

## Programme provides mentorship opportunity

BY CAROL HILTON

As the academic year begins, so does the implementation of a new program at Dalhousie: the Science Protégé Initiative (SPI). SPI is the product of a collaboration between energetic students, professors, and administrators during the summer months.

In order to get the pilot project ready for the fall, the group had to work quickly. Fortunately, this was facilitated by the cooperation and support of Dr. Warwick Kimmins, Dean of Science, and the Dalhousie Science Society (DSS), led by President Mateo Yorke. Dr. Marcia Ozier, coordinator of the program, said that she is "...delighted with the unanimous enthusiasm for the student/faculty initiative."

SPI connects students and professors in stages. First-year students are paired with "mentor buddies" in their third and fourth years of study, and the mentors are then matched with a professor in their department. Academic cohorts group new students with similar interests in a lateral connection — SPI attempts to provide a vertical connection with new students to senior students to profs which has been lacking in the past.

Goals at these levels of the program differ. Since studies have shown that the first six weeks are the most crucial and difficult in a new student's life, the third and fourth-year students will serve to assist in the transition to university life. As a resource, the senior students will answer any questions the new students may have or direct them to someone who can help them. As a friend, the senior students may introduce their "buddies" to social activities

# Assault on Dal campus

BY JEN HORSEY

The fact that assault doesn't always happen at night was proven this weekend when, at three o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, September 10th, a student was involved in an attempted assault on the boulevard in front of the Student Union Building (SUB).

A woman was approached by an unidentified man and forced to go with him to an undetermined location in the north-east end of campus. There was a struggle, during which the woman received several scratches to her face, but she was able to get away without serious injury.

The woman's identity has not been released, but it has been confirmed that she was a Dalhousie Student, and she has since withdrawn from school.

The Halifax Police were contacted at the time of the incident, and are currently conducting the investigation. However, David Cox, Dalhousie Student Union

(DSU) President, claims that "...investigators are not too confident that the individual will be caught."

"We do have some individuals on campus that have been harassing other women, but we're not sure if there's any link between this and the other incidents that have been happening," Cox said.

The unusual thing about this situation was the time of day — "It is alarming that someone would do this at three in the afternoon," said Cox.

The Student Union is looking at issues regarding the expansion of Dalhousie Security on campus. Changes such as expanding the hours of Tiger Patrol, and the installation of 'security poles' (where students can go to telephone security in the case of an emergency) are being considered as feasible ways to increase security.

In addition, it is hoped that the Tiger Patrol Shuttle bus, a drive-home service which was initiated last year by the DSU, will be operational next week.

Eric McKee, Dalhousie University's Vice President of Student Services, commented that this incident has been handed over to the Halifax Police, and stresses that although this incident occurred within the confines of the campus, "...it is a criminal investigation and not a university security investigation."

In response to the availability of security on campus, McKee commented that the Dalhousie campus is "...still a relatively safe place."

Anne Bartlett is the residence coordinator for Shirreff Hall and Eliza Ritchie, the residences where the majority of students are women. At these places, security is a primary concern, and Bartlett is confident that there are adequate security measures in place.

"We're trying so hard to make our residences a safe and educational environment," said Bartlett.

In addition to the services offered by the university, the residences offer peer counselling services, and work to ensure that access to the residences is closely monitored. "We try to be pro-active rather than reactive," she said.

In a security bulletin released by Dalhousie University, the assailant was described as a "white male, about 30 years of age. He is about five feet seven inches, has a slim build and dirty blond hair. At the time of the incident he was wearing an old beige coat, blue jeans and dark sunglasses."

People who have any additional information about the incident are encouraged to contact Halifax Police at 421-6845 or Dalhousie Security at 494-6400.



## So what happened at the G-7, anyway?

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and share the wisdom gained through their own experiences.

For their efforts, participating third and fourth-year students get the opportunity to have more personal contact with professors and exposure to science. The professors will not only support the senior students and their first-year "buddies", but also provide added insight into academic life, research, and career paths in their chosen fields.

Besides professor contact, sen-

ior students also get a great addition to their résumés, a chance to help others, connection with their peers, and they contribute to the sense of community within the university. Dr. Ozier adds, "The training for senior students in peer advising and advocacy is an important part of this project".

If you are a third or fourth-year science student with a B-average or better and are interested in volunteering or finding out more about this program,

attend the SPI information/workshop meeting on September 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Student Union Building (SUB).

Write down your name, phone number, major, area of interest, and e-mail address and submit it to the DSS post box at the SUB Information Center or bring it to the meeting. A meeting for first-year students will be held on September 25th at the same time and place.

# Winter vacation gains a day

BY JEN HORSEY

Winter vacation just became one day longer.

In Monday afternoon's Senate meeting, a motion that was the result of a Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) initiative changed the start date of classes for the winter term.

Originally, the registrar had students in class on the 2nd of January, but the start date has been moved to the 3rd.

The DSU was responding to complaints from several students who thought that the 2nd was an unreasonable date to be back for school.

"It basically makes common sense," said Chris Lydon, DSU Vice President (VP) Academic, the member who brought the motion to the floor, "there are a number of out of province students who would have had to travel on the 31st of December, or the 1st of January to get back for the start of classes."

In order to allow students an adequate

amount of time to celebrate New Year's with their families, the additional day was added.

Although it is unusual for a student to request that an academic date be changed, the response in Senate was more positive than Lydon and the other DSU executive members had anticipated. The motion passed unanimously.

"We got a few rolling eyes, but that's it" said Lydon.

Registrar Gudrin Curri was positive about the change also.

"It was sensible," said Curri, "and let's face it, one tries to be sensible occasionally."

There were no speakers against the motion, and the only stipulation that was made by the registrar was that no other academic dates were to be challenged. This was requested due to the inconvenience of rescheduling the entire year.

The new Dalhousie president, Dr. Traves, seconded the motion, giving his support to

the idea of giving students the extra day off.

"We discovered, frankly, that the students took the day off," said Traves.

"It is not reasonable to expect them to come back. We decided to fit the holiday schedule into their real-life plans."

For those students who have already booked their tickets, Joanne Long, manager of Travel Cuts, said that they will allow students to change their travel date at no extra cost — provided that it is booked on a student flight.

"We would change [their flight] for free because we told them that classes started on the 2nd," Long said.

However, if the flight is booked through a seat sale, the date cannot be changed.

The new dates for the Winter academic break are now set with classes ending on December 5th, the examination period running from December 7-16th, and classes resuming for the second term on January 3rd.

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**Classes start later in the "B" Term thanks to the DSU!**

The DSU put forth a motion to Senate on September 11, to move the first day of second term classes to **JANUARY 3, 1996** (from January 2, 1996). And it passed! Now that means you have an **EXTRA DAY** to recover from New Year's festivities...

**Attention all Dalhousie Student Union Council Representatives**

Please make sure to contact the DSU Council Offices ASAP!  
Please note: DSU Council Orientation and FIRST Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **September 17, 1995, 2 PM**, in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Student Union Building

**Upcoming Events**

**Campus Fest** - Thursday, September 28  
**1995 Homecoming Weekend** - October 19 to 22  
(Interested in helping out? There is a Homecoming planning session in the SUB, Tuesday, September 19, 6 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.)

**Attention all Societies and Student Groups**

Deadline for mandatory registration\* as a society at Dalhousie for the 1995-1996 academic year is **Monday, October 2, 1995**.

\* (registration requires submission of completed pink society registration form and copy of society's constitution.)

Please contact the Lilli Ju or Curtis Cartmill at the DSU Council Offices for more information on registering your society or creating a new society.

Please note: The Fall Society Roundtable, an information session for 1995-1996 society executives, is scheduled for **Monday, September 25, 1995, 6 PM**, in the SUB

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**Monday, Sept. 25 - 10 AM**, Nominations open, pick up package at DSU Office

**Monday, Oct. 2 - 10 AM**, Nominations close and all-candidates mandatory meeting with CRO

**Tuesday, Oct. 3 - 8 AM** Campaign period commences

**Tuesday, Oct. 10 - 8 PM** Campaign period ends

**Oct. 11 and 12:** Senate Representation Voting days

**Oct. 11,12 and 13:** Referenda Voting days

**DSU Contact Information**

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## CROSS-CANADA BRIEFS

### York professor suing university for libel

TORONTO (CUP) — A sociology professor is suing York University and members of a college student association for over \$2.6 million in damages.

Professor Doug Smith, who teaches a course called Racism in Popular Culture, launched the suit against York and the Atkinson College Student Association (ACSA) in response to statements printed about him in ACSA's Summer 1994 Teacher Evaluation Results booklet.

The booklet contains students' evaluations of courses they took at the college. Following each course, students are asked to anonymously complete a questionnaire. In the past, the university has put this type of information in a reference book which students could not take home to examine.

"For the first time we took the information and made it into an interesting book — students will really find it useful for picking courses," explained Les Swan, chair of the ACSA.

Smith has always looked forward to seeing the students comments at the end of the course but he was shocked at the description of his class in this year's book.

"So I'm described as disorganized and unstructured — I can handle unstructured," said Smith. "But then it says incompetent, racist and anti-feminist with an exclamation mark. I had to pick myself up off the floor!"

Swan stands behind the books contents. "While these are harsh terms that we don't like to hear, they are opinions of students and terms they used to categorized this guy — we don't replace words," he said.

"This whole thing is to advantage students and to advantage professors who are doing a good job. [Students] pay for this service and those not doing their job should be noted." Smith has proposed that the university set up a board of inquiry into the allegations. As of yet, there has been no response to this suggestion.

— Dionne Stephens

### UBC sells out academic calendar

VANCOUVER (CUP) — This year's version of the University of British Columbia's academic calendar doesn't just list available courses — it provides students with a crash course in consumerism.

In addition to its usual content, UBC's 1995-96 academic calendar carries a substantial amount of advertising. Paid advertisements have appeared in the UBC calendar since 1991, but this year's ad content has increased significantly. The 492-page calendar contains the equivalent of 80 full pages of advertising, or roughly 16 per cent of the total content.

Currently, UBC is the only major Canadian university that sells advertising space in its academic calendar. Other universities, such as McGill, have begun selling ad space in other student materials.

According to the calendar's editor, Angela Runnals, the increase is a result of this year's unusually-large budget cuts. The registrar's office decided to sell advertising as a means of generating extra revenue — a measure which has raised more than \$20,000 earmarked to subsidize the registrar's office. Runnals said that without this money, services to students would have been reduced.

— Alison Cole

### Rising paper costs mean more expensive textbooks

TORONTO (CUP) — That fifty-pound science textbook could soon be worth its weight in gold.

An increase in the price of paper will spell an increase in the price of textbooks according to a report released by Pulp and Paper Week.

Publishers link the increase in costs to increased paper consumption that marked the end of the worldwide recession. And while the costs of paper has risen 25-30 per cent in the last year, the price of textbooks will likely only rise 10-15 per cent.

The increased costs of paper and, by extension, the increase costs of textbooks has caught publishing industry insiders by surprise.

Krystyna Ross of McClelland & Stewart Publishers explained: "It is inevitable for prices [of textbooks] to increase coming out of a recession. However, publishers did not expect paper prices to increase to the extent that they have — in a twelve-month time frame."

Still, the Canadian Book Publishers insist that they are doing their best to protect students from mounting production costs.

