

Techno-babies

by Jenny Kendrick

Our society's awareness and understanding of new reproductive technologies is alarmingly inadequate. Technology often imposes a mentality that having a baby is arduous, expensive, and often dangerous; today's births

On Friday, March 9th, at 4:00 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room of the Public Archive of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW) will launch two new publications about the impact of new reproductive tech-

Kit on Reproductive Technologies and *Reproductive Technologies and Women: A Research Tool*.

The "community kit" is written by Catano, a health consultant and honorary special lecturer at Dalhousie University. Catano's invaluable publication is a first of its kind in Canada because of its community-based appeal. It simply explains new reproductive technologies such as infertility, prenatal screening, surrogacy, in vitro fertilization, and genetic manipulation.

The purpose of the two publications is to inform women and encourage them to ask questions about new reproductive technologies in preparation for the upcoming Royal Commission scheduled to go across Canada. The most threatening question raised is about women's autonomy. Mothers are increasingly isolated and referred to as "carriers"; in some cases, they have lost the rights to their own bodies. This is a crucial period in Canada

for new reproductive technologies and for deciding just whose concern the birth of a baby is. Now is the time to think and act!

As Catano says, reproductive technology has the possibility of being "a very messy issue". So little has been studied about the impacts of new reproductive technologies, and little is being spent on preventive research of such things as infertility. Many legal guidelines and just now in the process of being set, and the funding for CRIAW has been reduced by 20 per cent by the new federal budget. This is not a good sign for the future, and for future babies who may be born into cold laboratories, endless court battles, and "families" of as many as five legal parents.

It is everybody's responsibility, and of utmost importance to today's women, to be well informed for future decisions.

These publications are available from CRIAW, 151 Slater Street, Suite 408, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5H3.



are no longer simple and natural. In today's technological age we are losing the celebration and love of a miraculous period of a family's life.

ologies on women. Linda Christiansen-Ruffman and Jan Catano from CRIAW will be there to discuss the publications, entitled *Community Resource*

Volleyball Tigers go to CIAU

by Gord Sutherland

The Men's volleyball team recently won the Atlantic Universities Volleyball Conference championship and in the process proved themselves Dalhousie's most successful sports team of the year.

The Tigers accumulated a perfect regular season record of 17-0 to capture first place in the four team circuit.

In the playoffs, Dalhousie defeated the University of New Brunswick Rebels in two straight matches to win the AUVU title. The victory gave the Tigers their tenth title in the past eleven seasons.

Dalhousie power-hitter Dwayne Provo felt that his team had to work hard for the championship.

"On Friday we beat them three straight (15-9, 16-14, 15-3). We came out on Saturday really enthusiastic, we figured we could possibly do the same thing," he said. "But they came out ready to play. They played a really good game, one of the best they played all year. It ended up going five and the last game was extremely close (14-16, 8-15, 15-8, 15-13). It made the win even better coming back and winning three straight after losing the first two games."

In winning the league title the volleyball Tigers qualified for the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union championship. The team left for Winnipeg this past Wednesday and will return on Monday. The championship

will feature a total of eight teams from across the country. Included in that list will be the nation's two top-rated teams, the University of Manitoba at number one and Laval at number two.

The format of the championship tournament is that the team

ranked eighth will meet the first ranked squad and the seventh the second and so on. Provo expects Dalhousie will be ranked seventh and will therefore be up against Laval in their first-round match.

"Basically, we have it set, we will probably have to play Laval

in the first round," said the soft-spoken rookie. "It is a double knockout so we have to dig down and win. Hopefully we will come out strong in the first few games and surprise them a bit. We're trying to study their game plan and hopefully we will be the big spoiler, I guess you could say."

Through high quality tournaments, the Tigers have kept in touch with the nation's best teams. Dalhousie placed fourth in all three of the tournaments they entered this season. The Tigers have played Laval twice and lost in straight games on both occasions. Laval also won the Dalhousie-hosted Volleyball Classic.

Laval is a tough team but Provo is quick to point out that the Tigers are not accustomed to throwing in the towel.

