Humanitarian Mine Clearance"** will be the subject of this week's Foreign Policy Studies Lunchtime Seminar Series lecture, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 319 of the A&A.

**Illuminated Thoughts Society** meeting at 7 p.m. in SUB Room 307.

**Axe Brazil** meets at 5:30 p.m. in Room 224/226 of the SUB.

**Wrestling Club** meeting at 8 p.m. in SUB Room 306.

**Narcotics Anonymous** will be meeting in SUB Room 316 at 7:30 p.m.

**SODALES** meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the SUB Council Chambers.

**Ballroom Dancing Society** meeting at 7 p.m. in the SUB McInnes Room.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**

**"Charge Transfer Salts: Past, Present, and Future"** will be the subject of a Chemistry Seminar at 1:30 p.m. in Chemistry Room 226. All are welcome, and coffee and donuts will be provided at 1:15 p.m. in Room 225.

**Earth, Body and Blood: alternatives for menstrual health and well-being** is the topic of a workshop being offered by NSPIRG's women's health collective at Saint Mary's University. The workshop will be held in Room 305, McNally Main Building, from 6-8:30 p.m. Please bring a mug as herbal tea will be provided. Call 453-4840 for info.

**"The Woman is Right...Again!"**, a hilarious "game show" hosted by Cathy Jones and Ed MacDonald, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the McInnes Room of the SUB. Tickets are \$12 (students and unwaged) and \$15 (regular), and proceeds go to support Stepping Stone. Tickets can be purchased at Entitlement Books or by calling 420-0103.

**"Reproductive Health"** will be the subject of the Women's Health Issues Discussion Group meeting being held at the Grad House from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**"Oceans Policy and Maritime Strategy: Divergent Courses or Making the Rendezvous?"** will be the topic of a lecture given at 12:30 p.m. in Room 319 of the A&A building as part of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies lunchtime seminar series.

**Student Alumni Association** meeting at 5:30 p.m. in SUB Room 316.

**Engineering Students Society** meeting at 6 p.m. in SUB Room 318.

Submissions for the Dalendar are due by 4:30 p.m. on Mondays, and should be brief and typed or printed clearly. Please include the title, date, time and location of your event, a contact name and number, and how long you want it to run for (in the case of Announcements).

## announcements

**Dalhousie Theatre Department presents Arcadia**, by Tom Stoppard, from February 12th-15th. Student/Senior tickets are \$5, regular tickets are \$10. Tickets are available at the Arts Centre Box Office, 494-3820.

**Medical Computing and Medical Services Open House** — on February 14th, 1-4 p.m., in the basement of the Tupper building. Food and drink will be available. Come and see our staff, check out our equipment and see what we can do for you!

**Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students will be holding a referendum** on amendments to the association's By-Laws on Thursday, February 20th from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The polling locations will be the Grad House, A&A Building, NE entrance and main entrance of the Tupper building, and the SBA.

**SMU Art Gallery presents "Alliances: The Family"**, a photographic exhibition that examines many facets of family life. This exhibition runs from February 19th-30th. For more information, call 420-5445.

**The Theatre Arts Guild presents two one-act plays**, "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All For You" and "The Actor's Nightmare", at the Pond Playhouse (6 Parkhill Road, Halifax) from February 13th to March 1st. The plays run from Thursday to Saturday nights at 8 p.m. The first night is a \$5.00 "preview" night, and after that tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$9 for seniors/students. Please call 477-2663 for more info.

**Calling All Poets** — The League of Canadian Poets invites you to submit your poetry to the first Canadian Poetry Chapbook

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

sponsored by the Dalhousie Volunteer Bureau, SUB Room 452, 494-1561

**Stepping Stone** is an organization which helps prostitutes and former prostitutes. They need people to help with their literacy tutoring and fundraising. Please call 420-0103 for more info.

**The Canadian Mental Health Ass'n** needs volunteers for its "Building Bridges" program. Volunteers work on a one-to-one basis, offering friendship and support with a person experiencing a mental health disorder. Please call 455-5445 for more info.

**Brunswick Street United Church** needs volunteers to help with their clothing centre, daily breakfast programs, and administrative tasks. Please call 423-4605 for more info.

Competition. Prizes range from \$1,000 to \$500 and the first prize winner will see his/her manuscript published by the League. Contest closing date is March 1st, 1997. For full contest details, send an SASE to the League at 54 Wolseley Street, Suite 204, Toronto, ON, M5T 1A5. Email league@ican.net, or check out our web site: www.swifty.com/lc.

**The Contemporary Arts Society of N.S.** is having a show and sale from February 10th-22nd inclusive at the Bedford Place Mall during regular mall hours.

**Interested in organic food at great prices?** Then join the nova scotia public interest research group's food cooperative. Place your next co-op order by February 13th before 5 p.m. New members are welcome! Call 494-6662 for more info.

**Programs coming up at the Counselling Centre:** A Gathering of Men, a five-session discussion group for male students, begins March 3rd. Discussion topics will include male role socialization, father-son relationships, friendships, intimacy, and healthy male sexuality. This is a free program but pre-registration is required. Please call 494-2081 to register.

**Nova Scotia Photo Co-op presents "Light Me On Fire: a tribute to Valentine's Day"**. This show of the co-op's work will be held at the Bike Shop Cafe's new location at 2099B Gottingen Street. Please join us on February 14th at 9 p.m. for a reception. Snacks will be provided.