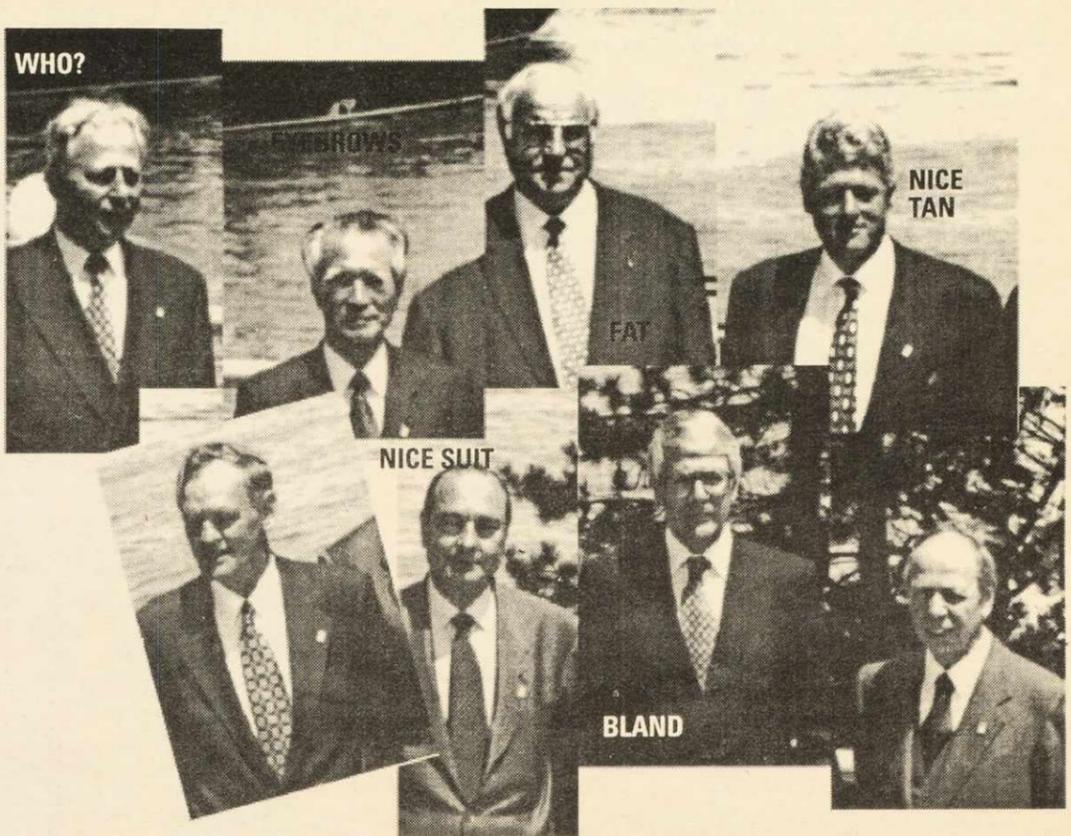
"Publishers have been struggling to keep book prices consistent for students," said John Neale, president of the Canadian Book Publishers Council. "It is important for students to have access to Canadian authored and published textbooks."

Added Harcourt Brace & Company Canada Publisher's Kathy Davidson: "For many Canadian books, prices will remain stable this Fall as [some] publishers may have forecast the price increases and had longer print runs. However, prices will increase for mid-range books — texts which are not as widely used and therefore have shorter print runs."

The expected increase in textbooks is essential to the book industry's vitality, states a Canadian Book Publisher's Council press release.

According to the document, "[publishers] suggesting a higher list price to retailers is now a necessary step if everyone in the industry — publishers, distributors, printers and retailers are to maintain a minimal level of profitability."

— Lowell Conn



## So you missed the G-7...

Ten minutes of fame — and the roads got repaved!

BY GEOFF INESON

Halifax put out the welcome mat this summer as world leaders converged for their annual economic summit.

The delegates from France, Germany, Japan, Italy, Russia, United States, and United Kingdom, as well as the President of the European Union, decided this year to meet in Canada on June 14th to discuss reforms to international financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

With the world leaders coming, the world's press stormed the city to document the event. Immediately, the tapes were rolling and the gossip was flowing.

These were some of the key issues discussed:

- Increased fighting around Sarajevo prompted Prime Minister Jean Chretien, on behalf of all the leaders, to release a plea to Bosnian Serbs and the Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina "...to establish an immediate moratorium on military operations".

- When pressed on France's announcement to conduct nuclear weapon testing in the South Pacific, French President Jacques Chirac said, "My decision is entirely irrevocable." Chirac has since been criticized by political analysts for trying to establish a "neo-De Gaulle" identity for France so as to prove to the world that they are strong; they have the bomb. The tests will run until May 1996 and were announced a week before the G-7 Summit.

- Boris Yeltsin, whose presence at the Summit was symbolic due to bloody political discord in Russia, faced more humiliation when it was revealed that a hospital had been stormed by Chechen freedom fighters (or rebels) and they announced that they'd kill their 1,000 hostages if Moscow didn't grant Chechnya its independence.

- Here at Dalhousie, the delegates from the U.S. and Japan

discussed the actions against Japanese automobile imports. The U.S. threatened to impose 100 per cent duties if Japan didn't agree to import more American cars.

- Economically, the leaders were able to come to better terms with controlling currency speculations. In Mexico, a recent peso crisis threw that country into a panic. Italy's Prime Minister Lamberto Dini seemed to favour IMF borrowing power.

- And British PM John Major said he may consider retiring from politics... yada yada.

Security was tight and ate a large portion of the estimated \$28 million budget. Local residents were buzzed by helicopters and an odd spotter plane. American and Canadian security personnel were evident all through the city as motorcades and radios hummed around the clock. Fortunately, there were no incidents of a catastrophic nature to report on.

However, a bomb did prematurely detonate in the residential neighbourhood of Spryfield in the early hours of Friday, June 16th. A fifteen year-old, whose name is protected from publication, blew his left hand off — leaving only a thumb — while he was in the process of transporting dynamite and an attached detonator. Not all the dynamite had detonated. Paraphernalia used to smoke crack-cocaine was also at the scene, which at the time suggested to Halifax police that the intentions for a 'bombing' may have been drug-related and not political. There was no release confirming the boy's intentions.

A security breach on the infamous Red Zone was attempted by the Assembly of First Nations leader Ovide Mercredi and the nearly 50 protesters who accompanied him. The Red Zone was a restricted place for anybody who didn't have at least two press passes, or a badge. The protest was talked down by plain-clothed security agents. It was the protesters' intention to meet with

the leaders of France and Britain to remind them to honour the treaties which their countries have signed. Mercredi was quoted to have said in *The Chronicle-Herald* (Friday, June 16th) during a speech, that, "We have to join forces to make sure Canada does not turn to the right, but a country that turns in the right direction."

The Assembly of First Nations march was advertized around Halifax as part of a larger, left-of-center protest which sought to bring economic alternatives to the public in a tasteful manner.

The P-7, or People's Summit, was a week-long series of workshops and lectures which included scientist David Suzuki, former New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent, and Indian physicist and philosopher Vandana Shiva.

This mock-summit is becoming a tradition in Canada. At the last G-7 in Ottawa, there were 200 arrests made of P-7 protesters under the Private Property Act. There were no major conflicts or such arrests in Halifax this year.

In an open message to G-7 leaders, an unidentified writer totes, "We believe the World Bank funds environmentally destructive megaprojects (such as huge hydro-electric dams that alter ecosystems and lead to forced evictions of hundreds of thousands of people), while the IMF promotes financial restructuring policies which are harmful to the poorest of the poor."

When it was all over, kudos were duly paid out to the host city and volunteers and organizers joined together to pat themselves on the back.

Though I am a Halifax native, I couldn't find a way around the World Trade Centre if my life depended on it, so I'll say thanks to everyone involved in helping the event go off so well. Surplus furniture is still on sale, and for a while there were rumoured to be some great prices on American cars which were only used for three days.

# Frosh Week: We came, we saw, it conquered

BY KATRINA F. HURLEY

The warm weather and construction have all but disappeared, indicating that another summer has ended. It also indicated the onset of another Orientation Week, and Orientation Week 1995 has been deemed successful from all who participated.

The theme of "Rockin' the Boat" was reinforced by the sou'westers that came with the frosh packs. This year's frosh packs were new and improved and apparently worth the \$36, according to those who purchased them. In addition to the rain gear, they came equipped with a CD, laundry bag, T-shirt, mug, baseball cap, and much, much more.

Planning for Orientation Week 1995 began in May and although there were some problems, things went very well.

Frosh Coordinator Paul Larkin said that in comparison to past years, this year's frosh events "...blew the numbers out of the water."

In comparison to only 75 pre-registered first-year students last year, this year boasted about 1000. This year, for the first time, there was a complete sell-out of frosh packs.

Bridgette McCaig, Vice Chair of the Orientation Week committee, said they decided "...to try a lot of different things this year."

From the response, it seems obvious that the diversity worked. Also helping to make things work was the fact that the committee received a lot of co-operation and support from the community and local businesses.

On Labour Day weekend, about 100 frosh leaders made their way to Camp Nedo to undergo a couple of days of mandatory training and psyching up

for the week. This training is considered extremely important as frosh leaders can make or break the entire week.

The week began for on-campus frosh on Monday, September 4th, with activities throughout the day and an inter-residence dance that night. The off-campus frosh started their week on Tuesday, with welcoming activities and a dance party at the Grawood.

Playfair was delayed until Wednesday night as opposed to its original time of Tuesday night; this was in order to facilitate a scheduling error. The cross-campus challenge was also on Wednesday — over 1000 students participated in some wacky events that were fun for all.

The first concert of the week saw the watchmen perform in the McInnes Room on Wednesday night. That concert marked the beginning of what Larkin said was "...one of the best concert line-ups in Frosh Week history." Besides the watchmen, the line-up featured Spirit of the West, Wild Strawberries, and Philosopher Kings.

Shinerama, an event that has been part of Dalhousie since 1966, was Thursday's big event. The frosh and their leaders hit the streets of Halifax to shine shoes, cars, and whatever else they could get their hands on to raise money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This year's goal was \$25,000. However, despite the optimism of the organizers, the amount received was \$16,852.11, well short of the target. This event gave frosh an opportunity to get to know the city and meet some new people. Also, there were many prizes for the top individual fund-raisers.

Thursday evening's entertainment was highlighted by The Incredible Boris, a hypnotist.

Friday featured an all-day beach party, barbecue, and volleyball tournament. The evening was spent in the McInnes Room with movies on the big screen.

Saturday saw Wild Strawberries and Spirit of the West perform in the McInnes Room (for

story on the concert, see page 13).

The week ended on Sunday, September 10th, with a somewhat rainy, but otherwise successful, Dalapalooza '95. Last year, this event resulted in several noise complaints from the surrounding community. This

year, in an attempt to accommodate everyone, the frosh committee offered free admission to the concert for the local residents. McCaig said that people understand that Frosh Week is only a few days long, and most are willing to put up with a little noise.

