

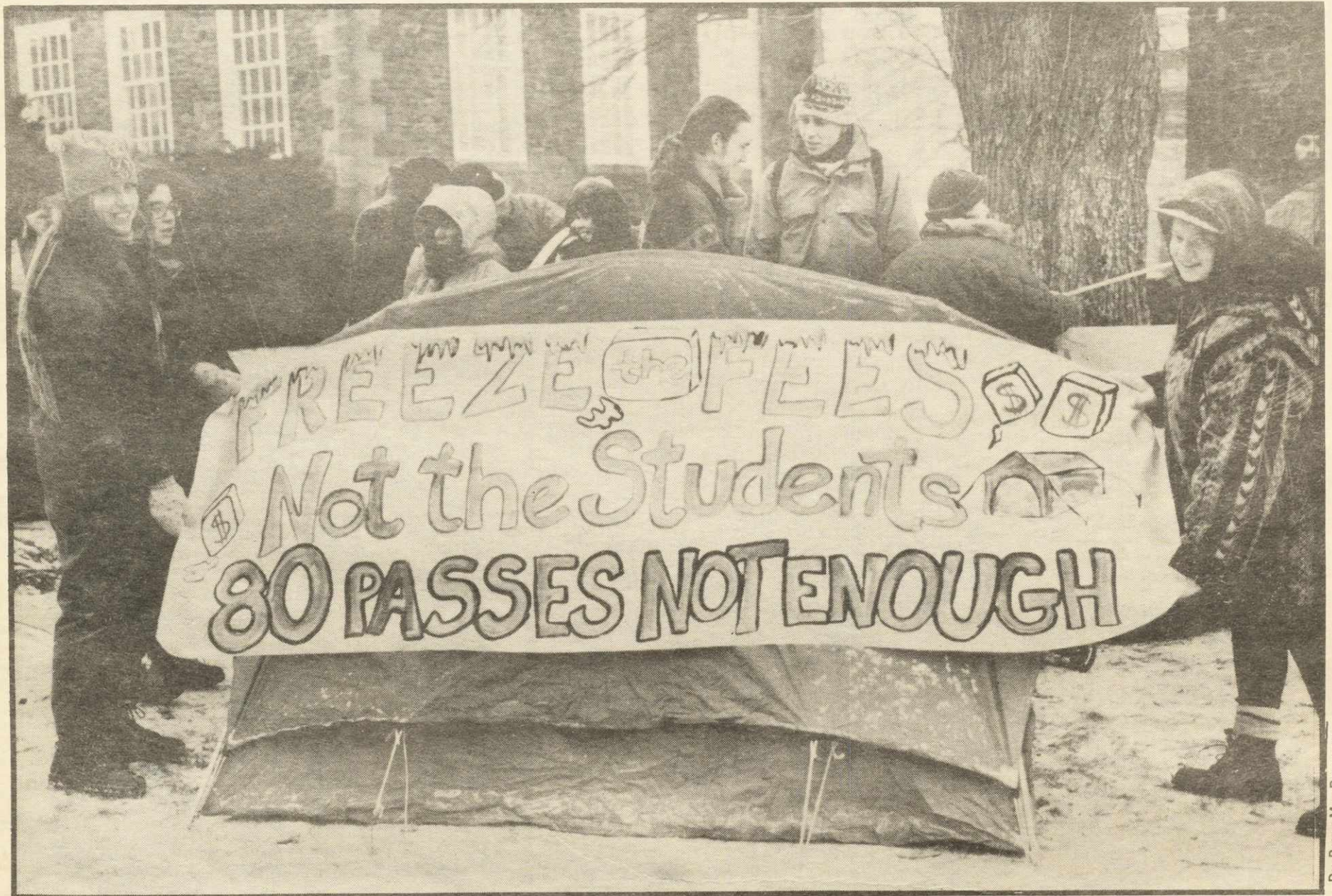
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## CROSSCANADA

### Deux degré sous zéro

MONTREAL (CUP) — Only 50 per cent of Quebec graduate students ever complete their degree.

That's one of the discouraging facts a recent study of the economic and social position of graduate students in the province found.

The study conducted by the province's graduate students' association found graduate students in Quebec take longer to complete their studies than in other provinces, have low-income opportunities, and are often separated from the university community.

"Many of the problems stem from the lack of priority given to graduate studies in the province," said Yves Auclair, president of the Regroupement des Associations des Cycles Supérieures du Québec.

"The economic position of graduate students is not good, and students often leave because income opportunities are much greater in the workforce."

Eugenio Bolongaro, a McGill University Graduate Student Association vice-president and one of the authors of the report, said a recent tuition fee hike has seriously undermined the economic position of graduate students.

"The increase in tuition fees has not brought any new money to universities," said Bolongaro. "It instead has just let the government reduce funding."

### Unnecessary budget control

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The British Columbia government will not pitch in money to stop the University of British Columbia's administration's proposed 18 per cent tuition fee increase, advanced education minister Tom Perry told students last month.

Perry met with a delegation of UBC students but offered very little hope, said student council graduate studies representative Michael Hughes.

"[Perry] said there wasn't much money going around and that his concern is with accessibility the number of students who can get in," Hughes said. Perry has said the government was working to increase the number of places available to prospective students in the province. "He did seem to think 18 per cent might be on the high side."

### Don't worry, draw pogeey

REGINA (CUP) — Saskatchewan students are working to fight a proposed bill that would tighten up Canada Student Loan regulations.

Bill C-76 which has already had its second reading in the House of Commons would eliminate the six-month interest-free period students have before they have to pay back their loans.

Other proposed changes to the loan program include restricting them to 10 years, only funding courses leading to degrees, diplomas or certificate, and only funding students registered in 80 per cent of a full course load.

And the federal government may no longer guarantee money to lending institutions if students find themselves unable to pay back their loans.

### Space cadets from York

TORONTO (CUP) — York University's Senate decided on a set of terms last month to protect itself if the university links up with the International Space University later this year.

The project should not get York funds, and its proposed one-year "space science" program should grant York degrees as part of the university's science faculty, according to a proposal accepted by York's senate.

If senators had rejected the proposal, they would have ended a controversial campaign to bring the space school to the campus, but it passed by a wide margin.

Although the space school, along with a few York officials, coordinated the bid, York's senate and board of governors are now calling the shots, David Logan, an author of the proposal, said last month.

The project's directors will announce their decision on Feb. 1. York is competing with sites in Japan and France.

## news

# Students out in the cold

by Miriam Korn

"I am camper, hear me roar!" Arctic-like weather didn't stop the dozens of students who set up tents in front of the Arts and Administration building last Tuesday afternoon.

"We're going to be here until the meeting is moved," said Candida Rifkind, a student involved in the protest. "The fact that it's so cold shows how serious and committed we are to this."

The demonstration protests the Board of Governors' decision to limit attendance at its meeting today to 80 spectators. The Board is scheduled to vote on a proposed 10% tuition increase at this meeting.

"It's blatant that they're trying to circumvent student rights," said Scott McCrossin, another camper. "We can't let this go unchallenged. It runs completely in the face of all democratic norms, especially considering this is a university which purports to instill high ethical standards and values in its students."

Last January, a series of student rallies forced the Board of Governors meeting time and place to be changed from the Senate boardroom to the McInnes Room. Hundreds of students witnessed The Board's vote to increase the tuition fees by 10%. The Dalhousie Student Union has offered the room for use for this year.

The Board's Chair, Alan Shaw said there are no plans to change the location. "Board meetings are normally held to accommodate the room. Last year the room only held about thirty people. Eighty is a great increase over last year." He felt the McInnes Room was not appropriate for the meeting.

Dr. Howard Clarke, President of Dalhousie University, also said moving the meeting to the larger room is not a viable option. "The board has to make a judgement with the best interest of the university in an atmosphere where they can think clearly and make the most reasonable and rational decisions."

Others do not agree. Passers-by have shown support for the campers



"Bang, bang" right on their pointy, little heads

by signing a petition asking the Board's Chair to move the meeting. Some, including the Dalhousie Staff Association, dropped off muffins, doughnuts and thermoses of hot chocolate.

"It's a slimy under-handed move," commented Rifkind, "serving the best interests of the administration, not the students. A university is a public institution, so meetings held to make major decisions should be open to all students and any other member of the public. We've made a reasonable offer, and their refusal sets an antagonistic tone."

Shaw said there was no need for greater student attendance at the meeting since students were consulted during the decision-making process. "We scrupulously followed the directives made last springtime. All along we were prepared to meet

with students on their territory, but no one took us up on this offer until Monday [January 14, 1993] in the Grawood."

Clarke said that student participation is adequate since the spectators at the meeting today will be free to speak. Also, there are student representatives on the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is made up of fifty-four members, including the President and Chancellor. There are four student representatives.

Hundreds of signatures have been collected to move the meeting. "It's not a question of availability," said McCrossin. "It's a question of accountability."

*There will be a rally protesting the limited access to the meeting today at 3:00 pm. in the SUB lobby.*

## Women's Centre gets go ahead

by Dana Mac Kenzie

It is now official. Dalhousie will have its first Women's Centre. After almost a year of fund-raising, planning, and lobbying the committee for the creation of the centre has achieved its goal: the creation of a safe, peaceful, and positive environment for female members of the Dalhousie Community.

The final seal of approval was given on Tuesday, January 19 when President Clark granted approval for the centre to be located at 6143 South St. The DSU Council gave its final nod to the centre at a council meeting on January 10 by agreeing to sign

the centre's lease. The DSU also approved a \$2000 donation to the centre to offset operating costs.

Candida Rifkind, the DSU VP

*a safe, peaceful  
and positive  
environment*

External and member of the Women's Centre Committee, says that she is relieved that twelve months of fund-raising and lobbying have paid off in the creation of the centre.

Rifkind states that the Women's Centre will consist of a resource centre for both men and women, and a safe area designated for women only. Rifkind says that "...the Women's centre is for women and men, but with a safe place for women."

Originally, the committee sought funding for two part-time paid positions for students to work at the centre. However, money for this has not yet been secured and Rifkind reports that it looks as if the centre will be staffed by students who will work on a volunteer basis. But the mission is not yet quite complete: the committee is still searching for donations of furniture and money.

# news

## Student rights: words to work by

by Helen Hyrek

If you aren't finding the advent of another torturous semester utterly depressing, then take a look at the employment section of our local newspapers. There you will find a reality that's bound to dim your spirits; there are no jobs. What's more, January and February are the least

promising months in which to find them. Granted, unemployment is a nightmare of financial anxieties, but being employed as a minimum wage earner while balancing studies is not always a pleasure trip either. Working students in today's economy must have two talents: a flair for creative economizing and an ability to make a lot of compromises. It's not surpris-

ing to see many students backed into a corner by the demands of employers, simply because the luxury of quitting is not an option.