**Are you interested in social justice and environmental issues?** Are you a full time student of Dalhousie University? If so, does the nova scotia public interest research group have a treat for you! We have a vacancy on our board of directors. The term runs until

April 30th, and the board meets every two weeks. Also, we are now accepting applications for our board of directors for the 1997-98 academic year. If you would like more information please give us a holler at 494-6662, or drop by the nsprig office in room 315 of the Dalhousie Student Union Building.

**Want to learn about desktop publishing and recycling at the same time?** Nspirg needs folks to revise, edit and layout our "reduce, reuse, rethink, recycle" manual. Please contact us at 494-6662, Room 315 of the SUB, or nsprig@is2.dal.ca.

**Chief Returning Officer Needed** — for the upcoming board of directors elections. For an honorarium of \$50 you can prepare for your political future by presiding over our elections. Call 494-6662 for more info. Nominations will take place between February 10th and March 19th.

**Pregnant women needed for medical study** — learn more about your sense of smell and diet. If you are over 12 weeks pregnant and would like to participate call Farhad Dastur at 492-8675.

**Join the Buddhists for a free night of meditation instruction, talk and tea** every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Shambhala Centre, 1084 Tower Road, Halifax. Please call 420-1118 for more info.

**Dalhousie Law Young Liberals** are always looking for new members. We are looking forward to an active term as there are elections coming up. Contact Dave at 423-3211 for more information.

**The Dalhousie Ballroom Dancing Society** will be holding its weekly dances in the McInnes Room of the SUB from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. Membership costs \$25 per term and a partner is not required. Please call Bob Eady at 455-6746 or Janet Bradbury at 422-6559 for more info.

## classified ads

Gazette Classifieds. **\$3.00/25 words**. Apparently you can buy or sell anything here. Call Amit at 494-6532

**ASTROLOGY**

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# Grad Class

## WHAT IS THAT ANNUAL FUND THANG?

The *Dalhousie Annual Fund* is a program on campus that raises dollars from alumni, faculty, staff, parents, students and friends on an annual basis from April 1st to March 31st.

Annual Fund dollars are used directly to enhance operating budgets of all departments, schools, divisions and faculties.

## WHAT IS THAT GRAD CLASS CHALLENGE THANG?

The *Grad Class Challenge* is a student initiative where graduating students are asked to make a three year pledge through the Annual Fund.

The goals are to build awareness about the need and benefits of private support for educational institutions and to help generate funds that will benefit future students at Dalhousie.

## HOW DOES THAT GRAD CLASS THANG WORK?

It's easy! Graduating Students (May 1997) from each faculty or department pledge to improve their programs in tangible ways through projects chosen BY students FOR students.

During the Winter Term and into the Spring, volunteer Grad Class representatives ask their classmates from the Class of '97 to make a reasonable pledge over the next three years.

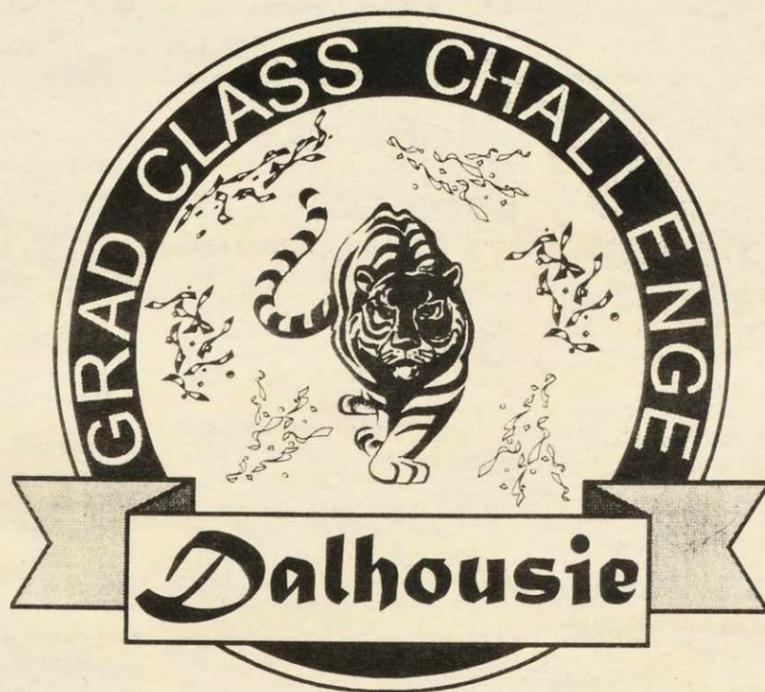
These dollars will double! Individual's donations made within the first year after their graduation will be **MATCHED** by the Board of Governors, dollar for dollar.

For more information please contact either:

Curtis Cartmill, Chair, Grad Class Challenge 1997  
cartmill@ug.cs.dal.ca

Shawna Burgess, Development Officer,  
Room 101, MacDonald Building  
494-6863, shawna.burgess@dal.ca

# Challenge 1997



## Grad Class

# Pub Crawl

Saturday March 15th

4pm Start at the **GRAWOOD**

Pub Crawl cost is \$10 (in advance) which includes a T-Shirt, admission to the bars and the chance to win fabulous prizes. Anyone interested in joining should contact: Shawna Burgess, Development Office, Macdonald Building (shawna.burgess@dal.ca)

Deadline to join the pub-crawl is March 7th at noon!

## Join the Challenge

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