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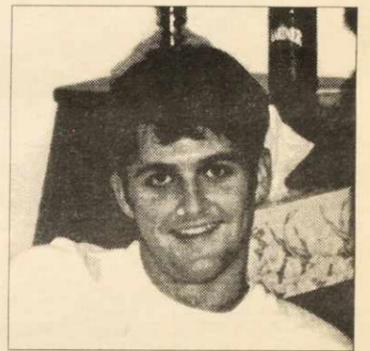
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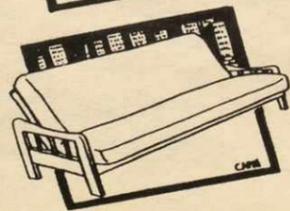
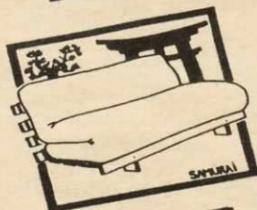
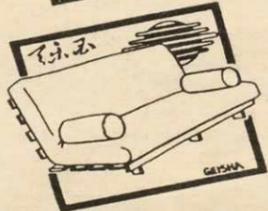
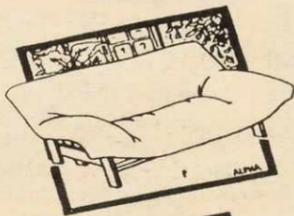


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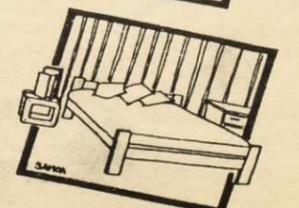
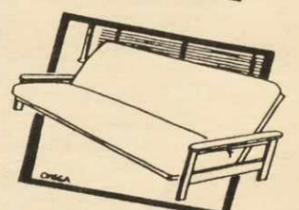
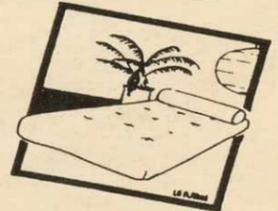
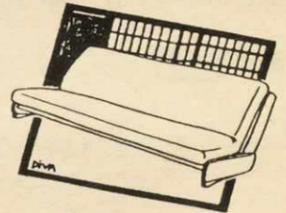
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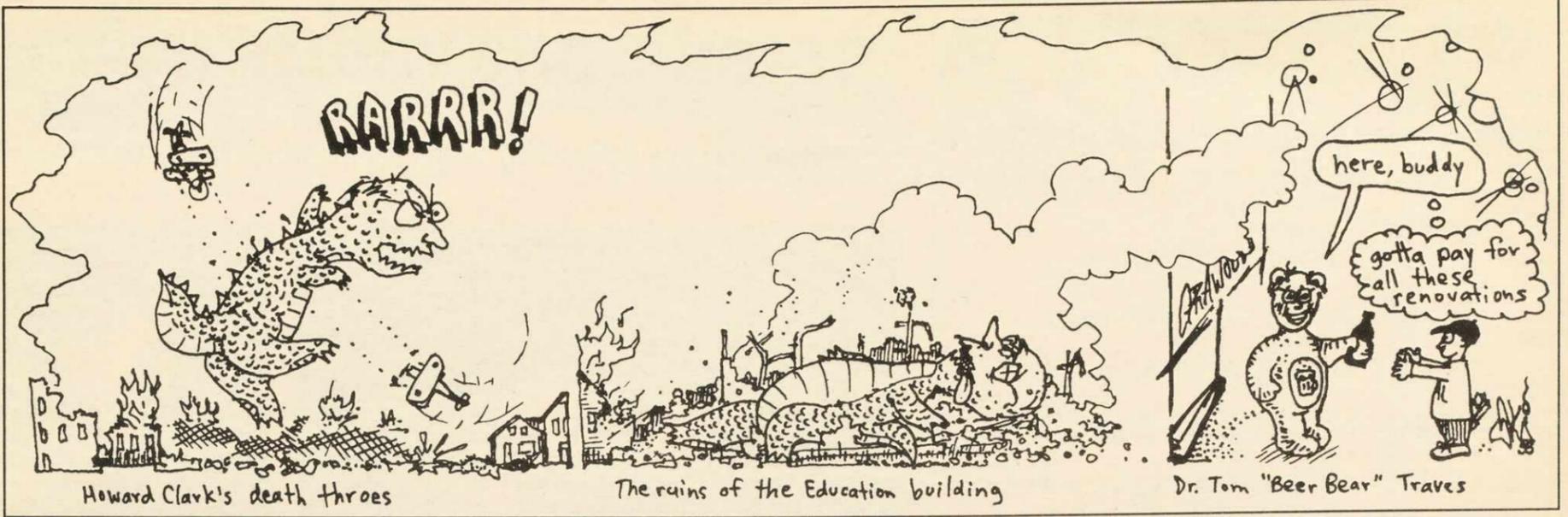
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# See the big picture, live the small one

What a great time to be a cynic. It all started in May when I read Jim Morrison's biography. It was a really good read, but I got into it so much that all I did for the next couple of months was turn up my nose at the humdrum of everyday life. Instead of taking advantage of my first summer in Halifax, the Lizard King in me chose to snub the doldrums of day-to-day living. I rose with the setting sun and laughed at the world until dawn's early light.

However, the thrill eventually wore off. I realized that though it had been fun for awhile, I wasn't Jim. Walking in his worn leather boots had been interesting, but as all good things must come to an end, so then must all things that are interesting.

Then came the biggest photo op to ever hit Halifax — the G-7. Cops, security, special agents, and members of the press swarmed the city. The hordes of tourists were next, all just hoping to get a glimpse of power or to see all the other people who just wanted to get a glimpse of power.

Meanwhile, I couldn't open a newspaper or watch some TV without hearing how OJ's defence team had introduced some elaborate ploy to mystify the jury. The "farce" of DNA proof, the insignificance of the bloody gloves, his deteriorating arthritic condition...they had it all. Whether he's guilty or not, what's going on now in Ito's court is a crime in itself.

Even worse was the Paul Bernardo supplements that made their way into our respected metro papers. It was so refreshing to hear from Paul's own mouth that he only kidnapped and raped young schoolgirls — he was far too much a gentleman to actually choke and dismember them.

The entire stomach-churning affair illustrated (to me) Canada's vanishing innocence. We lost our virgin purity. There are countless atrocities in our past, but none had this combination of calculated cruelty and blatant disregard for another's suffering, all to the tune of a media circus of American proportions. When you sit down and think of the last few days of those young girls' lives, you realize that somewhere, something is drastically wrong.

Unfortunately, there is no way in hell you or I am going to right things. I think that was the big attraction of the G-7 headliners — they theoretically have the power to make things better. To ensure that such heinous crimes will never happen again. We entrust them with the security and well-being of the world, and when they screw it up, we vote them out and bring in another fair-haired lad.

Despite all this negativity, I hope that people see the silver lining. And that is that what we do, one way or the other, matters. Maybe not a thousand years from now, but we're not going to be here, so don't worry about that.

If you look too intently at the big picture, you realize that Dylan's dust-in-the-wind argument is pretty solid. There have been a lot of people come before us and there'll be plenty more after us.

This is something out of our control — so don't sweat it.

Instead, make a difference in your immediate environment. It won't save the world, but it might make a bigger difference than you'd expect. There's lots of misery out there, but dwelling in it isn't going to change anything.

We're lucky enough to live in a country where enjoying yourself is an option; choose to exercise that option.

Sam McCaig

## EDITORIAL

## OPINION

# Joe is back

Guess what? I'm back! For those of you who don't know me, My name is Josef Tratnik. I have been a regular contributor to the Dalhousie Gazette for a little over a year now. I like to tell people what I think, and inspire others to do the same by generally pissing them off. It is something that I enjoy a great deal, and as last year's Opinion section editor, I did my best to create an environment that fostered debate on any number of issues.

This year, I hope to do the same, so don't be surprised to find that at various points in time, you'll open the paper to find me criticizing your opinions, clothing, and attitude.

Oh yeah, please do take it personally. Get really mad, upset, angry, just plain pissed off; and then, put your fingers down on the keyboard of your computer and let the rest of the world know just exactly why you hate my guts.

Well, now that I have that's over with, I can return to an issue that has bothered me since I

first arrived in this province: VICTIMS!

After you've been here awhile, you begin to notice that there are very few people who don't have some sort of problem in their lives. What I mean is, I can only name a handful of people who don't have some issue that prevents them from either succeeding in the real world, or just coping with day-to-day life.

This city in particular has more tolerance for people who feel the need to be victims than any other place I've been in the world. Is it any wonder that the economy of this province has never truly boomed?

What's the problem here? Have the churches that ran this province for so many years completely killed your sense of fight, so that you just take everything lying down?

Every day in the Student Union Building and in the Graduate House, you hear people talking about how the system is against them, or how they can't surmount this or that problem.

...cont'd on next page: "Get a Life"

## LETTERS

To the Gazette:

"Tips For Living Off Campus", by Jen Horsey, the Gazette, Sept 7th, did indeed provide useful advice concerning the kind of questions that should be asked when a landlord has been successfully contacted. Regrettably, the advice, "...to wander over to Dalhousie's Housing Office" was something less than the panacea suggested. The lists of accommodations were on display in the corridor. Together with other students I scrutinized the lists. We stood, crouched, leaned, breathed, sweated, and in one case flatulated, while trying to read the small print, compensate for the 'optical relationship' between the glass case and the corridor lighting, as well as avoid the endless stream of Student Union Building (SUB) employees that were taking bits of paper somewhere and/or using the washroom.

My reaction was to enquire whether the Housing Office could provide a copy of the lists. Sorry, no. Okay, I guess it would be costly. So,

how about a master copy that I could copy on a coin-operated machine. Sorry, no. After persevering with the lists, and clutching my 'short list' of potential abodes. I made use of the two free phones in the Housing Office. The problem was that the 'short list', that I had literally scrambled for, WAS HOPELESSLY OUT OF DATE. Get the message! Perhaps it is the responsibility of the landlord to inform the Housing Office when a vacancy has been filled, but reality is that once the dwelling is rented, the landlord doesn't give a damn. For the 1996-97 students, the Housing Office should consider the following: master lists, in exchange for student cards/I.D., that can be copied (as they do successfully at McMaster University); some coin-operated copiers; relocation of the lists away from the corridor; bigger print; no glare glass; and, a realistic system to update the lists.

Colin Knight

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# Stopping the sleaze parade, one vote at a time

## OPINION

Stopping the Sleaze Parade  
A lot of people come to me, and they say, "Richard, how should I vote in the next federal election?" My usual reply follows the lines of, "What are you, stupid? The Liberal Party was elected in 1993, which means the next federal election can't be called until at least

the year 2018! By which time every province except Ontario will have seceded anyways, so don't sweat it!"

As people often do after saying something either extremely foolish or extremely wise, or in my case, both, I've been giving the question some more thought. I end up asking myself, "Who are these people that ask me for advice on such important and in-

dividual matters, and why don't any of them exist in the real world?"

But imaginary friends aside, I've reconsidered my position, because I'm realizing that we as a country have an embarrassing habit of voting complete idiots into office. In fact, scratch that: we as a continent

(North America) have a knack for electing candidates who, although extremely sincere and not at all interested in the financial remuneration associated with public office in the forms of salaries, secretaries, drivers, subsidized lunches and haircuts, generous pensions, and the opportunity to wield limitless and unchecked power, are usually total boobs.

In some cases, this compound noun can be applied literally. Take the recent "retirement" of Republican Senator Robert "Bob" "Boob" "Boobs-on-the-Brain" Packwood. Mr. Packwood is alleged to have sexually harassed at least 17 women in the last 24 years. These offenses have ranged from putting his hand up the skirts of women at party fundraisers to forcibly tongue-kissing staff members whom he kept working after hours in his office on Capitol Hill. Mr. Packwood never missed an opportunity — he kissed the woman operating the private elevator on the Hill every time he used it.

I can't help wondering two things:

(1) 17 women in 24 years? What'd you do during those other seven years, Bob? Rent "Long Dong Silver" with a recent appointee to the Supreme Court?

(2) If the powerful Mr. Packwood had been half as en-

ergetic in his actual Senate duties, maybe the Republicans would've rung up a smaller debt in the past, rather than bitching and moaning about the Democrats who try to reduce it now.

In a press conference after giving his resignation speech from the Senate floor (not literally, which was good), Mr. Packwood made no apologies for his behaviour and expressed no regrets, suggesting that his actions might be explained by the fact that he was often drunk.

So the thought of Mr. Packwood lurching around Capitol Hill for more than twenty years in a drunken stupor strong enough to cause him to fondle unconsenting women without a second thought is supposed to make us feel better about the whole fiasco?