For those of you who are fortunate enough to be employed but are disgruntled by the agonies of minimum wage slavery, there are a few facts you might not know in terms of your rights as a non-unionized minimum wage

earner. Most of this information falls into the category of common sense, however you'd be surprised how few people are aware of their rights.

Let's say, for example, your laughably meagre paycheque bounces. While this is a rare occurrence for most employees, it can happen. According to Labour Standards, your employer is obligated to compensate you within five working days after the end of the pay period. If he or she fails to do so, you can file a complaint with Labour Standards. If you are charged a fee by your bank for the bounced cheque, it is up to you only to seek compensation from your employer. As the Labour Standards rep informed me over the phone, "We can't touch it."

In the case of a bounced cheque you are not by any means justified in trying to compensate yourself for the amount, meaning that if you dip your hands into a cash register you could be charged for theft. I was surprised to see how few people knew this.

At this point in the economy, many businesses are suffering under the constraints of competition. Often an employer might see fit to

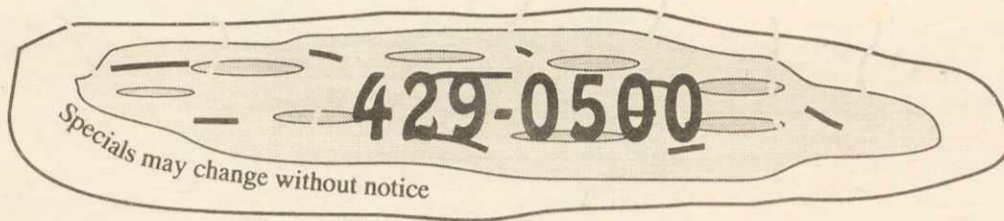
lower your pay, and he or she is legally justified in doing so, just as long as your rate of pay is not reduced below the standard minimum wage level. Incidentally, minimum wage went up to \$5.15 as of January 1, 1993.

There is often a lot of confusion regarding what constitutes a statutory holiday. Moreover, the correct wages for working a statutory holiday tends to be another source of confusion. Again, according to Labour Standards, legal statutory holidays include: Christmas Day, Canada Day, Good Friday and Labour Day. As a part time, non-unionized worker, you may qualify for time and a half for working a statutory holiday if you have worked the day before and the day after the holiday. If you are not paid time and a half, your employer may give you a paid day off.

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# In a dangerous time

by Carolyn Smith

On Wednesday, January 13th, Dr. Cindy Patton spoke at Saint Mary's University on the issues of women and HIV/AIDS. She focused specifically on the media's representation of women's risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS and the epidemiological methods used to (mis)represent those who have acquired HIV/AIDS.

Having reviewed many articles in publications such as *People* and *Newsweek*, Patton noticed that women, when they were mentioned at all in the context of HIV/AIDS, were described either as sex-trade workers or as mothers of sero-positive babies. Thus we hear of men and babies who have contracted HIV/AIDS, which is most likely from men.

This trend ties into HIV/AIDS epidemiological studies, where women are often referred to as "vessels and vectors". This means that in the attempts to understand who gets HIV/AIDS and why, women and their bodies have been decontextualized and are seen "either as vaginas or uteruses," waiting to infect men or babies. Women, says Patton, are assumed to be "always, already infected."

Those considered at risk for HIV/AIDS, as identified in the media, have not traditionally been described as "ordinary heterosexuals." Thus we hear of gay men, intravenous drug users, sex-trade workers (usually in the context of their customer's risk), people in Africa, and those who engage in "dangerous sex practices," as being at risk for having HIV/AIDS.

These 'identity' tactics have the effect of distancing women's perception of their risk of contracting HIV/AIDS ('It couldn't happen to me, I only have normal sex'). Attitudes like this result in women having a false sense of their own security.

In addition, much of the research on HIV/AIDS education, prevention, identification and treatment has focused on gay men, and by omission, has further fostered the belief that normal women are not at risk. However, Patton argues that gay men's risks have been overestimated, and women's risks underestimated.

According to the Center for Disease Control or CDC's early classification system, men could be either heterosexual or homosexual. Only one gay contact was required to



qualify a man as a 'homosexual' male. So, if an IV drug using man, or a man who visited sex-trade workers had sex with a man even once, he would be classified solely as a gay man.

The CDC classifications had the effect of statistically eliminating the actual number of times high-risk men engaged in heterosexual activity. As a consequence, they covered up women's risk of coming into contact with HIV+ men. Recent studies have shown that over half of such high-risk men were also having sex with women.

Such evidence also points to the phallogocentric attitudes of the medical establishment. For although women have been at HIV/AIDS risk since the beginning of the epidemic, the medical establishment has been slow to uncover not only if, but how women are getting AIDS.

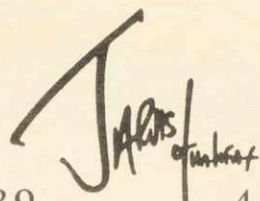
Furthermore, women's symptoms have not been widely recognized by doctors, who have concentrated on men's symptoms both in research and practice. Women most often find out they have been infected in the later stages of AIDS, when they are receiving medical attention before giving birth,

or when their male partner tests positive for AIDS. Men usually find out much earlier than women and therefore receive medical attention that can prolong their lives.

Cindy Patton's lecture was informative, and opened my eyes to the reality of women's neglected position in the HIV/AIDS crisis. It allowed me to identify why, when I went to donate blood to the Red Cross, there were no questions or warning for "normal" women with regard to HIV/AIDS. Unprotected heterosexual sex was not an issue; only "male-male" sex, use of needles, visiting Africa, or having sex with a sex-trade worker were mentioned as disqualifying one as a donor.

Because doctors don't always recognize women's symptoms, we have to take the time to be aware ourselves. Yeast infections that won't go away, Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), cervical cancer, pain during sex, and weight loss are all indicators of possible HIV infection in women. It is time for women to demand equal attention on all levels with regard to HIV/AIDS.

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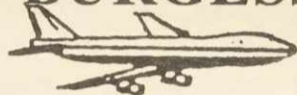
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# news

## Audre Lorde: remembering our sister outsider

by Adrian Harewood

MONTREAL (CUP) — A very special person in my life passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 1992. Audre Lorde died of liver cancer at her home on the island of St. Croix after a decade-long struggle with the disease. She was 58 years old.

I never had the privilege of meeting Audre in person. I never had the opportunity of squeezing her hand or giving her a warm embrace.... but I must tell you that she still managed to touch my soul.

It might seem curious that I call her Audre rather than Ms. Lorde, when I respected her as much as I do. She was a friend I could turn to for guidance, support and inspiration.

I could open up *Sister Outsider* or *Burst of Light* and consistently feel I was being challenged and educated. She possessed that special quality Malcolm did, to constantly stretch the imagination, alert you to the endless possibilities available if you only scrutinized your sensibilities.

She alerted us to our power. I realize now how she was such an anchor for so many. I am certain she would have wanted me to call her Audre.

How to describe her? She was truly a sage — a sage in the tradition of Maya Angelou or Toni Morrison, James Baldwin or June Jordan.

As a Black Lesbian mother of two children, in an inter-racial relationship, she was constantly struggling to combat the hostile forces that preyed on her family's vulnerability. She was a crusader for the human rights of all African people in the diaspora and at home.

Indeed, Audre Lorde stood up for all oppressed peoples of the world.

**"Lorde stood up for all oppressed peoples"**

She called herself a Lesbian and Black African Caribbean American woman staked out in a white racist homophobic America.

While there was a wonderful lyricism and fluidity to her poetry and prose, her work retained the type of poignancy and incisiveness that always made it fresh, powerful and relevant. She used language with the

kind of economy and force that commanded your attention.

There is a tremendous void left, now that she is gone, and I am unsure who will assume the responsibility and mantle for progressive leadership she so deftly carried for three decades. I am desperately searching for someone capable of unifying the diverse audience that Audre was able to touch during her lifetime.

But she would quickly warn me against hero-worship, especially of herself. It is our duty to continue working for positive change. The idea must not die with the messenger. We don't have time to put our fate in the hands of some future messiah.

I can finally understand though why Dad felt so lost when James Baldwin died. I can now relate to the footage of the distraught faces of the women and men of Harlem right after learning that Malcolm had been murdered — it was the type of pain and despair that comes with the realization that a sincere, decent person had been lost. Audre exuded a serenity that affected all those who came into contact with her.

The woman had dignity. She was soulful to the brim.

Audre demonstrated how necessary it was that we come together to fight oppression at all levels. "There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle," she said in *Sister Outsider*.

No form of subordination ever stands alone. Racism must be fought at the same time as homophobia, sexism and

own vices, yet she admonished us to remain accountable for our actions. No one is immune from oppressive tendencies.

Audre Lorde never ran away, like so many of us, from difference. Difference represents a tremendous creative force for change. It is a resource best used to provide us with energy, life-force.

Audre never cajoled, but she did urge, coax us out of our silence.

She understood that silence is often caused by "our fear of censure, contempt, annihilation", yet she recognized our silence is ultimately futile. It is imperative that we transform our silence into language and action. Only then can we grow, liberate ourselves from the shackles of our oppression.

Her own struggle with the breast cancer ultimately leading to her death was not a silent one. Her journals documenting the fight for survival millions of women have endured introduced many of us to the pernicious politics of breast cancer.

In a world saturated with hate, betrayal, resignation and apathy, she was a symbol of what we could be. She was not a saint, very few of us are. Audre Lorde was very human.

If Malcolm was our "shining Black Prince" as Ossie Davis so eloquently put it, then Audre truly was us all.

**This is not a "me first" kind of revolution**

classism. We have no excuse to postpone genuine emancipation. Black liberation is just that: Liberation of all Black people. This is not a "me-first" kind of revolution. This is definitely a "we" revolution. Yeah.

Audre was a woman deeply committed to her people, despite often being shunned by her loved ones because of ignorance. Many of us were not prepared for what Audre had to tell us.