"One of our major assets is that with our Dal team we never give up. No matter what the score is we are always trying and trying," said Provo. "That is actually the characteristic of our team this year. We are really scrappy and hopefully that is going to help us at CI's (CIAU's)."

The Al Scott coached Tigers cleaned up at the recently announced AUVU awards. Scott was recognized as the conference's Coach of the Year and third year setter Scott Bagnell was named as the league's Most Valuable Player. Deon Goulding was awarded Freshman of the Year honours. Goulding also joined teammate Steve Boyd in filling two spots on the conference's all-star team.



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Getting opium to masses

On June 22, 1757, 1,000 Europeans and 2,000 native troops under the command of Robert Clive confronted the army of Suraj-ud-Dowlah amid the mango trees at Plassey, not far from Murshidabad, the capital of the Mogul viceroys of Bengal. By sundown Clive had won the day for Britain's East India Company, which duly set about securing the revenues from its vast new assets, among which was counted the monopoly on opium cultivated in India. Sixteen years later the company wrested from the Portuguese the opium trade with China and by 1790 was exporting thither 5,000 chests of the drug.

The trade was not welcomed by the Chinese government. Importation was forbidden in 1796, and penalties as severe as death were imposed for opium smoking. But the opium ships were not deterred, and by 1839 the British were bringing 3 million pounds of opium a year into China. Emperor Tao-Kwang sent a commissioner, Lin Tse-hsu, to Canton to suppress the trade. Thus began the opium wars, at whose conclusion the British compelled the Chinese government to submit. In 1858 the importation of opium was legalized, and by 1880 the British were exporting almost 11,000 tons of opium a year into

China. On September 19, 1989, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative held hearings in Washington on the export of American-made cigarettes to Thailand and their promotion. Pivotal to the hearings was a piece of legislation, Section 301 of the revised 1974 Trade Act, that permits the government, if persuaded that U.S. exporters are experiencing "unfair" or "discriminatory" trade restrictions abroad, to take punitive action against the offending nation. The British East India Company would readily have understood the nature of the proceedings that

September day. The major U.S. tobacco companies were petitioning to force Thailand, which for twenty years has had a successful anti-smoking campaign and whose Cabinet in 1987 approved a proposal for a total ban on cigarette consumption, to admit American cigarettes under pain of serious sanctions if they refuse. Among the witnesses appearing that day was the Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop. Scheduled to relinquish his post a few days later, Koop had not cleared his testimony with the White House and said subsequently that had he attempted to do so the White House would cer-

tainly have quashed it. One can see why. There is, Koop said, the "perception" among ministers of health he has encountered at international meetings that "our trade policy is to push addicting substances into foreign markets, disregarding the sentiment of the foreign government and the future health of its population." Attempts to force Thailand to rescind "wise restrictions on cigarette use and promotion were "egregious," "deplorable," "unconscionable" and, apart from anything else, interference with the sovereignty of another nation. "Years from now," Koop concluded, "I'm afraid that our nation will look back on this application of free trade policy and find it scandalous, as the rest of the world does now ... at a time when we are pleading with foreign governments to stop the export of cocaine, it is the height of hypocrisy for the United States to export tobacco." "Consider these figures," Koop ended. "Last year in the United States, 2,000 people died from cocaine. In that same year, cigarettes killed 390,000 people."

Dal team wins at debating championships

The Dalhousie team of Laura Stewart and Tim Daley has won the 1990 Canadian National Debating Championships held March 9-

11 at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. They competed against 80 teams from universities across Canada. This is

the first such victory for any Atlantic University in over five years and re-establishes Dalhousie as a dominant debating

school in Canada. Imperial Oil Limited provided full sponsorship of the three Dalhousie teams sent. Without the support of Esso, the teams would not have been able to travel and return with the national title.

Tim and Laura established a perfect 6-0 record in regular and quarter final rounds. They met a McGill team in the semifinal round before an audience of 100 and successfully argued a new approach to political education in primary schools. They then battled another McGill team in the final round before a crowd of over 200. In opposition they defeated the government proposal to restructure the treatment of mentally ill patients in institutions.