Question: Why didn't any other colleague, out of personal concern and his or her own duty to the American people, suggest that Bob seek some help a little sooner? Only a fool would contend that no other senator knew what Mr. Packwood's habits were — they could've saved a lot of women a lot of grief.

Ugly fact #1: That's not the way it's done in a still predominantly male world. It's taken three whole years from the first charge of sexual harassment against Mr. Packwood for the Senate Ethics Committee to force his retirement.

Ugly fact #2: The Ethics Committee probably forced Mr. Packwood out reluctantly, because most of American senators have drinking problems and/or sexist attitudes. On Capitol Hill, booze is your friend and female staffers are window dressing when you're a man with power.

I suppose Mr. Packwood's drinking buddies would come after me, saying, hell, why didn't

those women come forward sooner? The old Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill defence. In most cases, the women who worked for him quit; the others, if they even knew him before the assault, would avoid him from then on. These women didn't come forward sooner because they were humiliated and embarrassed, just as any of us would be if we thought we were the only person who'd been subjected to such abuse. I say again, if only another senator had had the moral fibre to talk to Bob, or tell the voters, things might have been different.

**I'm sorry, but there's nothing courageous about a man walking around a government building with his penis in one hand and a bottle in the other.**

Of course, then Bob's girl-watching pals would remind me that, well, Bob's got a drinking problem and he's admitted it — isn't that courageous? Hello! Excuse me! I'm sorry, but there's nothing courageous about a man walking around a government building with his penis in one hand and a bottle in the other.

So, to bring all this back to my original point, who the hell kept voting this sleazebag into office? The problem, however, is not as simple as there being a lot of stupid in one particular state of the union; there's a lot of stupid people in every state of the union. But before we Canadians get too smug, let's not forget that there's a similar proportion of stupid people in every province in Canada.

We could blame all sorts of

other factors. Sure, the pressures of the political system drive our leaders and elected representatives to form addictions to alcohol or other chemical stimulants. Certainly, the media, in its effort to sell, sell, sell, has the ability to put an emphasis on the failures and not accomplishments of politicians. And few of us are aware of the fact that the Canadian political system has no mechanism or procedure which enables the voters to recall a candidate once s/he is elected — people in a certain Liberal riding in B.C. discovered that when their lawyer-MP turned out to be just an MP.

In the end, the onus is "on us." If we were to take more time and devote more energy and thought to learning about the candidates, we might not end up electing power-hungry dinosaurs or half-wit opportunists all the time. It is the voter's responsibility to meet or at least hear their candidate in a public forum.

This is as simple as calling his/her campaign office and finding out where his/her nearest appearance is. Of course, campaign handlers fear too much contact between you and the candidate, so politely indicate to them that without seeing the candidate in a debate or a question-and-answer meeting with the electorate, you cannot possibly vote for him/her.

If we don't take the time and make the effort to learn about the people whom we might vote into government or opposition to represent our views and desires for the country as a whole, we will not get the leaders and representatives we need. We will only get the ones whom we deserve, and the sleaze parade will march on, south and north of the 49th parallel.

Richard Lim

...cont'd from previous page: "JOE"

## Get a Life

You hear whining and complaining, but you hardly ever hear about success from any one who isn't from central Canada.

Some of you may not know it, but I have a few disadvantages too. I am part Micmac. I am part Jewish. I have a learning disability. I have arthritis in my back, hips, knees, and fingers. And to top it all off, I face homophobia every day because I am a fag, and small-minded people think that it's okay to treat me poorly.

So what? Big Fucking Deal. If you think that for one minute those things are in any way going to stop me from succeeding in life, you are very, very mistaken.

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Josef Tratnik

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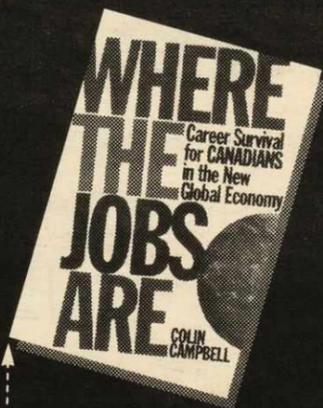
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# Judy's ten ways to succeed at Dal

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Right, and a Bachelor of Arts degree will get you any job you want.

In the event you haven't already overdosed on advice from parents, older brothers and sisters, frosh leaders, and the helpful writers at *the Gazette*, I would like to share some tips that may make your first year at Dalhousie a little easier. Hey, I didn't spend five years and \$40,000 at university for nothin'.

**1. Go to class.** The surest way to flunk out of Dal is to skip classes. Even if your professor's lectures should be prescribed as an effective sleeping aid, and reading your text book backwards makes more sense, drag yourself to class to keep track of homework assignments, important deadlines, and exam dates. Also, if you ever miss an exam, ask for an extension for an assignment, or need a reference letter, profs

are more understanding if they recognize you.

(Bonus tip: Let your prof know if you can't make class whether it's in person, via email, or a note left at their office. They get to know you better, and it makes them think they're important.)

**2. Join a club.** I especially recommend this if you don't live in residence or if you're shy. You could sit next to the same person in class for a year and still not learn his or her name. There are tons of societies, activities, and clubs on campus, and at least one of them must be doing something you'd be interested in. All you have to do is live with being the new guy/girl on the block for awhile. Trust me, it's worth it.

**3. Ask stupid questions.** Luckily, as a first year student, people expect you to ask a lot of questions. If you didn't, then the rest of us wouldn't get a chance to show off how wise and experienced we are. Take a deep breath, raise your hand and ask your prof to clarify a point, beg the person next to you to decipher the graffiti on the chalk board, and demand that some-

To do - shop for groceries (lots of veggies!)  
- pay tuition  
- buy books  
- go to library (study at least 3 hrs)  
- go to Dalplex, climb Stairmaster



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one show you where the wash-room is. There are no stupid questions... or at least none that haven't been asked before.

**4. Learn to cook.** I'm not even going to tell you to eat healthy. If you made it and it didn't cost more than \$10 and you're not hungry an hour later, then you're doing alright. If, like me, your two basic food groups are "instant" and "way-too-long", then I recommend buying "The Starving Student's Cookbook" by D. Hall for \$9.99. The dishes described are cheap, simple to prepare, and most importantly, most of the meals take only minutes to make. A student cannot live on coffee and muffins alone. Kraft dinner maybe, but not coffee and muffins.

**5. Remember, SUB stands for Student Union Building.** The Student Union Building was made for you, the student. In this building you can grab a coffee, buy concert tickets, have your resumé typed, book a flight home, find a new apartment, chug a beer, host a radio show, get a part-time job, play pool, and lots more. I was in my second/third year before I knew the SUB had a cafeteria. Don't just walk by wondering what all those people are

To do: - steal roommate's Mr. No odle (veg flavour)  
- pay phone bill  
- pay library fines  
- ask parents for loan  
- go to class (at least once this week)  
- go to SUB, climb stairs to counselling & Bych. Centre



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doing, sitting and staring out the windows onto University Avenue. Come on in, pull up a chair and find out for yourself.

**6. Realize Halifax is bigger than Dalhousie.** One of the reasons why students get stressed out is that university becomes our own little world. Halifax is a beautiful, happenin', and in my experience, safe city. If your universe doesn't extend beyond University Avenue, then little problems in school will feel like catastrophes.

(Bonus tip: Learn something about the province you're now living in. Knowing that Nova Scotia is not an island is a good start.)

**7. Call 494-2081 when you need help.** That's the number for Counselling and Psychological Services Centre located on the fourth floor of the SUB. The kind of help you can get ranges from time management seminars to sexual assault counselling. University can be a fun experience, but it can be very stressful too. Whatever the problem, there is a psychologist or counsellor there willing to help.

(Bonus tip: If you need to talk to someone right away, say so. The counsellors are busy, and most appointments booked are for two to four weeks later. However, emergency

cases can be accommodated.)

**8. Take a fun class.** By "fun class" I don't necessarily mean a bird course. I mean take a class that has nothing to do with the degree you plan on pursuing, or something you've always been curious about. Most frosh do general studies in their first year, but often just look into the courses they did well in during high school. Take a good look at the student calendar. You'll find courses you didn't know existed and classes you won't believe you'll be getting credit for because they're so much fun. Learn to play the classical guitar, how to speak German, or conquer your fear of computers. You may even figure out what you want to be when you grow up.

**9. Get lost.** Once you've figured out how to get to and from campus, start exploring the 95% of Dalhousie you wouldn't see on the way to class. Knowing where the hell everything is located is an easy way to feel like you belong here and builds self-confidence. Getting lost can be fun, but if you decide to check out the Life Sciences Centre (LSC), bring a compass and give your roommate an estimated time of arrival. A cell phone might be a good idea too.

(Bonus tip: For cold or rainy days, take cover in the tunnels that connect the Killam Library, the Arts and Administration (A&A) Building and the LSC.)

**10. Read the Gazette.** Not only is reading it more fun than doing homework, *the Gazette* is the best guide to what's going on at Dalhousie. Whether you're interested in concerts, games, yard sales, or the annual Let's-Increase-Tuition Board of Governors meeting, you'll find something of interest. At least we hope you will.

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# Obesity — is there hope for the future?

BY ALEIXO MUISE

Obesity.

It is one of the leading health risks in the western world and it is strongly linked to adult-onset diabetes, hypertension, heart diseases, and certain cancers.

Society's obsession, both physical and psychological, with controlling weight is evident by the price we are willing to pay. This lucrative market is made up of a billion dollar fitness industry and multi-billion dollar low-fat (health) food industry (see *Middle Kingdom*, Aug. 3, 1995). Unfortunately, our ultimate failure to master our weight leads to major health concerns for the over six million Canadians considered to be obese. With an aging population becoming more susceptible to the diseases associated with obesity, the burden on our already-strained health care system continues to grow.

So why are some people obese while others, on similar diets, are slim and healthy? There are no easy answers, but in recent years, adipose (fat) tissue has been in the spotlight. Researchers in Canada and around the world have shed some light on the basic mechanisms that control it. Once considered a dormant entity only capable of storing fat, adipose tissue is now hailed as a vital organ (like the heart, liver, or brain) with the potential to control metabolism, influence energy balance, and dictate our appetite.

Throughout history (with the exception of the past hundred years in western civilization), easily available food has been scarce. We have survived by storing energy as fat during bountiful times and then utilizing these stores during times of need. These systems developed over tens of thousands of years, and gave a competitive advantage to those who were more efficient at storing energy when food was available. In today's fast-food culture, there is a failure to maintain a healthy balance between nutritional intake and exercise. For this reason, our rich diets have caused us to become a society prone to obesity and its associated crippling diseases.

The media has given fat a bad rap. In reality, fats are essential — they supply the basic building blocks for the components of biological membranes; they act as intermediates in cell signalling pathways; and, of course, they provide an accessible reservoir of energy. This energy is stored in a specialized type of fat cell called an adipocyte.

Adipocytes are the major components of adipose tissue, and an adult may have as many as 600 billion of these cells, all capable of storing fat. Adipocytes have an enzyme called lipoprotein lipase on the cell surface. This enzyme cuts up the fat molecule, enabling it to enter the cell. Once in the cell, the fat is reformed to produce a droplet that can fill almost the entire volume of the cell. In extremely obese individuals, adipose tissue can make up 70% of the total body weight. If all your adipocytes somehow get filled (approximately 30 kg of fat), there is a pool of precursor fat cells known as preadipocytes that are capa-

ble of developing into new adipocytes. Thus, there appears to be an endless supply of cells capable of storing all the excess fat you can provide.