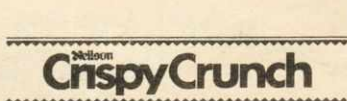
She would never argue that all oppressions were equal. The extent of your oppression is defined by the number of choices you have at your disposal. But at some level we all have options available to us. Audre never condemned or chided us. She was never afraid of displaying her

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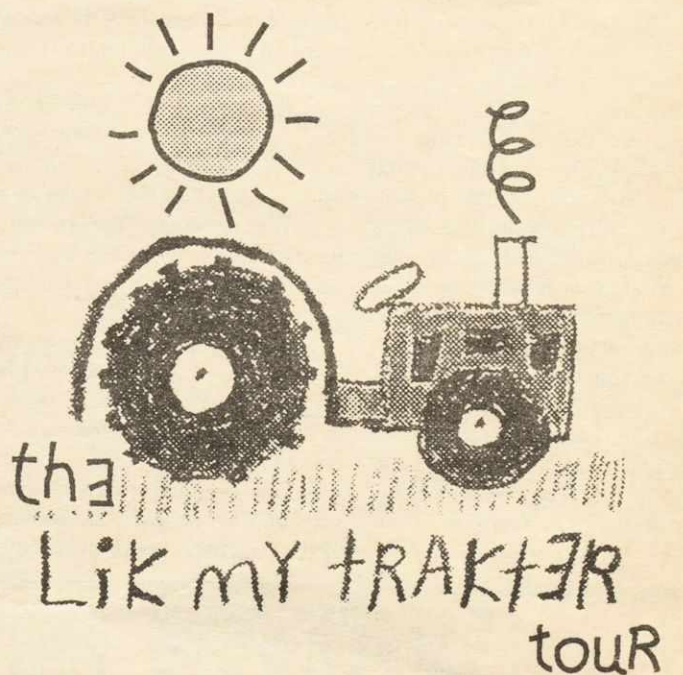
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# opinions

## University fees: Fed up and BoGged down

Call me paranoid, but I think the Board of Governors is plotting against me. It all started during the 1990/91 school year but my memory of that year is a little hazy. I do vaguely remember something about a 25% tuition hike, but it being my first year at Dalhousie with quite a bit of money in my bank account as the result of a fantastic summer job, I can only assume that I didn't care because money was not a problem.

Damn, was I ever wrong.

Last summer I didn't have an incredibly well paying summer job. In fact I didn't have a job. Now there's no way I can blame the Board of Governors for being unemployed, however due to recent events I am beginning to suspect there's at least a connection between the two. I can't prove anything, the evidence is purely

**Where the hell does this end? How did this happen in the first place?**

circumstantial, but allow me to present it to you, and maybe you too will conclude that the Board of Governors do not want you in Dalhousie.

1. The Board of Governors wants to increase fees by another 10%. This is when I first became suspicious. Think about it. I return to school after spending an entire summer unemployed, my parents quickly going in debt so I can obtain a university degree, and I don't qualify for a student loan because my father makes too much money which is news to my family. If the Board of Governors wanted to demonstrate that I am welcome in this university, that they are aware of the financial difficulties most students are facing today and that they believe that university exists for students, then they wouldn't have made Dalhousie more inaccessible than it already is.

2. This year's tuition for the Arts and Science's program is \$2415.00. Does this come as a surprise to you? No, me neither. In August when my parents asked how much money I needed for school (and they stressed "needed") I cringed as I told them the price of tuition but I didn't think twice about the actual fee being \$2415.00 + DSU fees + athletic fees + society fees. If I had been observant, I would have noticed that the fees had increased quite a bit, which brings me to...

3. There is no listing in any Dalhousie Academic Calendar of the tuition rates for the 90/91 and the 91/92 school year. Today I decided to check out exactly how much more

I was paying this year than I was in 1991 (I took last year off) and I still don't know. I looked up the academic fees from 86/87 to 92/93 in the Dalhousie Calendars and the only calendar which doesn't cite any tuition fees is the 91/92 edition. And in every other calendar except the 92/93 volume, the academic fee schedule for the preceeding year is listed. So why aren't these fees listed? An oversight perhaps? Or is it part of a conspiracy to keep me from figuring out that (gasp!) the university enforced the 25% increase last year and the 10% increase this year.

4. If fees increase another 10%, that will be 64% since 89/90! Where the hell does this end? How did this happen in the first place? And how many students had no choice but to drop out of university? I'm shocked. I'm mad. And I want the Board of Governors to know about it except...

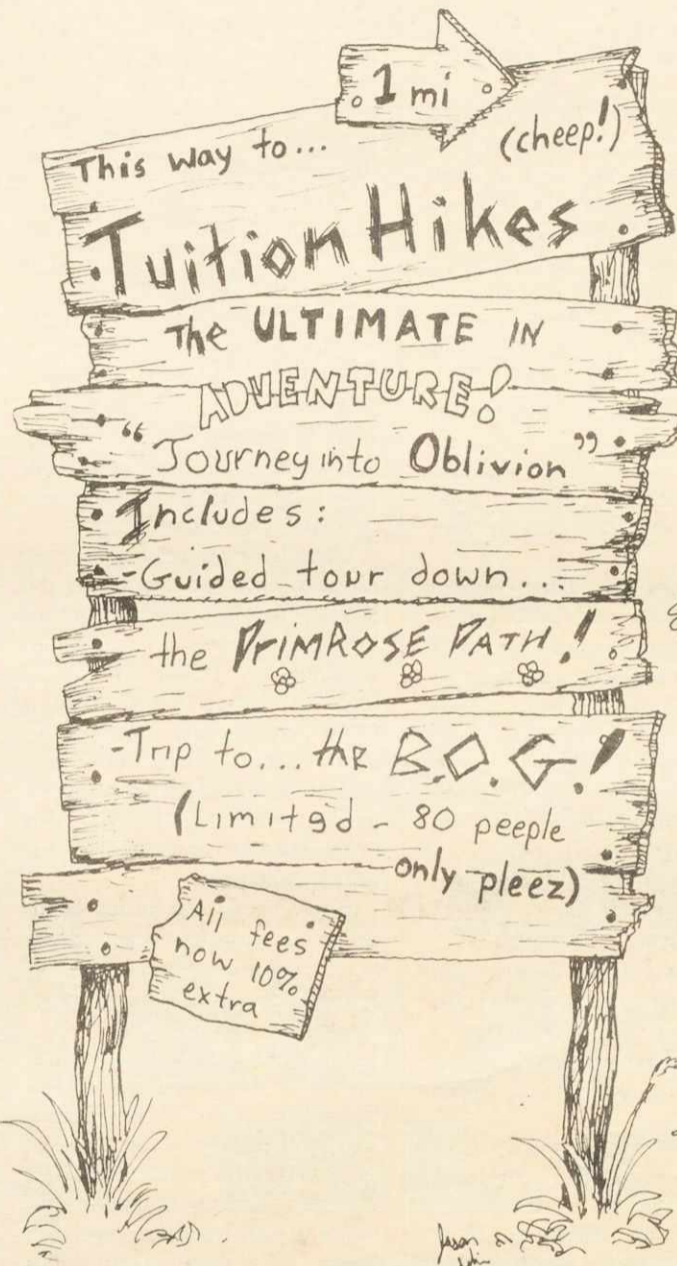
5. I am not allowed to attend the Board of Governors meeting. The meeting which takes place Thursday, January 21 at the McDonald Building is open only to the 80 students who picked up tickets at the President's office and now there aren't any left. The reason for this limited number of people is that the McDonald Building is small. Understandable. However, the DSU has booked the McInnes Room in the SUB so that many more students can voice their concerns with the tuition hikes, but as of this moment (Tuesday, 10:30 pm) the Board of Governors have refused to move their meeting. I keep hoping that they'll change their mind, but that would mean that they are interested in how this tuition increase affects me, which in turn goes against the conspiracy theory I have formed.

**Changing their mind goes against the conspiracy theory**

Do you really believe that you're wanted at Dalhousie? Do you believe education is a right and not a privilege? Do you think there's something wrong with a university that is pushing students out simply because they don't have a lot of money? I am aware that Dalhousie is short of funding, but does the Board of Governors think that asking students to pay even more for it is the answer? And 10% for what?

I don't know about you, but I've decided that Dalhousie doesn't want me. They want \$2656.50.

Judy Reid



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## Strike a blow for freedom

"A student's protest was too little, too late as Acadia University decided Monday they will pay 11 per cent more for their education in September."

Sound familiar? This was the lead sentence to an article written by Anna-Marie Gallante run in the Chronicle-Herald on Tuesday, 19 January. The University's Board of Governors decided to hurry through the vote to increase tuition without informing the Student's Union of their intentions, so even though Acadia rallied Tuesday with over 150 students attending a protest, it's a case of "too little, too late."

The vice-president and other members of the Acadia Student's Union presented the BoG with a paper outlining the different ways the University could save money without raising tuition. The tuition this year for a full-time undergraduate was \$2,625. Next year, it will be \$2,915. By the year 1997, the proposed increases would bring tuition to \$3,669.

Faculty salaries have also been frozen for two years now, and have just been voted by the Board to be out in the cold for a third. "Inadequate government funding," is the primary reason cited for these manoeuvres.

This week, a group of Dalhousie students camped out in the quad to protest the limiting of student attendance at the next BoG meeting. Only eighty students are being allowed to attend because the room in which the BoG will hold the meeting is limited by fire regulations as to its capacity. What clever planning. And you must book your tickets in advance.

Last year, hundreds of students rallied one Board of Governors meeting and were able to delay the vote to raise tuition fees. The Board then agreed to hear students' concerns in the MacInnes room, and hundreds of people argued for hours, trying to make information concerning fee scheduling accessible, trying to make the BoG accountable, and trying to freeze the fees.

The BoG voted for the tuition hike anyway.

What is the moral of the Dal story: well, last year they went through the motions, allowed us to have our little rampage, wasted some time, and then did what they wanted to do anyway. This year, they have decided to baldly ignore us and eliminate all that messy wrangling. It's not like any one of them lost sleep over the issue, because they napped nicely at the meetings.

What is the moral of the Acadia story: whatever you do as students will not be taken seriously. You will not be consulted. It will always be too little, too late.

I believe it's time to organize a walkout. In 1988/89, faculty at Dalhousie went on strike when contract negotiations with administration broke down. When the issue was finally resolved, students were left with three weeks of make-up work to do and no extra time in which to do it, but at least the clout of the faculty had been realized. It is time for Dalhousie administration to remember they are working for students. Write to the Gazette and tell us how you feel about going on strike.

Jennifer Beck

## Redefined by its redefiners

For the last three years the sensationalized stories have appeared in popular American magazines. "The P.C. Front", "The Victim's Revolution", "The Storm Over The University" and "Thought Police" graced the covers of *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Atlantic* and *The New Republic*. According to these reports, university campuses have been overrun by vigilantes conducting witch hunts against professors, conservative students or right-wing lecturers who uphold the canon of western literature and thought.

*Newsweek* said in its December 1990 cover story "PC is, strictly speaking, a totalitarian philosophy. No aspect of university life is too obscure to come under its scrutiny".