The topics debated over the weekend included mandatory retirement policies, enforcement of the Employment Equity Act, and the role of values in Canadian society. In the quarter finals, Tim and Laura defended a plan to save Via Rail.

All but two debates were impromptu, allowing each team ten minutes to prepare a case based on the resolution. Each team argues its side in a combination of logic, wit, style, and teamwork to convince the judges of the strength of their case. The clash of ideas is often an exciting experience.

This victory is the cap on a very successful year for Sodales. In September one of its teams won the prestigious Hart House Invitational Tournament in Toronto. In October, Tim Daley and Laura Stewart won the Atlantic championship. Over the Christmas break, four Sodales members travelled to Glasgow,

Scotland for the World Championships and then to Kiev in the Soviet Union for the Canada/Ukraine Debate Congress. Finally, in February five Sodales teams travelled to Montreal for the McGill Invitational Tournament. Sodales looks forward to another successful year. Difficulty in attaining sufficient funding from the university administration and student union should be by this year's many successes. They look forward to defending their titles in next year's Atlantic and National as well as participating in the World Championships and several other smaller events.

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Laura Stewart and Tim Daley debating

Varsity screwed by council

TORONTO (CUP) — The University of Toronto's student council has refused to allow a campus newspaper to ask its constituents for a fee levy increase.

At its Feb. 28 meeting, the council decided not to allow *The Varsity* to ask full-time undergraduates if they would support an annual cost of inflation increase in the paper's \$1.25 per student fee.

Titch Dharamsi, the council's chief returning officer, said it was the first time a campus group had been refused permission to put a question on the ballot.

Varsity editor Karen Hill was outraged. "It's quite clear the reason the question was rejected was slimy political opportunism," she said. "(Members of the council) have no right to take it upon themselves to make such a decision. They're steamrolling over democracy."

Council member Charles Levi admitted politics played a part. "One of the major grumblings was that (the council) only gets coverage when it's doing something wrong. There are people who believe that *The Varsity* has something out for it."

And Peter Naglik, another council member, said it would be "sneaky" to pass the cost of living allowance, because "students may become more right wing or more left wing and may not want to increase *The Varsity's* levy every year."

But Daina Groskaufmanis, who also sits on the council, said it should not be up to council to decide questions such as that.

"They didn't give students the chance to vote yes or no. There are council members who felt *The Varsity* is undeserving of the student levy. Then let them vote no

or run a no campaign."

The cost of living allowance would have increased *The Varsity's* levy by about six cents next year. It would have remained the lowest student newspaper levy in Canada.

Naglik said if *The Varsity* wanted to hold a referendum it

could do so on its own. "If they want to increase their student fees they have the wherewithal to take the question to the students."

Hill called that suggestion "obscene." Asking the paper to spend around \$1,000 on a referendum when the student council already has a mechanism in place is ludicrous, she said.

Budget cuts get York journal

TORONTO (CUP) — January 23, 1990 — the *Canadian Women's Studies Journal* gets a letter from Barbara McDougall, the federal minister responsible for the Status of Women Secretariat. It thanks the staff, telling them how much she enjoyed the journal and wishing it many years of continued success.

One month less two days later, her government revokes all \$90,000 of the York University-based journal's federal grant.

And now the journal may fold, says Monica Gallagher, the journal's office manager. She said the grant from the Secretary of State's Women's Program was about half the journal's budget.

Other cuts to women's groups, announced in the February federal budget, include a 20 per cent reduction in funding for five feminist action groups and the elimination of core funding to 80 women's centres across the country.

Gallagher said the cuts have broader implications to the women's movement in this country.

"In a lot of smaller communities, these centres were the only place for women to go," Gallagher said. "The federal government is trying to silence women in this country."

"It came without warning," the journal's literary editor, Maria Jacobs said. "It's unbelievable, we've all been struck with disbelief."

The cuts are effective April 1, 1990 and the magazine was given no shut down money and no

warning of the impending cuts. Gallagher said the group has to find another source of funds or shut down.

Recent issues of the magazine have included a Summer/Fall 89 issue on Native Women and Winter 89 issue on Soviet Women.

"That kind of analysis and grassroots activity will be lost if the journal folds," Gallagher said.