Studying obesity in humans is difficult, so researchers have relied on a number of obese rodent models which differ from their peers by the possession of a single gene mutation. These mutations have been given names that correspond with their phenotypes; for example, *obese*, *diabetes*, *fat*, *fatty*, *tubby*, *adipose*, and *yellow*. These model systems allow researchers to cross-breed mice with different characteristics to determine the varying degrees of obesity associated with each mutation. This also allows the mutations to be genetically mapped.

This year, scientists discovered the mutations that cause two of the mouse phenotypes: *fat* and *obese* (as reported in the *Globe and Mail*, Dec. 1, 1994). The mutations in different genes cause different defects in very different systems, but both result in obese mice. Jurgen Naggart and colleagues (*Nature Genetics*, June 5, 1995) identified a single mutation that may result in the *fat* phenotype. Mice with the *fat* mutation developed obesity at a slower rate than either the *obese* or *diabetes* animals, but eventually swelled up to 3 to 4 times larger than their non-fat litter mates. The researchers determined that these mice had a defective enzyme needed for insulin production in the pancreas. The enzyme, carboxypeptidase E, is required for processing proinsulin (an inactive form of insulin). Also, it regulates hormone production from other sources, such as the pituitary gland and brain. Obesity in these *fat* mice may be caused by widespread defects in processes which produce mature hormones that play vital roles throughout the body.

Recently, the *Globe and Mail* (July 27, 1995) reported that a fat-melting hormone was ready for human tests. The results cited in this article were astonishing: obese mice lost 20-30% of body fat after one month of treatment. The pending patent was bought for an unprecedented \$20 million by Amgen Inc. This *ob* gene, discovered by Jeffrey Friedman and coworkers at Rockefeller University, is expressed only in adipocytes and produces a protein termed leptin (derived from the Greek *leptos*, meaning thin). Originally, Friedman found that a mutation in the *ob* gene caused the phenotype *obese*. Mice with mutations of both copies of the *ob* gene (all animals have two copies of every gene) were extremely obese and were victims of adult-onset diabetes. Mice with only one copy of the mutated *ob* gene were better suited to survive when nutritionally deprived over long periods of time. These animals appeared to have a selective advantage during periods of famine.

Friedman's group determined that leptin protein that may send a signal to the hypothalamus to control appetite and increase metabolism. Leptin may also inform the brain when enough fat is stored in the adipocytes. But

could leptin reduce obesity in obese mice?

Three independent laboratories (*Science*, July 28, 1995), including Friedman's group, tested the effects of daily injections of leptin into obese mice carrying two mutated copies of the *ob* gene and normal mice with two good

copies of the *ob* gene. The results were astounding — the obese mice (that were twice as large as the normal mice) lost 40% of their fat in one month, ate less, and their metabolism increased. Normal mice that received low doses of leptin ate less, and when injected with high doses of the

protein, lost 12% of their body weight and practically all their body fat.

So what does this mean to your average overweight Canadian, or someone afflicted with adult-onset diabetes or heart disease? Well, it's too early to tell.

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# Media obscures women's voices

Mainstream press covering the Huairou Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Forum and the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women concentrate mostly on the way the Chinese government is handling the event.

BY JENNIFER DITCHBURN & CAROL MCQUEEN

The few instances of surveillance in which a relatively small number of women were filmed by Chinese security video cameras have received widespread media attention.

Although these issues are important, they have been sensationalized to the point that the women who worked so hard to get to China are drowned out or silenced.

The women's conference is about empowerment and sharing that empowerment with everyone left at home. Newspapers and television should carry this message instead of the Chinese government.

Here is an idea of what the NGO Forum is like from the inside.

From nine in the morning until seven in the evening, women attend workshops on environmental destruction, economic globalization, women and human rights abuse, peace and human security, and the presence of women in politics, to name just a few.

Although Chinese security is sometimes an inconvenience, participants are not deterred in their determination to speak out, to protest and to convince governments around the world that their voices should and must be heard.

With the assistance of friendly Chinese translators, women navigate the maze of tents, kiosks and buildings at the outdoor Huairou venue to find the session they wish to attend. They help each other with simultaneous translation and share ideas from different corners of the globe.

Women hang posters advertising workshops on female circumcision, domestic violence and the empowerment of women on any available wall. Black women from the United States who have never met hug each other as sisters.

Women from Nigeria, the Netherlands and Brazil share the same quiet moment of meditation in the colourful Tibetan tent. Indian food is available in the South-Asian tent for anyone who passes through.

Information pamphlets from NGOs around the world are found in the Global Tent where conference-goers often eat lunches of Chinese noodles. Colours abound, as fabric from Africa, India and Latin America blend in vibrant patterns.

In the evenings, cultural ceremonies bring women together once again as various countries celebrate their national heritage.

The success of the NGO Forum and the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in improving the condition of women worldwide is dependent upon their voices being heard. It is time the press allows this to happen.

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## Women build bridges using the Internet in Beijing

Association for Progressive Communications provides support

BY JENNIFER DITCHBURN

A group of Argentinean women are crammed together in front of a computer terminal at the conference press centre. They're collaborating on a story for a paper back home in Buenos Aires, and in minutes it will have arrived there via the Internet.

The Association for Progressive Communications (APC) has become an important presence here at the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Forum on Women.

Women from around the world are discovering they can send messages home at no cost, and can access information about the conference and NGOs from the World Wide Web.

Non-governmental organizations are linked through the APC network at a minimal monthly cost, enabling them to establish contacts and exchange information.

Trading e-mail addresses is a common exercise between women here at the con-

ference. For example, Russian women are connected via GlasNet, and Angolans via AngoNet.

The Internet initiative in Beijing was organized by 40 women from various countries associated with APC. Regina Cammy Shakakata of Zambia is one of those women, providing technical support to delegates who may never have used a computer in their lives.

Shakakata organizes Internet access for the faculty of medicine library at the University of Zambia. Zambia is connected to the information highway through ZamNet, which went on-line last December.

Zambian doctors and academics frequently use the Internet service, and Shakakata says women's NGOs in the country are now jumping abroad.

"Before, Zambian women didn't know who to talk to on the Internet," she says. "Then we first spoke to APC and realized there was a whole world of women to talk to."

# Young women fight for change

A bright half-moon hangs over the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) Forum site in China. On a small stage, an all-female band from France is sending an acid-jazz tune into the warm night air. The lyrics are Arabic and the singer's voice is sensual and sultry. In front, young women from all over the world dance; Indian saris bristle, sandals tread softly.

BY CAROL MCQUEEN

The number of young women at the conference is impressive.

Coming to China was no easy task. Though visas were difficult to obtain, the major obstacle to attending the NGO Forum and the United Nations World Conference on Women was the amount of money needed to finance such a trip. Government-controlled hotel accommodations are prohibitively expensive.

The presence of so many young women here indicates their commitment to change and to the advancement of women in their respective countries, as well as a dedication to enhancing the credibility of youth worldwide.

Pat Payne sits on her huge camera container as there are no other free seats on the shuttle bus returning to Beijing after the first day of the conference.

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by Jennifer Ditchburn and Carol McQueen at the Fourth United Nations Women's Conference in Huairou, China  
(Canadian University Press)

Although it's dark and rainy outside, her enthusiasm is soaring. A masters student in multimedia installations performance at the University of California at San Diego, she wants to create a multimedia project based on her experiences at Huairou.

But, as a member of the Coalition of Women of Colour, her priority is the empowerment of her community in the United States.

"There is going to be a Republican convention in San Diego when I get back. I need to find some kind of strategy to be able to mobilize people, women and artists especially, against this growing conservatism," she said.

She is worried that women of colour are not aware of their place in history, a phenomenon which contributes to their lack of empowerment. Payne argues that California's unfair legal system perpetuates this situation.

Proposition 187, recently passed by the California legislature, denies children of illegal immigrants access to health care and education.

However, according to Payne, the state's prosperity is dependent upon a domestic and agricultural workforce made up of illegal aliens.

Payne also fears that California's repeal of affirmative action legislation will greatly reduce the number of women of colour who attend university. "Universities will now become predominantly white and

Asian. We'll see a lot less female faces in university," she said.

Although Kalyani lives halfway around the world in India, she too is concerned with access to education for females in her country.

"Lots of girls have to give up their education in my country," she said. "They are expected to look after their siblings at home."

In fact, for every two and a half hours a boy between the ages of six and nine spends reading in India, a girl the same age will look at her books for less than half an hour. Yet, she spends twice as much time as a boy doing household chores.

According to Kalyani, a young social worker, the resultant lack of education prevents women from escaping a caste system which treats them like property to be sold to a future spouse.

"Girls always grow up with the feeling that they are someone else's property," she said. Kalyani also pointed out that girls, even if they do go to school, receive absolutely no education about their bodies, thus preventing them from caring adequately for themselves.

Naveline Maria Baromeo from the Dutch Antilles island of Curacao wants to impart a new self-image to the young women of her country.

As a single mother who left her husband and returned to school despite the resistance of her society, she deprecates the machismo that dominates in her country.

"Men decide everything in my country...they obtain the best jobs and make a lot of money in the system," Baromeo said. "Girls don't even possess the power to make their own decisions."

Baromeo hopes that, based upon what she has learned at the conference, she can teach the young women of her country to be strong and say, "No, I want to study, to have a good job and to be able to take care of myself."

Equal access to the economy and to education is what preoccupies Sadeka Hedaraly most. As the special assistant to the Conseil Permanent de la Jeunesse in Quebec, it is her job to accumulate ideas from other countries that will best ensure the advancement of Quebec women.

Hedaraly believes that a woman's right to enter the workforce without discrimination has not been ensured.

"New social welfare programs that facilitate the possibility for women both to have children and work outside the home need to be created," she said, adding that properly subsidized daycare would be a start.

Hedaraly is anxious to learn from the Nordic countries which she believes have implemented successful policies enabling women to reach the highest spheres of power and decision-making.

Sascha Kranendonk, a young Dutch woman working in Germany, feels that women in her country must use their growing political influence to increase awareness about environmental degradation.

As a volunteer for Women in Europe for a Common Future, which brings together several environmental groups in Europe, she disseminates information about the effects of toxic and nuclear waste on women and children's health.

**A woman's right to enter the workforce without discrimination has not been ensured.**

"Women must become active together because governments are not doing anything," she said. Kranendonk also argues that women, who are responsible for 80 per cent of food purchases in Europe, must attempt to limit the North's over-consumption.

Although Japanese women, like their European counterparts, are amongst the best educated in the world, they have not yet attained political power. The percentage of elected positions they hold is only 2.7 per cent compared to 39.4 per cent in Norway, a statistic Eriko Innami laments.

"Women's status is still very low. We are a developed nation. We

have all the education. Why are we so behind?" questions the 26-year-old representative for the Japanese Girl Guides.

She blames her country's school system for not providing any gender education and perpetuating low self-esteem amongst women.

Although these women span the globe geographically and come from different cultural backgrounds, they all share the same thirst for change.

Having participated actively at the NGO Forum, they are concerned that their voice will not be heard at the actual UN conference where an official action plan is being formulated.

"No youth were included in the Japanese government delegation," Innami said. "I'm also not sure if the UN is very supportive of us. Very few young people are accredited to the conference."

Hedaraly agrees. She says that young women are not granted the credibility they deserve. Often they have not yet attained the positions of prestige that would enable them to access the conference.

Regardless, these young women will return to their respective communities empowered and refreshed. They are determined to be leaders and to enact changes on behalf of other women.

For, as Hedaraly confirmed: "The young women of today are the people who are going to be the leaders of tomorrow."