Canadian campuses have not escaped this scrutiny. However, by focusing the debate surrounding "political correctness" to curriculum guidelines, we ignore the broader spectrum wherein the war on PC is being used to justify attacks on affirmative action policies for women and minorities, equity programs for minority students and the very right of existence for gay and lesbian student organizations.

Before we go any further let us define our terms lest *Newsweek* define them for us. My political correctness is not the same as their political correctness.

The phrase "political correctness" was first used by people on the ideological left as a sarcastic reference to others on the left whose political activity showed a greater concern for the form of oppression than its substance. It was a trend that developed during the disintegration of the 1960s

social movements and led to the currency of lifestyles politics - the movement centering on discussions about language and lifestyle. This move towards lifestyle politics also coincided with stepped up resistance and repression to the women's movement and Black Power movements and later led to their eventual fragmentation.

It is ironic then that those forces who once stood against these movements for social change have now appropriated their disintegration rhetoric to now use it to dismiss these movements as trivia and as mere grumbling from the disgruntled and oppressed masses.

### "Freedom of speech is not the issue."

For the term "political correctness" has been removed from its original context and is now redefined and used by its redefiners to refer to and lead the attack upon any person or idea opposed to racism, bigotry, and sexism and demonstrably for multiculturalism and equity.

At issue for those leading the assault on the newly defined PC is the accusation that multiculturalism, pay and employment equity programs, affirmative action and discriminatory harassment policies will restrict freedom of speech by imposing speech codes. They even go so far as to say that these programs and policies will

impose the same ideological conformity as "McCarthyism".

However, the development of harassment policies and equity programs will provide little effectiveness, let alone totalitarianism when university administrators are seen to come to the defence of incidents of bigotry and discrimination.

Who really has the power to silence whom?

Freedom of speech is not the issue. Those who express concern that freedom of speech is being threatened are only concerned with extending freedom of speech to those protecting racism, sexism and bigotry, from those who fight against it.

The real debate is that between the assertion of the status quo and their individual rights over the collective rights of those traditionally barred from power.

It is not enough for the unempowered to challenge specific incidents of bigotry and racism: The ideas that underline these concepts must be exposed and challenged as well.

To challenge these ideas, equity and affirmative action programs and discriminatory harassment policies must be defended. These programs are required because universities and other status quo institutions have traditionally discriminated against women and minorities. Discriminatory harassment policies and affirmative action programs are necessary because admissions, hiring, promotions and, yes, even curriculum decisions, should not be left solely in the hands of those who are responsible for discrimination in the first place.

Brenda Barnes



## LETTERS

The Dalhousie Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length and should be typed and double-spaced. The deadline for letters is Monday noon before publication. Letters may be submitted on Mac or IBM-compatible 3.5" disk.

## Baskets 'o brain food

To the editor:

Perhaps the concept of the gift baskets at Christmas exam time is a good fund-raising idea, but I would like to voice some concerns.

The idea may be appropriate for first year students and some undergraduates, but not necessarily for all students. As a returning 36 year old student, I was somewhat perturbed that my 80 year old mother received a notice requesting a donation.

I understand the request was made with the explanation that students do not always eat well prior to exams, and that the proceeds would go towards fund-raising efforts for student exchanges to developing communities overseas. The gift basket that I received contained a bag of popped pop-

corn, bubblegum, a chocolate bar, 2 or 3 granola bars, a candy cane, an orange, a small bottle of spring water, some tea bags, an individual juice carton, and a pencil. Thank goodness I eat better year round than this. It seems to me that you may be procuring proceeds on donors false assumptions that they are providing nutritious snacks for the student. Brain food can be healthy and fun. Dried fruits and nuts, multi-grain crackers, canned fish, etc. (and 1 or 2 treats) would be more appropriate.

As well, if possible, how about using sponsors who have minimal unnecessary extra packaging? That would be mentally and ecologically uplifting!

I commend the President's Leadership Class on its enthusiasm, but urge that extra thought be given. We need leaders to act with congruent values and initiative in our society today.

Denise Marion

## Tangled TVs

To the editor:

Attention students: Don't touch that dial. It's bad enough that your school and your government are sucking as much money out of you as they possibly can but wait until you catch the drift of the "student package" from Granada.

One day I innocently considered enquiring how much it would cost to rent a VCR. Limited by the size of Halifax, I was drawn to the large, commercial appeal of Granada, King/Queen of the Rent-to-own.

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# opinions

## BLACKS ON BLACK

### WHY WE MUST STAY UNITED AND HOW

First, I would like to welcome back and hope the Black students at NSCAD, TUNS, MSVU, SMU, and Dal had a joyous Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, or just plain holiday (for my atheist brothers and sisters). I personally enjoyed the time off from my studies, yet, didn't enjoy the reflection period that dominated most of my time. Talking to a few sisters and brothers about this reflection, many have said, "You're crazy man! I love to sit down at the end of the year and reflect on what I did!" But that is exactly the point. I don't think I did what so desperately need to be accomplished, the uniting of Black students on a common front. Though I realized at first that this would be a difficult task, I always remained optimistic that this goal could be gotten in a relatively short time period, how naive.

This whole idea of unity is why I decided to air a few solutions that I've come across while doing some research over the break. Over the last few weeks I've seen disinterest in Black students over the issues that should be uniting us. This disinterest isn't because they no longer care, but because there is a certain air of frus-

tration, one that lends itself to such comments as, "I'm from \_\_\_\_\_, you can't and never will understand me." This "air" of frustration causes us to overlook the most tying factor of all Black students, the universal oppression and denial of human rights by dominant White society.

Malcolm X once said,

We have to get together and forget our differences. We're not going to agree on everything but we will agree that all of us are oppressed, all of us are exploited, and the only way we're going to get to our objective is to have some kind of cooperation with each other.

Brother Malcolm's words rang a bell in my head after reading them, it told me that we MUST put aside our differences; religious, political, geographical, class, and yes skin colour, if we are to ever achieve "true" freedom, justice and equality.

KRS-ONE, said in one of his songs,

I'm not a Muslim, but I do support them  
My father in heaven taught me and taught them  
I'm not a Christian, but I won't diss them  
I'm not a Jew, I don't practice Judaism

KRS-ONE, a rap artist reinforces

the fact that if we are to remain divided, suffering will continue both mentally and physically (as in Somalia).

One solution to forming a front of black united students is for those of us who are experienced to be tolerant of our brothers/sisters whose consciousness may not be the same level as our own.

My political stance is that which is known as Black Nationalism, and because at one point I was one who was very unconscious to unity, I used to lash out at Blacks whose thoughts differed from my own. But, because there were people who I knew would develop into something greater than an "armchair revolutionist", they

tolerated the rhetoric and verbal attacks that often followed our conversation and allowed me to grow.

So, to my brothers and sisters who are struggling for unity and now find it a lost cause, or a frustrated one, try a different route or method of approach. The method used with a Ghanaian sister will be different from that used with a brother from North Preston, diversify and be tolerant because we are a diverse and multi-cultured people who still suffer from our lack of unity.

Today, in 1993 our Black world is in conflict, between itself, U.S., and Europe, to name but a few. Therefore, the need for us to unite is critical, so let us come together and put

meaning to the oft repeated "brothers and sisters", and start acting like a brother or sister would.

If you try and swim the Atlantic Ocean and after several attempts you find you don't make it, well, if your objective is the other side, what are you going to do? It's not a case of having utter despair. You have to go back to shore and try another method of getting across if that's where you want to go."

El-hajj Malik el Shabazz (Malcolm X)

Jason Gannon

Co-Chair  
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 Of civilized man's  
 Thoughts.  
 Create a void  
 From the voices  
 Of human shouts  
 That shout of peace,  
 Vain words in the wind.  
 Construct a program  
 From the imprisoned  
 Emotions of the masses,  
 So full of paradoxes  
 And of bugs  
 It will give up  
 In a puff of noxious smoke.  
 And when this land you've built,  
 Floating in a void,  
 Controlled by a defunct program  
 Is all that is left,  
 You are in noman's heaven,  
 Praying,  
 To the gods that aren't,  
 For death.  
 Daniel Spencer - late fall '85

### A Blade Of Grass

A blade of grass,  
 To be walked on and ignored,  
 To be loved and admired,  
 To be used, to use.  
 A blade of grass,  
 So harsh and rough,  
 To cut like knives.  
 A blade of grass,  
 So soft and gentle,  
 To cushion the passion of lovers.  
 A blade of grass,  
 Just there, in life ...  
 ... and in death.

Daniel Spencer

### Fumble

Hello  
 O hell  
 It should have been easy  
 Watching you walking  
 Like so many screenplays  
 Your eyes, pokerfaced  
 Behind the glamour of sunglasses.

While I stumble  
 Dancing the song of jackhammers  
 In midflight, stammering  
 Bullfisted Theseus, clutching  
 The kitesring of your conversation  
 Talk of traffic, twisted with  
 The banality of weather reports.

I follow  
 Like a nomadic Greyhound  
 Salt parched and tethered  
 To a tagalong tribesman  
 Following simplistic instinct  
 Pulling for the scent of water  
 The taste of mirages.

And then  
 When the sponge of my tongue  
 Has finally swallowed  
 My eye teeth, so that  
 I cannot see what I want  
 To say, you say  
 "Are you coming home with me?"

And still you walk  
 Your knotted fistlets  
 So tightly wrapped  
 They beg for bows  
 Of pink-tongued silk  
 Bunches of gold leaf  
 Flights of feathers.

I become a motorboat  
 But - but - but  
 Trolling in your wake  
 The sunrise of your smile  
 So secretly amused by my  
 Tangled lines, and  
 Fumbled lures.

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# Cope and the Cross

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with wicked piano work and industrial strength guitar reverb with an underlying sax and horn harmony, more crunchingly reverbed synth trips, and a surprisingly good and tonally sure high falsetto by Cope. The purpose of this is to make wild music, but it also explains Cope's relationship with the world. Cope has recovered from the dizzyfying and disillusioned 20th Century world which led him into chemical addiction: "I used to take so much acid it frightens me..."; and he has even put on some weight and stopped looking like a heroin addict. No way! You mean this Mother Goddess/Mother Earth stuff is actually good for you?? Cope is not afraid to share his experiences and in an experimental style Phase Two represents the crazy present world in a fashion that might be different from how we do it, but in one that is definitely within our heads. We just need to take the plugs out of our ears. If Christ is "all," as one church on Windsor St. once said on its advertising sign, then a distorted, screwed up, and broken world should be no match.

**"immediately  
listenable"**

Phase Three (as Phase Two ends with the aforementioned song "Julian H. Cope") starts out by dregging back up "Poet is Priest" as if it were a great jam session, and everyone decided to leave it in. The result is called "The Subtle Energies Commission" and I'm not sure what it's supposed to do, but I know I like it. Phase Three seems a little misdirected with the simple break into a more *Peggy Suicide* sounding song called "Fa-Fa-Fa-Fine" but it is only a short jaunt before getting into the really good stuff. The last three songs of Phase Three, above everything else (including the really neat pictures of Pre-Christian archaeological sites in the dustjacket), are the best reason to listen to *Jehovahkill*. They are simply brilliant.

"Fear Loves This Place" is the single-esque song of the album, but like "Beautiful Love" from *Peggy S.* it

is much more than that. It is one of the few songs with a standard rock drum beat, and this is the reason it is immediately listenable, like most of *Peggy S.*, and unlike most of *Jehovahkill*. It is as good as any chorus song Cope has ever written with a fierce crescendoing/decrecendoing rhythm and crashing cymbals and Cope singing the most deep and resonant line he probably ever has:

*"So a man hit a woman, again  
and descended from above...  
...We live in one Hell of a  
Heaven,  
We live in one World not one  
Jail,  
You hear me cry out, yeah yeah  
I'm praying,  
Fear loves this place."*

And yet, Cope manages to bring the fierce song to an angelic ending, but he does so with the knowledge of what's to come: "The Tower".

At 10 minutes 17 seconds "The Tower" is an EP unto itself. It is also a seven-thousand year old recapitulation of a spirit that Cope believes is within him. Now I've been speaking all along of this resolution that Cope has made with the past without clearly delineating it. Cope has embraced the cross, but not the one of Christ, and he has refuted Christ as the only God, and as the God for him. The Tower is destroyed. Cope does so on the principle of plaintive argument in Phase One, and through the wild experimentation of Phase Two that is far too free for any rigid Christian restrictions. Cope has clearly been stating that he made this resolution and that *Jehovahkill* is the path of enlightenment for him, and him only. While *Peggy Suicide* lashed out angrily at the world in a search for a reasonable, responsible, and just plain kind love force,

**"Trying hard  
not to freak out"**

*Jehovahkill* knew where it was going all along - to the Pre-Christian worship of the Mother Goddess, and this is where the anger at the death of Mother Earth (*Peggy Suicide*) has gone. In Renaissance religious terms, *Peggy Suicide* has been assumed up from out of the ozone hole in her

head and into the everlasting form of the Mother Goddess. Cope bases his new found love for the cross and for the Mother on archaeological sites of Old England, and for the feelings that have been rekindled within him. Quite literally, Cope has been enthused by the Mother Goddess, she is within him, dormant no more!

Now I know that this may really sound a) sacriligious to some and b) kooky to others, but this is what Cope presents, and the sincerity and tolerance is there to back it up. This is not mindless bashing or kooky channeling, it is the assumption and enthusiasm of belief. "The Tower" is the presentation of this process, and is worth listening to, if just for comparative reasons. Cope himself says "And trying hard not to freak out" but he is unwilling to cynicize in 20th C. fashion, and he is not to be attacked for this. Belief is a wonderful thing, and he's not trampling on anyone's shoes, especially when com-

pared with the destruction and havoc Christianity has left us.

To end the album, Cope provides a treat to all readers of T.S. Eliot's "The Waste Land". In the 48 second "Peggy Suicide is Missing" Cope gets in a joyous (and slightly coy) dig at Eliot, that sends shivers down the spine. It is a wonderful end and counterbalance to the fire and brim-

**"a joyous dig at  
T.S. Eliot"**

stone brought out in "Fear Loves This Place" and "The Tower".

At first, I found this album not difficult to listen to, but difficult to love. It does not rush out and lustily grab at the throat like *Peggy Suicide* does, and the music is not as directly compelling. It deliberately avoids hooks, thereby refuting immediacy

but gaining added spill-over of spiritual emotion. This initially led me to finding *Jehovahkill* less rewarding, but now that the album has sunk in, it is as enjoyable and as interesting as *Peggy S.* It is also different, and satisfied and complete in its conclusions, something that *Peggy S.* cannot be. It slides its way in and then completely compels your understanding by meshing with your thoughts, appreciating your experience and showing the universe in a single aspect from Cope's and your internal eyes. The jamming together of savage instrumental beats and plaintive voice acousticals, and meshing these with mostly non-chorus style disformative song structures makes it a challenging and apparently doubly opaque and transparent work. To critique it in linear fashion as I did for *Peggy S.* (I gave that an A+) is to deny what *Jehovahkill* is about, a non-linear positive warp experience. Hopefully a three cheers will do.



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# opinions

## American sting: numbing us to oblivion

"More bombs fall", ho-hummed the headline on Tuesday's *Chronicle-Herald*. I flipped the page, looking for "Yet another village massacred" and "Ten thousand more starve".

Was it only two years ago that I and my friends thought we felt tangible pain, when men who claimed to be our leaders filled our TV screens with flame and screaming?

But violence becomes boring so easily. Occasionally, large groups of people get angry enough to mobilise; most of the time it slides through our lives somewhere between our morning coffee and the funnies.

Apathy.

Last week, I listened to a grey-suited man who's been Canadian Ambassador to Everywhere, talking in the Dal SUB about Canada's partnership with Uncle Sam in "moral leadership" of "the Free World". A professor asked him about our government's policy towards Cuba, where people are going hungry and industry is crumbling under the choking strain of a three-decade-old American embargo in which Canada collaborates. The professor suggested it might be time for an imaginative second look at a policy of waiting for



"Go out there and spread the seed of democracy... and if you run into resistance use your Bank Americard."

thirty years for a government to fall.

The grey-suited man thought this was a funny joke. "But if we keep it up just a little longer..." he grinned through his glimmering teeth.

Cruel, naked apathy.

Most foreign policy gets decided by sheer inertia. So the U.S. bombs Iraq — three times, at least so far — because that was what they did last time the problem cropped up. The result on that occasion was less peace in the region, not more — for surely

hunger, disease and economic chaos are not peace. But no matter. Hammering away under the same old illusions disoblige one to reconsider the

consequences of conventional wisdom, and the effects on human beings of violence as an instrument of state policy.

Ryan Stanley

## Life, liberty and sexuality

I have been thinking a lot lately about the categoricals that are often presented to us when it comes to the notion of sexuality, limiting our views into very limited and absolute terrains. Other than for the purposes of oppression through identification, I do not see any other reason for the existence of the sexual categories of homosexual, heterosexual, or bisexual.

I then began to consider and deconstruct these categoricals and ultimately I do not believe that sexuality can be compartmentalized into isolated pockets for scrutiny and observation. It does not seem conducive to the kind of ideas surrounding sexuality that provide any insight or increase awareness.

In parallel with these sorts of ideas, evolved the idea of origins. How is it that sexuality is determined? Is it biologically determined, socially constructed, or some combination of these, and what role does the political take in all of this? Something did seem incomplete. Something was not quite right.

The queer population seems to cling to Essentialist arguments: Sexual orientation is biologically

determined. Others would have you believe that it is socially constructed and the result of environment (whether a reaction for or against one's environment). Along with Social Constructionism seems to be the misinterpretation that the individual has some sort of control.

What seems to be the basis for this distinction and separation? It seems to rely on the distinction between sexual orientation and sexual preference. The queer population assumes that it has no active role or choice when it comes to orientation. Others seem to think that it is a preference not simply an orientation.

Well, let us assume that the individual does take an active role and that a choice is made. Although it seems outrageous. Why would anyone choose a life of ridicule, alienation, isolation, marginalization, etc. That aside, let us give the right wing what they want, assume it is a choice. Now, something interesting comes to mind. We are condemned if this is something we choose. Well, why is it that in a "democracy" (I use the word very lightly) that we do not

respect the choices of people when it comes to sexuality? It is, obviously, a very personal decision. In this society of "individualism" (I also use this word very lightly) are we not to uphold and respect the desires and choices of other people in the name of freedom, democracy and equality? Do we not allow people their own choice religion, of professions, of education etc.? Do we then not necessarily require a respect for choice of sexual orientation. Is it not in fact necessary if we are to believe what we have been told about democracy stands for: freedom, liberty, choice etc.

So even given that sexual orientation has a decisive character, are we to judge and condemn those who's sexuality does not follow the prescriptive lines of society and patriarchal capitalism. If those who believe so strongly in our country as a democracy wish to truly uphold what they believe they should perhaps reassess their notions of sexuality and start to nurture and environment which truly reflects the spirit of equality.

Anthony Roberts

BGLAD!

## letters

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a deal, scoffing at my first estimate of \$12.95 (quoted by another salesperson) and with a hearty, "I can do better for you than that," offered me the awesome price of \$8.95 a month.

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Firstly, he told me it was because students don't have an income. But of course, those without an income should pay \$19.95 while those with money pay \$8.95.

Secondly, I was told that the \$8.95 rate is for those who can sign a contract, and to sign a contract you must have an income. When I reminded the man that I once signed a Granada contract without any income, he was quick to retract his last point with a meek, "Oh yeah".

Lastly, the friendly service person explained that the \$19.95 rate allows for a four-month contract and that's

what most students want anyways. Well I am a student and I want a twelve-month rental at \$8.95. Although I don't have a job, I have an excellent credit rating and a landlord who can verify my responsibility. Yet all of this doesn't matter to them or explain why one sector of society has to pay significantly more than another for the same product.

Let Granada know that you refuse to accept their discrimination and attempts to rip you off. Stand up for your rights. Would Ed Asner really approve of this?!

Suzy Kovinsky

# Riksters

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## feature

# Maquiladoras grist for the U.S. mill

by Adam Newman

The maquiladora industry is Mexico's second-largest source of income, after oil exports. But it is notorious for its consistent disregard for human rights and the environment.

Across the Rio Grande, some 500,000 Mexican workers assemble products for American, and Canadian consumption. Living in shantytowns, many are poor, and victims of exploitation.

The 28 km. maquiladora zone was established by the Mexican government in 1965 to attract foreign investment. Transnational corporations import technology duty-free into Mexico, and pay only a small value-added tax on goods leaving the country. "Maquilar" is a Spanish verb meaning to take corn or grain as pay for grinding at a mill.

The program did not achieve significant growth until 1982 when, as a result of a 40% devaluation of the peso, Mexico's wage rates could compete with those of other developing countries. Today there are some 2,000 maquiladoras along Mexico's northern border—90% of which are US-owned.

Maquiladoras generate US \$18 billion in products, and US \$4 billion in annual value-added income for Mexico.

## WOMEN AT WORK

Wages in the maquiladoras are about half of those in the rest of Mexico's manufacturing sector. Average hourly wage in the

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maquiladoras was US \$1.04 in 1990.