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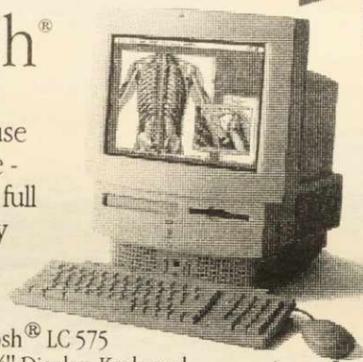
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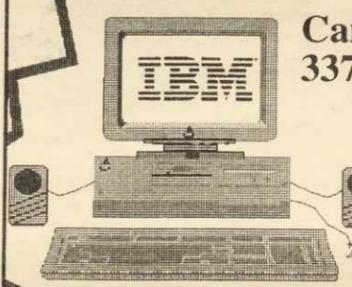
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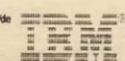
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# Spirit of the West ages gracefully

BY TIM COVERT

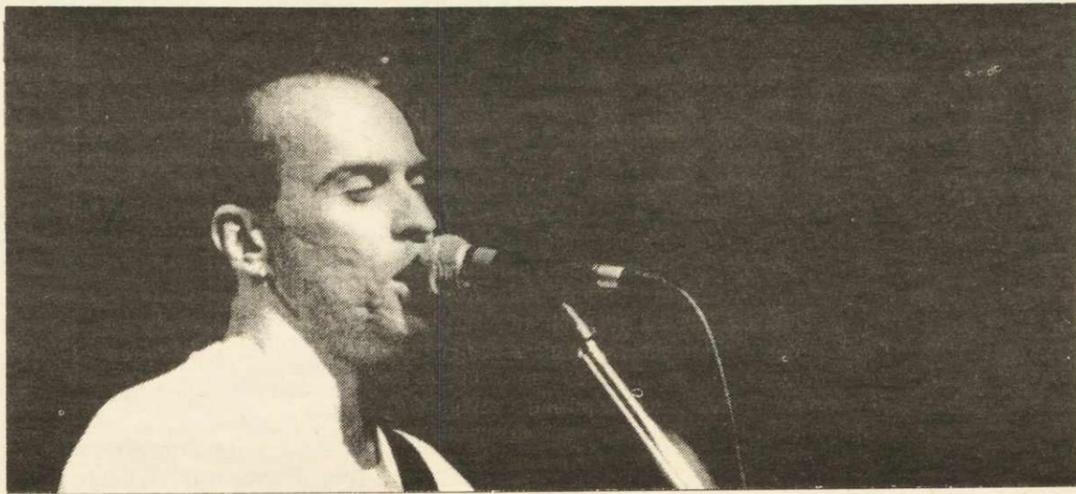
Spirit of the West (SOTW) is a band getting older only in years — they still play with youthful intensity and energy. This was obvious in the animated responses they received from the youthful crowd that danced and hollered its approval last Saturday night at the McInnes Room.

The Vancouver based band launched into its set of celtic-tinged rock with "D for Democracy" and the quirky "And if Venice is Sinking". Besides the usual crowd favourites from their last five albums, SOTW also played a healthy selection of material from their newest CD "Two-Headed".

Singer/guitarist John Mann confessed to the crowd that the members of the band have had their ideals altered and changed with their age and their experience as parents. Mann said the songs on the album reflect some of the more "redneck" feelings of the members have had to confront. It's the conflict between these feelings and their lifelong liberal attitudes that became the duality of "Two-Headed".

The new songs are less celtic influenced than in previous efforts; this is in accordance with the direction the band has been heading the past few records. These songs also seemed to be a little less intense, but that feeling may be attributed to the crowd's unfamiliarity with the new material.

There was an angry tune called "Pin-Up Boy" that had a vigilante-like attitude towards pedophiles and an up-beat song



Spirit of the West vocalist and guitarist John Mann

about euthanasia called "Unplugged." This examination of their mortality and the protection of their children illustrate the band's progression into middle age.

However, the band was given no physical indication whatsoever of their years as they leaped and grooved across the stage, immersing themselves completely in the music and enthusiastic crowd response. SOTW added some new twists to their standard repertoire, replacing some flute solos with harmonica solos and changing a couple of the arrangements. It was disconcerting to me, merrily singing along to "Political", to find that the vocal melody had been changed in one of my favourite tunes. In retrospect, though, it shows that SOTW is a band that's healthy and not in danger of letting their older hits stagnate.

The band ended off their set with "Save This House" and the crowd favourite "Home For a

Rest". During the latter song the crowd was cheering and singing along raucously and the noise continued unabated until the band came back out, beaming, for a three-song encore.

Geoffrey Kelly told the crowd that they hadn't had that much fun in a long time.

The band looked like they

were having fun. Although the audience played a big part of the evening, the fact that after so many years this band can still get genuinely excited about performing is a testament to their appeal as a live act. After all, how many guys fast approaching middle age (like Vince Ditrich the drummer) would hike their extra-stretchy

shorts up past their chest and do a solid-gold dancer impression in front of a bunch of college kids? Ditrich must have spent hours getting those shorts out of his ass.

I think I can sum up the band's current attitude with a story that John Mann told the crowd. He said his wife had told him that day about his son's first experience at skating lessons after a summer of rollerblading. Apparently, the four year-old went to his first lesson of level one and by skating from one end of the rink to the other, he immediately advanced to level six. On the way over to Mann's wife, the boy said, "Where's my stick, Mommy, where's my stick?"

At this point, Mann beamed with parental pride and said, "Isn't that so fucking Canadian?" before screeching his guitar into the powerful "Five Free Minutes." A great segue and a very satisfying performance.

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## Off the Deep End

### CD REVIEW

Tales from the Punchbowl

Primus

Interscope/Warner

Don't expect to immediately enjoy every song on this cd. We're talking about Primus after all — the band who seems to take great pleasure in putting walls of weird in front of their music. If you can see through their inherently weird sound, then you are in for a treat.

Their latest album, *Tales from the Punchbowl*, starts off with "Professor Nutbutter's House of Treats", which is arguably the crunchiest song they've ever written. Stomping stuff. Another song of note is (of course) "Wynona's Big Brown Beaver", whose video takes the cake for greatest video so far this year (yee-haw!). Then there is "Southbound Pachyderm", which has a menacing *Meddle*-era Pink Floyd feel. And you can't forget the jigs, and the atmospheric acid-induced ventures into the uncharted territory of prog-rock which make up most of the remaining songs.

As a whole, the album seems to fit somewhere between the sound of *Sailing the Seas of Cheese* and the bizarre *Pork Soda* which took me (a Primus fan) about a year to begin to enjoy! Ler and Tim have deservedly equal billing with Les Claypool's grinding and dumbfounding basslines so you can finally pay attention to the amazing guitar and drum work. Tim has recently been beating out Neil Peart in drummer's polls and his work on this cd is an exercise in ga-ga-bonzo-bass-locked-tom-heavy pounding.

If you are a Primus fan, then *Tales...* is a must, but if you've just seen the video for "Wynona...", then you'd probably be best off initiating yourself into Primus' world with their earlier "more accessible" stuff (yeah right....)

Mike Graham

## Somebody Spoke — but for only 34 minutes

### CD REVIEW

Somebody Spoke

The Hardship Post

Sub Pop

Originally from Newfoundland, this trio crashed the Halifax music scene a couple of years ago and has been tearing up the place ever since.

Somebody Spoke has been released as a "full-length" album; however, clocking in at 34 or so minutes of music, "full-length" seems kind of generous.

Don't get me wrong though — it's a good 34 minutes. It's just that, well, it's only 34 minutes...

In a recent review of this CD in another publication, *Hardship Post...* sorry, *THE Hardship Post* were compared rather unfavourably to an Elvis Costello without the clever lyrics. Yes, singer Sebastian Lippa sounds a little like Elvis Costello, and if you squint and look at him sideways, they look kinda similar, too, but that's probably just those dark-rimmed glasses. But I digress...

I don't mind if the lyrics aren't quite as deep as Costello's. The songs are catchy, and they bounce out of your stereo at a pleasing pace. In addition to the regular fare, this album has something a little different from the ordinary *The Hardship Post* release. Bassist Mike Pick has added more vocal contributions, and on two tracks, taken the big step up to lead microphone. The songs he sings are quite different from the rest of the album, and his deep voice adds a darker quality to the music. *The Hardship Post...dark?* Yes indeed, sounds impossible, I know, but take a listen. It's weird. But weird in a good way.

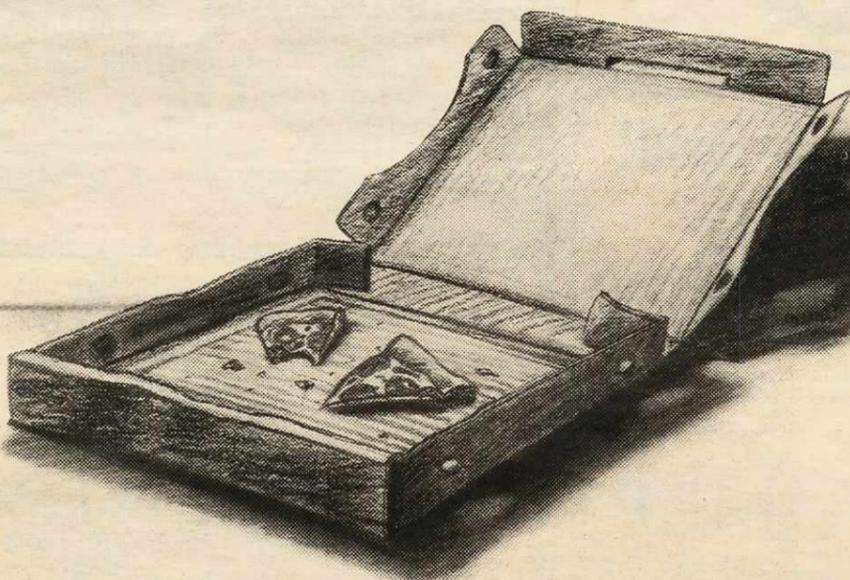
As a final gossipy digression, drummer Matt Clarke "left" the band over the summer. I'm not sure of the conditions of his leaving, but it is rumoured to have been rather messy as Lippa and Pick embarked on a tour as a duo shortly thereafter. The rumour mill also has it that the two realised the error of their ways (playing without a drummer, that is) and that Alyson MacLeod (the drummer who left Jale) will be working with *The Hardship Post* in the future.

Jen Horsey

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## Move your ass

### CD REVIEW

...and the beat goes on!

Scooter

Attic Records Limited

At long last, hardcore and breakbeat make their official debut in the Maritimes. And about bloody time they did, too.

...and the beat goes on! is a Fantazia\*-style collection of hardcore/ breakbeat recorded live at various European (presumably German and English) raves.

Anyone with even a minimal knowledge of rave will recognize classics such as "Hyper Hyper", "Move your ass!", "Different Reality", and "Waiting for Spring".

New tracks such as "Endless Summer", "Friends", and "Faster Harder Scooter" are already big in the European underground circuit and are sure to break through to the mainstream soon enough.

Scooter has come up with a pretty amazing CD here, combining classic and established breaks

and riffs with a bit of ragga thrown in for good measure.

There is something for everyone on this CD (granted, if you like country or death-metal you will probably throw up onto your cowboy boots and Anthrax T-shirt, respectively). However, I would only recommend this to serious ravers as all the local trendies trying to techno or trance their way out of this one will probably kill themselves in the attempt (which, on second thought, might not be such a bad thing).

\* Fantazia here refers to a series of internationally acclaimed raves, as opposed to Fantasia, the Disney classic.

Eugenia Bayada

## Local girl band takes off

### CD REVIEW

Closed

Jale

murderecords

Over the summer, the local indie "girl-band" Jale put out a CD-EP entitled Closed, on murderecords.

This five song release is a tidy follow-up to their Dreamcake album, which was released last year. If you liked Dreamcake, it's a pretty sure bet that you'll also like Closed. It's full of everything that makes Jale so great.