Two-thirds of the workers in the maquiladoras are young women between the ages of 17 and 24. Employers say they prefer to hire women for a number of reasons: they have "more nimble fingers" and are "more adaptable to repetitive jobs." (*Women in the Maquiladoras*, Vicki J. Northcott, Briarpatch, Sept. 1991)

However, *Latin American Connections* newsletter reports that the real reason is that most workers are young single mothers with no trade union experience, who can't afford to organize for better conditions for fear of losing their jobs. There are no promotions or raises, pension plans, seniority rights, or overtime pay. There are frequent pregnancy tests, which the women must "pass" in order to keep their jobs. Sexual harassment is common. (Northcott)

## A TOXIC WASTE DUMP

Transnational corporations often disregard Mexico's environmental protection standards. According to the Mexican Ambassador to the US, "in 1989, only 6% of the northern border area assembly facilities complied with their environmental operating licenses." The Ambassador also says that the maquiladoras achieved 55% compliance by 1991 and that Mexico is recertifying all such plants to assure that they comply. (*Economic Justice Report*, October 1992, p. 2)

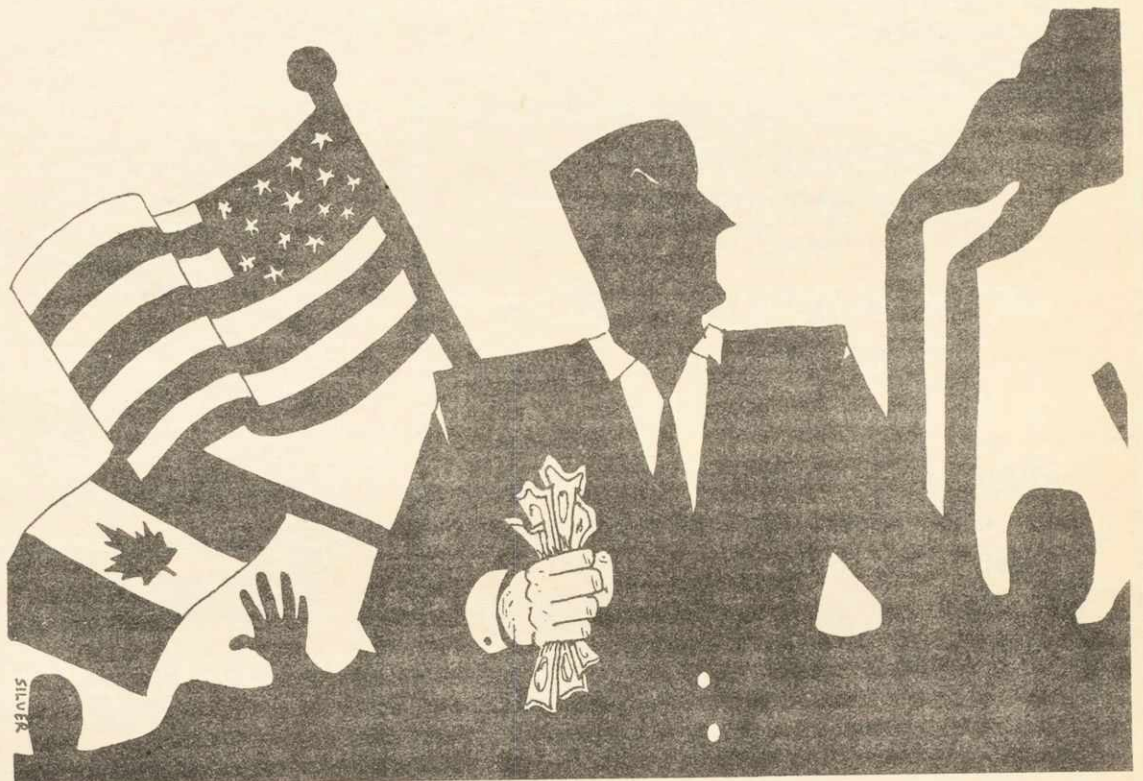
Environmental pollution continues, and local people are feeling its effects. Babies whose mothers have worked in maquiladoras are three times more likely to be underweight than are those born to women working in other sectors, according to a study of female maquiladora workers in Nogales, Sonora.

Some are born without brainstems. Forty-two such cases were reported in the border town of Matamoros, Mexico between January 1989 and May 1992. (*American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organizations Task Force on Trade*)

Healthy babies face serious obstacles. Thousands of infants die each year because of the dehydration that accompanies diarrhea caused by drinking contaminated water. (*Business Week*, July 6, 1992)

## NO CLEAN-UP

Faced with an alarming increase in pollution, the Environmental Protection Agency met with the Mexican government to develop an 'Integrated Environmental Plan', released June 25, 1992. On July 6 *Business Week* reported: "Even free-trade boosters admit that the cross-border clean-up is long on press releases and short on money. The Border Trade



Alliance, a business group that supports NAFTA, estimates that some \$5.5 billion is needed to prepare the border's environment for free trade. But the EPA has asked Congress for just \$240 million in 1993 funding for the problem. And Mexico says it can spend just \$460 million on the effort during the next three years."

In March 1992, Canada announced a \$1 million package to assist environmental enforcement and monitoring in Mexico. That amount will have little impact on a system in need of over \$5 billion in capital.

## LOOKING FOR WORK

As Mexico's population grows, more people are moving to the polluted cities of the north in hopes of finding work. For example, Ciudad Juarez, the Mexican city bordering west Texas, has tripled its population since investment there began in 1970, and is now home to over 1.2 million.

On July 2, *The Financial Times of London* reported:

"Some 400,000 people live in neighbourhoods without sufficient housing, running water, sewage facilities, pavement, or electricity." (*The Financial Times of London*, July 2, 1992)

But the effects of free trade are not confined to the Mexican side of the border. The sister city of El Paso, Texas "has suffered from its neighbour's explosive and unregulated growth. It is the fifth poorest city in the US, with rates of hepatitis, dysentery and tuberculosis five, four and two times the national average."

Foreign industries demand a work force, yet are not required to invest in community development. NAFTA furthers this trend. According to the AFL-CIO *Task Force on Trade*, "this agreement has no funding for desperately needed infrastructure along the border— not one water treatment

plant will be built, not one sewage facility, not one electrification program."

Because the tax burden is shifted off the backs of transnational corporations, local people are taxed to pay for things like Mexico's environmental enforcement fund. While the cost may be slight in American dollars, it is painfully expensive for Mexicans who earn about ten times less than their northern neighbours. TNCs are free of responsibility, and poor people are taxed in an attempt to clean up pollution.

## WORKING CONDITIONS

An increase in skin diseases, gastrointestinal problems, nervous disorders, eyesight deterioration, cancers and miscarriages have all been linked to factory work in the maquiladoras. Stressful production quotas, along with inadequate pro-

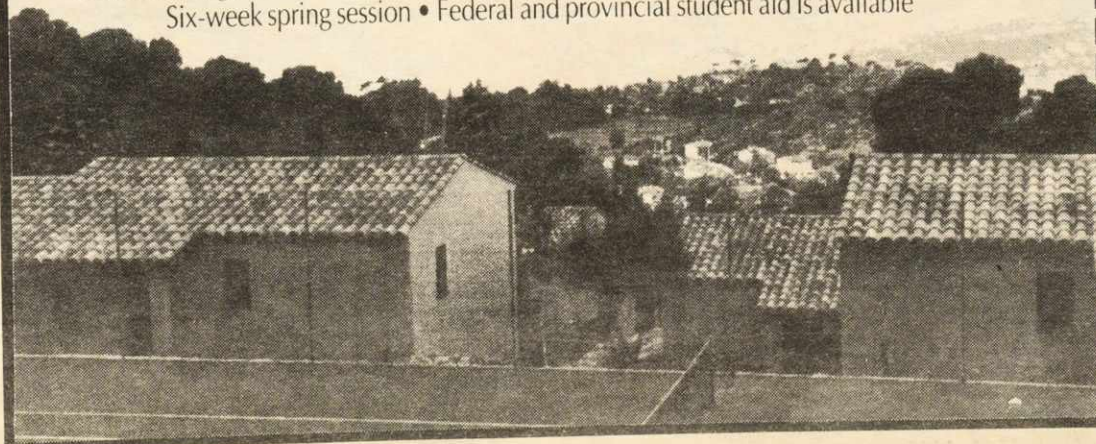
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# opinions

## For the mill

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tective gear, lack of information, and excessive exposure to dangerous chemicals, severely threaten the health and safety of workers. According to some estimates, when plants move to Mexico, production speed increases 25%. (*Look Before You Leap*, The Development Group for Alternative Policies, Washington, D.C., 1991, p.7)

While in Mexico, Matilde Arteaga Laragoza of the Authentic Labour Front (FAT) and the Mexican Network for Action Against Free Trade, explained to me what conditions the Network is finding in the maquiladoras.

"At one Green Giant food canning plant, the majority of the workers are between the ages of 12 and 17. According to the Mexican constitution, people aren't allowed to work until they are 18. So when health and other inspectors come, they lock up the workers so that the inspectors won't see how the young people are being exploited.

"People who work in the maquiladoras have about ten years of productivity, because the work is very detailed and very hard. The assembly work affects vision, and the workers' hands and backs are damaged.

There's a high rate of turnover (almost 180% annually) because the workers lack contracts."

Many employers hire workers part-time to avoid paying them a higher salary and benefits. Mexican workers are represented by the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM), a government-controlled union which has been known to conspire with foreign transnational corporations against local people.

For example, in 1987, near Mexico City, Ford fired all 2600 workers at its Cuatitlan plant- then rehired them under a new contract modeled after those in its northern plants, that included a 60% cut in salary to 75 cents an hour, the loss of seniority guarantees and the elimination of relief workers, as urinals were installed on the assembly line. (*The Guardian*, July 17, 1991, p.13)

Workers protested, and on January 8, 1990, thugs from the CTM attacked workers on the assembly line, killing one and injuring 40. Workers were outraged and CTM responded by calling an election on June 3, 1991. With TV cameras rolling, and 2000 police on guard, nearly half the workers said they did not want to be represented by the CTM. The Confederation was able to stay in power; maquiladora working conditions were established near Mexico City. (*Guardian*)

Says Matilde, "The maquiladora phenomenon has begun to extend itself into the interior of the country. We worry that all of Mexico will develop into a maquiladora."

The North American Free Trade Agreement is leading that way.

Next week: "Democracy" in Mexico

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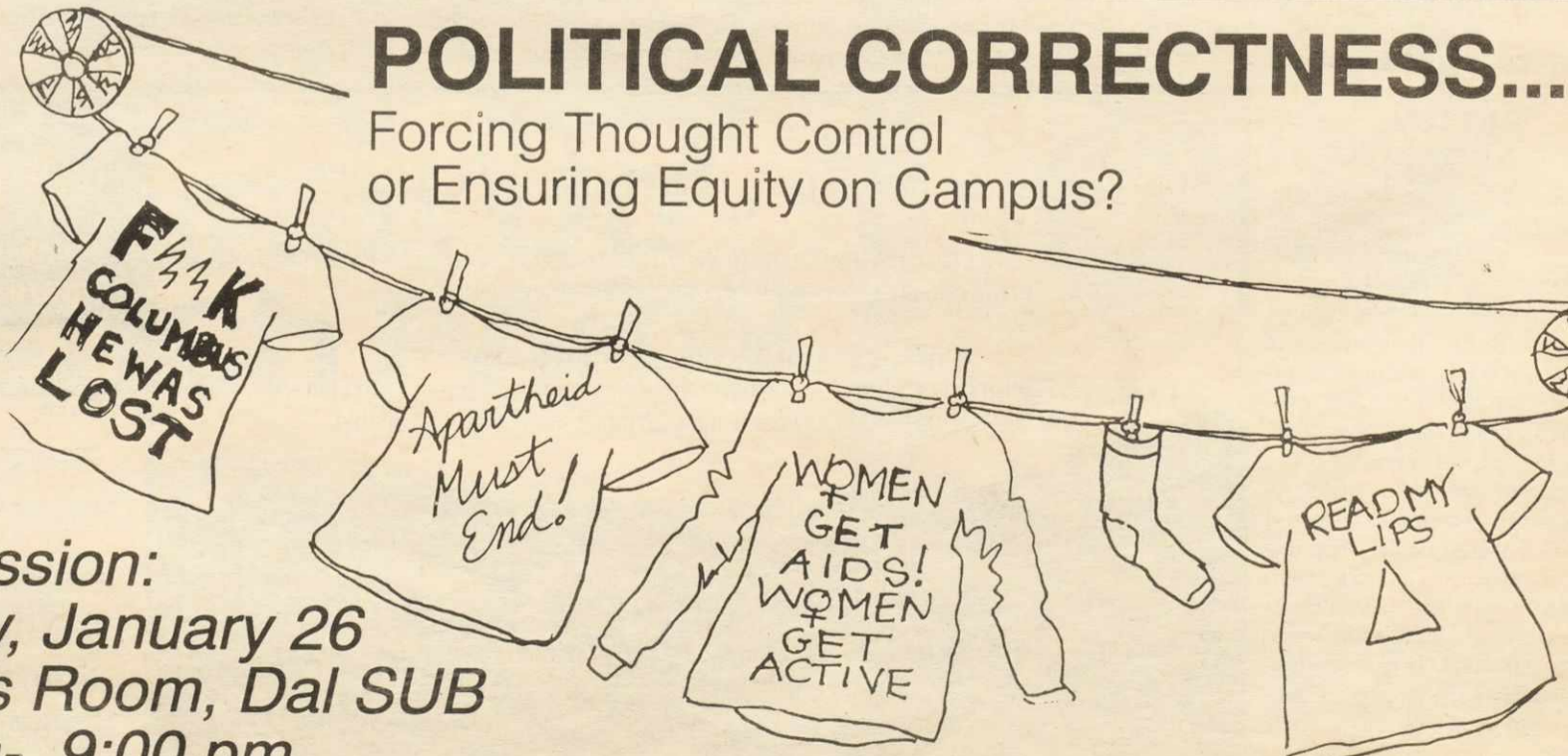
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A Discussion:  
Tuesday, January 26  
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7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

# sports

## Dal sweeps Crosstown Challenge

by Toby Jones

The Dalhousie Tigers men's basketball team played inspired ball in the past week. The Tigers swept a home- and- home series with the defending national runners-up, the Saint Mary's Husky's. Scoring 81-

69, and 71-68 victories in Wednesday's and Sunday's games, improving their record to 4 and 3.

The Tigers played physical basketball at both ends of the court. All-Canadian Dean Thibodeau and promising rookie Shawn Planke played tough basketball, combining

for 36 points, and at last count 32 rebounds in Sunday's game. In Wednesday's home game the two towers combined for 45 points and 32 rebounds. The big men were dominating throughout both games, holding St. Mary's Wil Njoku and Brian Luinstra in check.

The core of Dalhousie guards shot with precision, especially from three-point land, hitting 7 of 15, including three key threes late in the game. Veteran guard Shawn Mantley is playing great basketball, playing tough defence in both games, holding St. Mary's Richard Sullivan to minimal points. Mantley rarely coughed up the ball, once again showing his outstanding handle. Mantley also hit back- to- back silky three-pointers, in the final minutes of Sun-

day's thriller. The other guards Don Chisholm, Matt Finden, and Chris Cain also played outstanding basketball, all three hitting key three-pointers down the stretch.

In Sunday's game coach Bev Greenlaw had his team well prepared. The Tigers were able to break presses, and adapt to defensive schemes easily throughout the game.

The Tigers are playing exciting basketball, and will provide good entertainment throughout the season.

## Back on the fast-track

by Dan Hennigar

The Dalhousie Track and Field team got off to great start last weekend, opening the season with athletes at meets in Halifax and Toronto.

Dalhousie's elite 4X400 meter team were at the York University Invitational. The team composed of Derrick Dempster, Steve Whynot, Peter Lawson, and Ed James placed first with time of 3:25.7. In the mens 600 meters Ed James missed first spot by less than an inch to finish second to University of Toronto's Mike Sherar. His time of 1:20.6 qualifies

him for the CIAU National championships to be held in March at the Sky Dome in Toronto. It also established a new Dalhousie and Provincial record. Derrick Dempster and Peter Lawson also ran well finishing second in the 60 meters and 300 meters respectively. Steve Whynot easily won the B final of the mens 1000 meters with a time of 2:38.6.

At the Dalplex meet the race that generated the most excitement was the women's 800 meters. Paula Peters, the provincial record holder at 400 meters, set a blistering pace as soon as the gun went off. Melina Murray, Tracey Hoskin and Margie Jenkins, followed closely but with

200 meters to go Paula widened the gap to finish with a time of 2:12.8, just two tenths off a second of the sixteen year old provincial record. Melina Murray finished second (2:15.2), Tracey Hoskin third (2:16.2), and Margie Jenkins fourth (2:20.1). An excited head coach, Al Yarr, said he believes the four have the potential to be gold medal contenders at the CIAU National Championships this year.

In other competition Dalhousie's Anne Marie Farnell won the women's 1500 meters in an impressive 4:45.6 and Rachelle Beaton led a Dalhousie sweep in the lady's high jump with a jump of 1.63 meters.

## Aquatigers drown beavers

by John Yip

As Dalhousie's winningest sports team, the Varsity Swim Team continued its winning ways against the Mt. A Mounties and the UNB Beavers this past weekend. Led by a group of rookies, the women's team handily defeated Mt. A.

First year swimmers Kristen Matthews and Jennifer Smith displayed their true form by splitting two victories apiece. Former Nova Scotia Canada Games synchro star turned competitive swimmer, Sarah Woodworth, showed amazing versatility by swimming a wide variety of events. Veterans Janet Tingley, Marsha Gollan (fresh from a VO<sub>2</sub> max test) and Robin MacKay endured the weekend by having fine swims.

On the men's side, Ian Jackson edged out teammate Wilbur Macleod in the 400m IM to chalk one of many

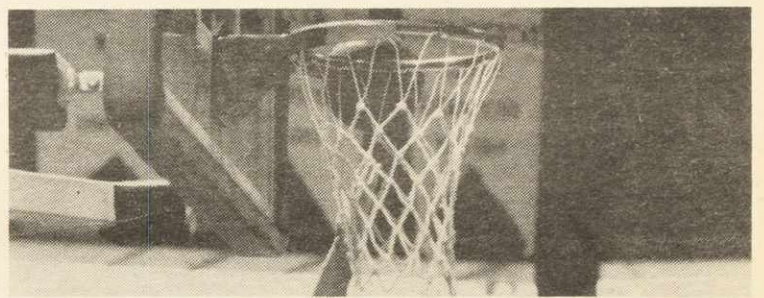
victories for Dal. Andrew Haley, a bronze medallist at this summer's Paralympics in Spain, showed his winning form in the 800m Free and celebrated his victory with a single fisted pump in the air to match Olympic Gold medallist Mark Tewksbury's. PJ Cowan took the 400m Free while Jason Shannon followed close behind.

At UNB, the women's team remained undefeated this season by topping the Beavers, 100 to 77. Cheryl Woodman came up with a win in the 100m Free while Cathy Bass had fast swims in the 200m and 400m Frees. Jessica Fraser who also moonlighted on the Cross Country team, Christy Gustavison and Katy Laycock chewed the Beavers off with outstanding performances.

The men's team lost to UNB by a narrow margin. D'Arcy Byrne took the 200m and 800m Free and assisted

Sean Andrews, Ian Jackson and Jason Shannon to win the 4x100m Medley Relay. Matt Fraser outdistanced the pack and won the 400m Free. Fraser along with Andrew Kirby, Adam Widdis and John Yip finished the meet off with an exciting finish in the 4x100m Free Relay.

Next week the Tigers travel to Acadia the AUAA Invitational, an important warm-up to the conference championships. The meet, for some will be a chance to qualify for the CIAU Championships while for both teams it will be a final opportunity to see their competition before the AUAA Championships. The AUAA Championships will be held at Dalplex on Feb. 19-21. The final meet of the season should prove to be an exciting one with many national calibre athletes competing. It will also be a chance to support Dal in their quest to seek their tenth championship in thirteen years.



## Chili chowdown

by Derek Neary

The Dalhousie Tigers posted a 7-5 victory over the Saint Francis Xavier X-Men in hockey action on Saturday, 16 January.

Ken MacDermid and George Wilcox each scored a pair of goals for the Tigers. Joe Suk, Andrew MacVicar, and Jeff Quinn had the other Dal markers. The win bumped the Tigers' record to 8-6-0 and placed them in second place in the Kelly division following weekend play.

Dal faced the first place Acadia Axemen (16-1-1) in Wolfville on

Wednesday, 20 January. The Tigers then open a five game home stand that will begin with a Saturday January 23 encounter against Mount Allison.

In other weekend match-ups it was: Acadia 7 Cape Breton 2 in Sunday's lone game.

On Saturday it was: UNB 8 Saint Mary's 2; UPEI 3 Moncton 2; Acadia 6 Cape Breton 5 (OT).