If you haven't heard of the band, on the other hand, pick this up as a sampler of what they can do. Catchy harmonies sung to jangly, up-tempo guitar riffs put a smile on my face — just 'cause.

This is also the last recording by this band as it was then. The drummer has since left to pursue other interests (you have to wonder about drummers in Halifax, it seems every band loses at least one).

All in all though, Closed is a

strong release by these local indie pop icons.

Jen Horsey

## Bad, bad techno

### CD REVIEW

Joy, Life and Pain

T-Spoon

(Attic Records Limited)

There is nothing on Joy, Life and Pain that you haven't heard before (or, for that matter, will ever want to hear again). Some tracks are marginally more bearable than others, some just provoke your homicidal instinct — avoid "Fly Away" and "Mercedes Benz" at all costs.

You've probably heard most of this CD in The Dome on a Satur-

day night (except not as bass-heavy as it should have been)...another reason to avoid it.

Joy, Life and Pain is a waste of time. It is primarily bad techno with Europop influences. However, there is one reggae-influenced track ("Mercedes Benz") and one 'I-wanted-to-be-in-Cypress-Hill-but-they-wouldn't-let-me-because-I'm-a-wimp' track ("Say no more"). Overall, this is one large pile of the record industry's excrement.

Avoid Joy, Life and Pain at all costs. Whoever gave these people a recording contract must have been stoned right out their tree.

Eugenia Bayada

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BY GEOFF STEWART

As the long, lazy days of summer come to a close and the shock of returning to school slowly wears off, a new light appears at the end of the tunnel (and it's not Beaver Foods).

That's right — intramurals are here. It's a chance for all the jokers to come out and compete for control of the case of pepsi. For those readers who don't know what intramurals are, and for those participants who think that intramurals are but a step away from professional sports, let me explain. The intramural program here at Dalhousie offers many fun sporting activities for faculty, fraternities, residences, and general hackers. Hockey and broomball leagues run from September through to March and have three divisions, depending on skill level. Starting on the 18th of this month, there will be a hockey tournament running for a week that is open to all teams. Soccer and co-ed flag football leagues will begin as soon as there is a full field with lights (hopefully in October), and later in the term volleyball, basketball, and innertube water polo will start up. Most of these activities have Co-ed, Women's, and Men's Leagues.

Wait, there's more.

Throughout the year are many tournaments that include: All-night broomball (twice!), softball, flag football, ball hockey, soccer, badminton, tennis, beach volleyball, three-on-three basketball, squash, and even table tennis.

To get involved you must be a Dal student or a Dalplex member. All the residences have teams so talk to your sports rep. Most faculties have teams, so talk to the sports representative from your faculty. You can even get a bunch of friends together and form a team. For the sad cases with no residence, faculty, or friends, get in touch with Campus Rec and they'll find you a team. In order to get a team in the league call Shawn Fraser at Campus Rec at 494-2049.

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Experts caution that obesity in humans is caused not simply by a faulty *ob* gene, but rather by a number of complex problems. Studies by Friedman with obese (*diabetes*) mice with symptoms of diabetes demonstrated that these mice produced normal levels of leptin, and further injection of the protein had no affect on their weight. These mice were determined to be resistant to leptin, probably due to a defect in the brain receptor for the protein.

These recent discoveries promise to provide hope to those struggling with morbid obesity. Further study of both the *obese* and *fat* mice may increase our understanding of the processes that regulate and coordinate the storage and retrieval of fat, as well as the mechanisms that determine hunger and weight gain. Finally, human trials with leptin, the elucidation of the brain target receptor (possibly defective in *diabetes* mice) and the determination of the mechanisms which control its action, may one day lead to more effective treatment of obese Canadians.



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**DAL PROFILES**

**What are you studying here at Dal?** I'm taking a Bachelor of Science (majoring in neuroscience).

**You spent the last week as a frosh leader, tell me about your experience.** It was a blast from day one. I started the week only knowing a few people, but a week later I knew a hundred more. Hopefully, I'll get a chance to do it again before I graduate. My hat goes off to Dal and the frosh coordinators who made this week unforgettable for not just the frosh, but for myself as well.

**With which of the four elements — earth, wind, fire, water — do you identify?** Mud (a combination of earth and water).

**What record in your collection are you ashamed of?** WWF's "Piledriver".

**In what ways are you still a virgin?** I've never eaten an egg roll.

**What is the most disgusting thing you've ever eaten?** Probably cow tongue.

**What do you think of the Hugh Grant situation?** "To err is hughman, to forgive is divine".

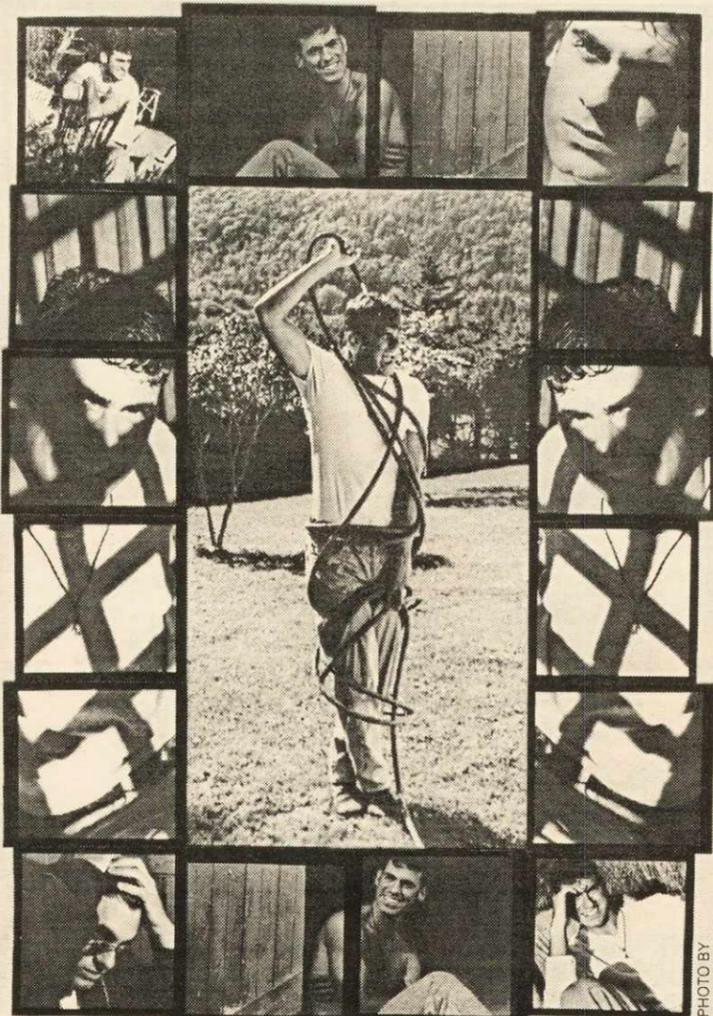
**If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you bring?** Rocks, sand and a palm tree.

**Any bad habits?** I'm extremely impatient.

**What kind of underwear do you prefer?** Long Calvins.

**Ever steal liquor from your parents?** Being the idiot that I was, I took some Ouzo from my parents liquor cabinet and levelled it off with water (not realizing it would turn cloudy)...I got rid of it in the woods.

**What song makes you most nostalgic for the 80's?** George Michael's "Kissing a Fool".



Name: Sukru Kesebi  
Age: 19

PHOTO BY  
TIM RICHARD

**Is there any TV show that you cannot miss?** Chicago Hope.

**What were you like as a child?** I did the best Fonzi impersonation when company came over.

**Can you drive a stick shift?** Yes.

**What song do you find yourself singing in the shower?** Aerosmith's "Dream On".

**What do you drink?** Heinekin.

**What food do you crave regularly?** Chinese.

**If you had a million dollars what would you buy?** A black and brass Jeep Cherokee.

**Remember your first kiss?** In Grade 5, the school's "Kissing Bandit" cornered me behind the mall lotto booth.

**What 2 things are always in your fridge?** Parmesan cheese and Michelina's frozen pasta.

**What is mankind's greatest invention?** Spanish Fly (because one's wit and charm are not always enough).

**Where do you see yourself in 20 years?** I'd like to see myself as a doctor, married with kids (in Connecticut).



**Elections!**

The Gazette will be holding its annual editorial board elections on Monday, September 18.

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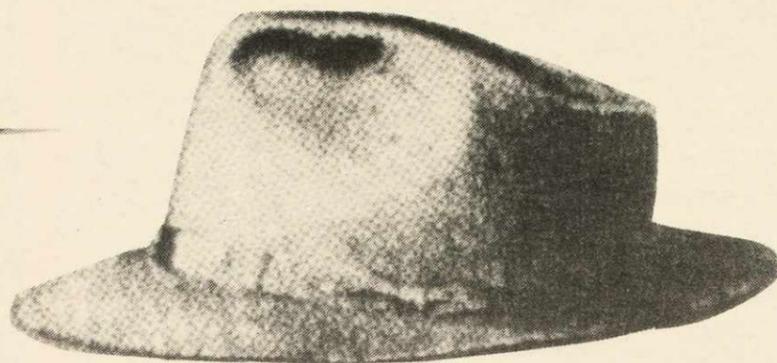
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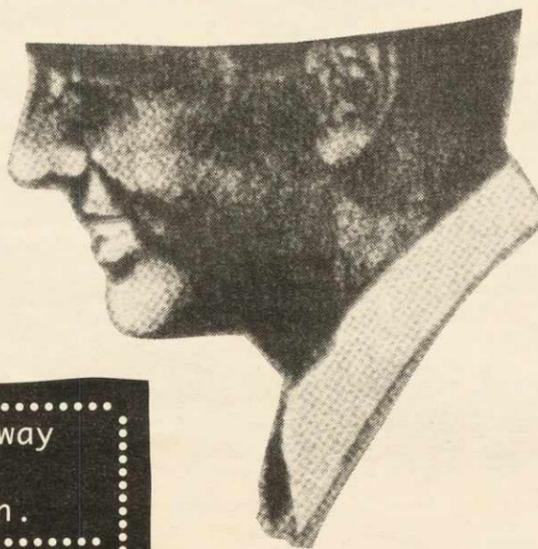
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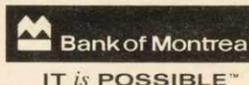
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# Dalendar

On Campus and around the City... September 14-21, 1995

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 14**

**BGLAD.** Bisexuals Gays & Lesbians Association of Dalhousie, will meet today at 7pm in Rm. 307 SUB. Come see what we're all about!

**Resume Clinic** 10-11:30 am, at Counselling & Psychological Services 4th floor SUB. Call 494-2081.

**Mid-day prayer** to be held in the Chaplain's Office, Rm 306 SUB at noon.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 15**

**Have money to burn?** Then the SUB lobby 9am-5pm today is the place for you! Zuman Art, the Futon Store, the Magic Bus and others will tempt those precious dollars from your grubby hands. Shop til you drop!

**Gallery goes alert:** the Dalhousie Art Gallery is proud to present "Robert Wiens: Recent Sculpture," an installation opening today and showing through until 12 October. Call 494-2403 for info.

**Keep your calendar open...** The Metro Coalition for Social Justice is organizing a counter rally to protest the reactionary policies of the Reform Party. Tonight at QEH starting at 6:30pm. Call Steve at 423-9606.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 16**

**Dal Bookstore** is open for special hours today for you keeners out there who believe you really NEED textbooks... check that big sign in the boulevard for the times, and remember — you have to parade through the Green Room for the privilege of handing over hundreds of dollars!

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 17**

**DSU Council meeting** today 2-5pm, in Council Chambers SUB. All are welcome. Come see how those Student Union fees disappear!

**MONDAY, SEPT. 18**

**Chess Anyone?** Bluenose Chess Club meets tonight 7-10:30pm in rm 307 of the SUB. Open to all! No membership required! Sets and clocks are available! Contact Jim at 455-2289.

**Interview Skills,** a workshop presented by Counselling & Psychological Services, runs today 1:30-3pm in their 4th floor offices. Call 494-2081 for details.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 19**

**International Socialists** branch meeting today at 7pm in Rm 318 SUB. All welcome! For more info call Sandy at 422-4013. This week: Socialists in the student movement.

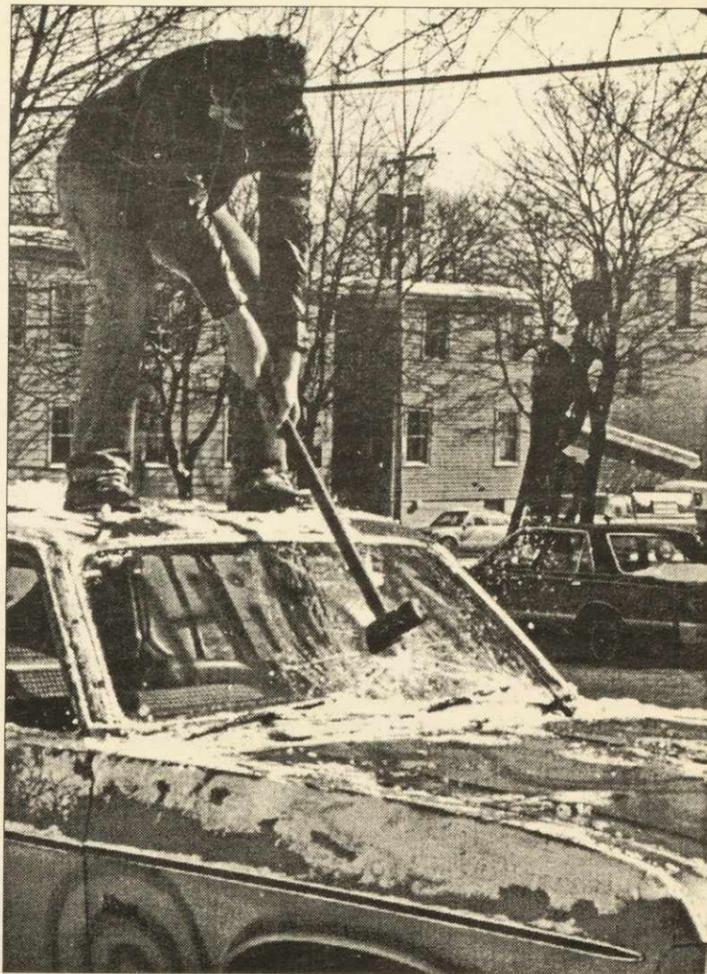
**Resume Writing** clinic today, yup, you guessed it — presented by Counselling & Psych Services in their 4th floor office at 10:30-12noon. Call 494-2081 for more info.

**Young NDP of Dal/Kings** will hold their first meeting of the year tonight 5-6pm. Find us on the 2nd floor of the Grad House (corner of University & LeMarchant, next to the SUB). Contact Megan at 429-7069 for more info.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 21**

**The Birth of Cinema,** an illustrated lecture presented by R. F. MacDonald starts at 8pm at the Dal Art Gallery. Help celebrate 100 years of cinema, join us at the Gallery! For details, call 494-2403.

**Another Resume Clinic** in case you missed the first 20, is today 10-11am in the 4th floor SUB office of Counselling & Psych Services. Call 494-2081 if you need more info.



If you hang out in front of the SUB for long enough...

**Playwright spotted on campus...** Sources say Walter Borden, nationally acclaimed Nova Scotia-born actor & writer, will help launch the fourth season of the CLCP Pub-

lic Reading Series today at 7:30pm in the Special Collections Reading Room, 5th floor Killam Library. Open mike for new writers to follow. For more info, call 494-3615.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Need a job?** Part time jobs on and off campus are being posted daily at the Employment Centre 4th floor SUB. Need help with your resume, interview techniques, or cover letters? We're the answer! A gentle reminder: graduate recruitment begins the first week of classes and continues all year long, so don't be a stranger! Come soon and come often!

**Volunteers needed!** The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth Project is currently seeking volunteers for a new peer support help line. The toll-free line, which will operate weekly, will be staffed by gay, lesbian and bisexual persons 25 years and under. Pick up an application at Planned Parenthood Nova Scotia or Community Pride Outreach. Deadline to apply is September 25th. For further info call Marc or Maura at 425-2700.

**Get those books back!** Dalhousie faculty, graduate students and staff are reminded that all books on term loan will be due September 30th. Books must be renewed/returned on or before that date. Renewal forms available at the Circulation Dept of the Killam Library. Call 494-3601 with any questions.

**The Glace Bay Miner's Museum,** a production of The Eastern Front Theatre Company, is premiering in metro at the Sir James Dunn Theatre after an acclaimed run in Parrsboro. Based on the novel by Sheldon Currie, the play runs Tuesday, September 19 through Sunday the 24. Performances are at 8 p.m. with weekend matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16 and \$14. Call 494-3820 to reserve tickets.

**Life skills training** workshops, levels 1 & 2, will be offered by the Halifax YWCA during September. Registration is

limited, so call for information today! Call Anna at 423-6162.

**Plan ahead: photo exhibit!** The Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia presents the 10th Halifax International Exhibition of Photography on September 22 and 23 at 8pm in Theatre A of the Burke Education Centre, St. Mary's University. Admission for each show is \$5; tickets available at the door.

**Halifax's New Women's Theatre and Creativity Centre** is having an Open House on Wednesday, September 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at its 5234 Blowers St. location. All interested women are invited to come to Suite 5 to meet and check out the space. For more info, a brochure, or to register for workshops, call Tessa Mendel at 429-8202.

**VG needs volunteers...** The Victoria General Hospital and Partners for Care are currently recruiting volunteers to work in their Gift shops. If you can give at least one 4 hour shift per week, please call. Complete training provided. To make an appointment call 428-2420 from 8am to 4pm weekdays.

**Are you a friend or relative of a schizophrenic?** The Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia is a self-help group providing education and support for people like you. The next support meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at 8 p.m. in Rm. 217 of Bloomfield School, 2786 Agricola St. For more info call 1-800-465-2601.

**N.S. Seniors' Art Gallery** painting exhibit and sale runs September 15th to November 7th at 1800 Argyle St in the WTCC building, 3rd floor. Reception and official opening Monday, September 18 starting at 7:30 pm.

**Life skills coaches, unite!**

The Halifax YWCA will be holding an information session Wednesday, September 20 from 7:30-9pm for coaches and trainers who would like to form an association in Nova Scotia. Sharon Cameron will discuss the ALSCO accreditation process, and answer questions. Please call 423-6162 for more info, or if you wish to attend.

**Lost on the Infobahn?** The Dartmouth Regional Library is offering a FREE 4 week course on how to hang-ten on the net from e-mail to the World Wide Web. The course runs from September 14 to October 5 every Thursday from 7:00-8:45 p.m. at the Main Branch next to the Ferry Terminal. Registration is limited so sign up early by calling 464-2315.

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**Starting a Small Business?** Find out what's involved and how to protect yourself. Public Legal Education is presenting a workshop Tuesday, September 19 from 7:00-8:45 p.m. at the Dartmouth Regional Library, Main Branch. Pre-register by phoning 464-2315.

**Does world music move your soul?** Well, get your feet in tune too! Join us Thursday evenings for International Folk-dancing, 7:30-10:30pm at the DANSPACE, 3rd floor, 1531 Grafton St (across from the library). A recreational group, we dance purely for enjoyment and do not perform. Intro course: 7:30-8:30pm. Cost: \$20/ six

weeks, includes practice tape. Begins September 21. Phone 464-1288 for further info.

**Are you psyched to compost** and don't know where to begin? The Ecology Action Centre is presenting a workshop and question & answer period at the Woodlawn Branch of the Dartmouth Regional Library on September 20 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Pre-register at 435-8352.

**Women don't have to be victims!** The Halifax YWCA is offering a 6 week course in WEN-DO (Women's Self-Defense), taught by a certified instructor. Classes are safe, non-competitive, supportive, small, and are for women by women. Space is limited, so register early. Free demo

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**Contemporary Canadian Fiction** is a free lecture series exploring various topics dealing with today's top Canadian writers. All lectures are Wednesdays from 12:05-1:00 p.m. with SMU's Dr. Sandi Orser. Want more info? 464-2315.

**Pregnant? Breastfeeding?** Le Leche League Canada — Cole Harbour invites you to their next meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 8pm for discussion of "The Baby Arrives: Expectations and Reality." Please call 462-8804 for location or with any questions about breastfeeding.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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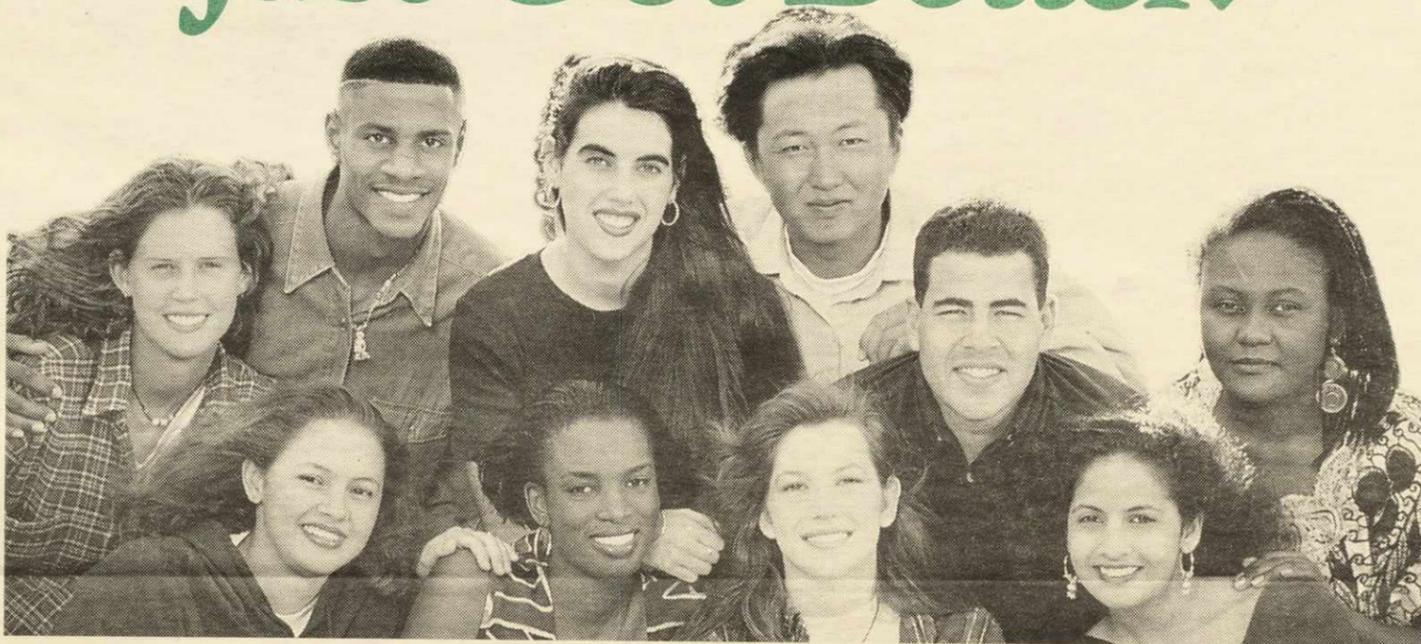
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