Next home game: Saturday, January 23 with a "chili and skate" promotion starting at 5:30 pm prior to the game. A free skate and chili supper will be provided.

## Scoreboard

	Kelly Division						MacAdam Division						
	W	L	T	F	A	P	W	L	T	F	A	P	
Acadia	16	1	1	117	52	33	UNB	13	4	1	113	74	27
Dalhousie	8	6	0	78	66	16	Moncton	8	9	1	65	74	19
Cape Breton	7	8	1	82	86	15	St. Thomas	7	8	2	86	87	18
St. Mary's	7	10	1	84	104	15	UPEI	4	10	4	65	89	12
St. FX	6	10	0	72	87	12	Mt. Allison	3	14	1	70	112	7



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## Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

**\* CHERYL WOODMAN \***  
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**\* D'ARCY BURNE \***

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# sports

## CFL strikes Gold

by John Dancy

The Sacramento Gold Miners and the San Antonio Texans each paid \$3 million (US) to become the ninth and tenth teams in the Canadian Football League. For the first time since 1982 a new team has entered the league rather than folding from it.

The CFL will now examine the issue of Canadian Player Content which now stands at 20 Canadian born players for every teams 45 man roster. It is believed the two expansion clubs will push for a reduction to 12 to 16 Canadian players for each team in order to capitalize on local talent and enhance area interest.

With the World League failing in Sacramento last year CFL purists are worried this may be the beginning of

the end for the troubled cash-strapped league. The Gold Miners are scheduled to join the western division already containing the defending champions Calgary Stampeders, B.C. Lions, Edmonton Eskimos, and Saskatchewan Roughriders. The eastern division is comprised of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, Hamilton Ti-Cats, Toronto Argonauts, and Ottawa Roughriders will be the new home of the San Antonio Texans.

## Just do it!

by Graham F Shaw

So we're two weeks into the second term and you're New Year's resolutions are already slipping by the wayside. It's not too late - the Dalplex is open.

The use of this facility is free to all full-time Dalhousie students (thanks to your Sept. contribution) and time is passing you by. The Dalplex is open 6 am to 10:30 pm Monday through Friday, 7 am to 5:30 pm Saturday, and 9 am to 5:30 pm Sun-

day. Activities include: squash racquetball, tennis, swimming, basketball, aerobics, weight training, indoor running, instructional courses (CPR, golf lessons) and much more. Court reservations can be made 48 hours in advance at 494-6818 and all students interested in Dalplex Facilities may pick up flyers at the desk.

It has been said that objects at rest stay at rest and objects in motion tend to stay in motion. Remember summer is just around the corner so JUST DO IT.

How far is the CIAU 3 point basket line from the hoop?

•The first correct answer received at the Gazette gets a Grawood T-shirt

### DAL CLASSIC UPDATE

Next week's issue will feature results of this weekends Dal Classic mens and womens volleyball tournament. This annual event showcases Canada's premier college stars and all students are welcome. Admission is free and action kicks off Friday night.

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# KATKALENDAR

**THURSDAY 21**

3 pm: Student rally prior to the big Board of Governors meeting. Let's get pumped up and ready for action! Meet in SUB Lobby. Info: 494-1281.

4 pm: The BoG meeting of the year! Will be held in the MacDonald Building (what used to be our science library). Support your student BoG reps who have been preparing long and hard for this meeting. **LET EVERY STUDENT CONCERN BE HEARD!** Do you want to pay \$3000 per year for tuition?

BGLADI (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie) meets every Thursday night in room 307 of the SUB at 7 pm.

Women's Centre Committee meeting every Thursday at 6 pm in room 218 of the SUB. Info: call Candida at 494-1281/1106.

Why do people starve in the midst of plenty? Come out to tonight's talk and discussion on "The Politics of Hunger" at 7:30 in room 306 of the SUB. Meeting of the Dal International Sociologists.

The Canadian Literary Collections Project presents a public reading by poet and professor Andy Wainwright at 7:30 pm in the Special Collections Dept., 5th floor, Killam Library. All are welcome. Info: Nancy at 494-3615.

**FRIDAY 22**

The Dept. of Chemistry presents Patricia Lutley, "Classic and Novel Approaches to the Chemical Literature", 1:30 pm in chem 226. Coffee and donuts before the lecture.

**SATURDAY 23**

The Halifax regional Library is clearing out titles that have been duplicated in its collection. From well-loved novels to well-worn manuals. Don't miss the "Book Sale" today from 10 am to 5 pm, and tomorrow from 2-5 pm at the main and the north branches.

**SUNDAY 24**

The Studio Lounge, 1537 Barrington, is hosting a Rave For AIDS. The Dance benefit, starting at 3 pm, is to raise money for the Silent Wall, a local organization devoted to furthering AIDS research and education. Admission is \$5.

CHURCH IN THE GRAWOOD WILL BE HELD AT 7:30 TONIGHT. THIS MONTH IT'S A "CELEBRATION". THERE WILL BE MUSIC PROVIDED BY KEITH WELLS AND THE NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE BAND. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

**MONDAY 25**

GAZETTE Staff Meeting at 4:00 pm, room 312 of the SUB. Come up and feed us some ideas.

Community Affairs Committee and Clown Troupe meeting in room 302 of the SUB at 5 pm. Volunteers urgently needed to help with the DSU Charity Ball. Info: 494-3527.

**TUESDAY 26**

Layout night at the Gazette begins at 6 pm in room 312 of the SUB. Feel free to join us for pizza, stimulating conversation and of course laying out this week's issue.

A meeting to found a Comparative Religion Society will be held today from 11:30 am- 1 pm in the seminar room of the Comp. Rel. Dept. (corner of Lemarchant and University). Anyone with an interest in religious exploration and experimentation is welcome.

The Dalhousie Women's Collective now meets Tuesdays, 6 pm at the SUB for political action and 7 pm on the third floor of the Grad House for discussion. All women welcome.

The Canada-Palestine Association presents an evening of presentations focusing on the recent expulsion of Palestinians by the State of Israel. Dr. Ismail Zayid, Dr. Jamal Badawi and Ms. Betty Peterson will be the presenters. 7 pm in the MacMechan Room of the Killam Library. Info: 477-7506.

**WEDNESDAY 27**

CEAG meets every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in room 307 of the SUB. The Campus Environmental Action Group is a great way to get involved and informed in the environmental issues that surround us today. Our goals are to discuss, develop, and implement actions to bring change on campus and the community around it. Oh, and to have fun. Please join us.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Studies Seminar Series present Dr Sue Campbell, Dept. of Philosophy, "Being Dismissed: women and the Emotions". Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 3:30 pm in the Multidisciplinary Centre, 1444 Seymour St.

The Killam Library is asking for donations of artifacts, books, and family history items for this year's Black History lobby display. Please contact Nancy at 494-3615 or drop items off at the Special Collections Dept., 5th floor, Killam Library. Deadline: Jan. 27.

WANTED: old exams for the exam registry. Please leave your old exams at the SUB Inquiry Desk.

The Dalhousie Student Employment Centre (4th floor, SUB), is receiving summer employment opportunities daily. Some currently available: hotel staff, Prince of Wales Hotel, Alberta; Proctor and Gamble, Toronto; tree planting in Ontario and B.C.; COSEP (Career Oriented Summer Employment) forms have arrived- pick yours up today! Employers will be recruiting second term for new graduates. Don't forget to check our notice board regularly!

The Nova Scotia Choral Federation is on the lookout for young Nova Scotian singers to join this year's Rotary Youth Choir. The Choir is an auditioned 40-voice choir composed of N.S.'s best singers aged 16-22. Auditions will be held across the province so if you are interested or no a talented young singer please call Susan Marsh at 423-4688.

The Dalhousie Art Gallery presents "Photo Sculpture". The exhibit will continue until February 28 and will include animation activities. For more info, call the gallery at 494-2403.

The Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation invites inquiries from individuals interested in volunteering at the Nova Scotia Cancer Centre. Help is needed in a variety of patient care and clerical areas beginning in January. A 3-hour/week donation of time and talent will help the Cancer Center provide quality care for cancer patients. Please call Gerard Murphy at 423-4268.

YWCA is offering Wen-Do classes for women. Self-defense for women teaches alertness and response techniques to potentially dangerous situations. Begins Feb. 20th. Also Aikido, a non-competitive and gentle but vigorous martial art designed to neutralize the attacker. Info: 423-6162

Don't throw those grocery tapes away! January is Alzheimer's Month. In support of the Alzheimer's Society of Nova Scotia's campaign, the Dalhousie Student Union is collecting grocery tapes (from Sobey's, Capital, and IGA). Please save your tapes and drop them off at the Inquiry Desk, SUB. For more info, call 494-3527.

YWCA presents Social Dance classes for couples who wish to learn how to jive, cha-cha, foxtrot, polka, cha-cha and line dancing. Classes range from beginner to advanced. Also offering private learn-to-swim lessons. Private, semi-private, and family lessons can be arranged at your convenience for all levels of ability. Info: 423-6162.

SWEAT (Students Working on External Affairs Things) meeting every Tuesday at 7 pm in room 218. Info: Candida at 494-1281/1106.

Dal Men For Change meets every Tuesday from 8-10 in the SUB. Room # will be listed at the Inquiry Desk.

SODALES (Dalhousie Debating Society) meetings are every Tuesday at 6:30 in the Council Chambers of the SUB. All welcome.

Any one interested in helping organize a workshop to educate the public about environmental illness, please call Joan Klein at Camp Hill Hospital 429-3338

The Medical Education Unit in the Faculty of Medicine is recruiting students for simulated tutorial groups to provide an orientation for the tutors in the medical curriculum. Volunteers will be offered an honorarium of \$6/hour based on a full day of 7-8 hours. Students should be in their senior year of a degree program, 1st year of grad studies, or in senior year in any health profession program. This experience is ideal for those considering a degree in Medicine. Info: 494-1845.

The Austin & Hempel Lecture Series (sponsored by the Dept. of Philosophy) presents Dr. Elizabeth Spelman, Smith College, "Changing the Subject: Studies in the Appropriation of Pain". Thursday, Feb. 11 at 8 pm in the MacMechan Room of the Killam Library.

Counselling and Psychological Services have a new series of resume, job skills and interview workshops to offer this term. Sign up for one today and get an edge on the competition. Counselling Services can be found on the fourth floor of the SUB.

A Speakeasy Program on how to talk to groups calmly and confidently will begin soon at the Counselling Centre. This 5-session program will be of particular interest to students who find that anxiety makes it difficult for them to give class presentations or participate in group discussions. The program is free for Dalhousie students, but enrollment is limited and a preprogram meeting with a counselor is necessary. Info: 494-2081 or drop in 4th floor, SUB.



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