Sharon Jones, a women's studies student at York, calls the journal one of the best for Canadian research and says it is used often as a reference in her courses.

"I am very upset about it and to see it cut is a statement in how the government values scholarship being done in the area of women's studies," she said.

Conservative MPs defended the budget in Commons the next day when Secretary of State Gerry Weiner, whose department was financing the magazines, called it a plan to ensure our (Canadians') future security and prosperity and emphasized that deficit reduction is a priority.

The cuts represent about \$1.6 million of the overall budget.

"When the government will spend \$14 million on ads for the GST and gave out \$11-12 million loans to strip parlours, this amount is negligible in terms of deficit reduction," Gallagher said.

The journal's next issue was to be its 10th anniversary issue, but plans for this special issue have been postponed since it could be their last.

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Scummy Poster

by t clive thompson iii

TORONTO (CUP) — A poster in a University of Toronto residence has been called homophobic and "disgusting" by administrators and campus activists, but the residence's dean says there is no policy against it.

The poster appeared after the campus paper, *The Varsity*, published a special lesbian and gay men supplement Feb. 26. The poster criticized the paper for excessive coverage of gay and lesbian issues.

It remained up for about five days.

"I am not against homosexuality," it concluded. "I'm against ever having to read about them again. Back in the closets and washroom stalls you bunch of degenerates."

U of T Assistant Vice-President Student Affairs David Neelands said the poster "goes beyond bad taste."

"I think that calling gays and lesbians 'degenerates' is totally inappropriate. I'm disgusted."

Residence dean Garry Spencer said there is no rule prohibiting residents from putting up homophobic material on bulletin boards.

The poster was gone from the residence, which houses primarily engineering students, by Mar. 3. Spencer said he does not know who put it up or took it down, and never actually saw the poster, or heard any complaints.

Curbing students

by Christina Talford

OTTAWA (CUP) — Carleton students who took a second-year religion course had their marks lowered because "students are not able to earn marks that high," university officials say.

Sessional lecturer Gillian Smith, refused to lower the final marks for her "Death and Afterlife" course when the department first asked. But Smith later decided to re-mark the students to prevent the department from failing half the class.

"I will never teach at Carleton again," she said. "If I made the course too easy then it was my mistake — the students should not be penalized."

Religion department chair Steve Wilson said Smith's first set of marks were unnaturally high. "120 students don't all get As and Bs. It never happens, experience has shown me that it wouldn't."

Some students in the course were shocked by the department's policy.

Charmaine Cartier, a second-year student said the incident is a poor reflection on Carleton. Cartier had her parents write a letter to Yalden.

"They're telling you you're an A+ student, but you really don't deserve to be," said Cartier.

Racism Down

by Ann Shin

TORONTO (CUP) — Anti-Semitism is on the decline on Canadian university campuses, according to a human rights group report.

According to the Human Rights League of B'nai Brith Canada, reported incidents of anti-Semitic harassment and vandalism on university campuses were ten per cent of the nationwide total in 1988. At 176, there were more reported incidents in 1989 — tripling the 1987 figure — but fewer happened on university campuses.

"However, these numbers are dependent on reported incidents so it is not necessarily indicative of student attitudes," said Lorne Shipman, National Project Coordinator for the League.

But both Steve Mermelstein, vice president of the Jewish Student's Union at the University of Toronto and Michael Lamber, President of the JSU at U of T's campus in the Toronto suburb of Scarborough said they didn't see any anti-Semitic sentiment on campus.

"There haven't been any incidents or reports of incidents at Scarborough that I know of," Lamber said. "I personally don't see (anti-Semitism) as a problem on campus."

Rabbi Silverman at the JSU agreed and said although students mentioned there were swastika graffiti in some washrooms, there have not been any other incidents of harassment or vandalism reported.

Woman raped on Memorial campus

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — University and police officials at Memorial are playing down an assault of a female student on campus.

Student housing director Brian Johnston said the woman walked across campus alone. "I understand (the student who was assaulted) didn't take some of the precautions she should have."

Peggy Keats of the St. John's Rape Crisis Centre said women can't prevent assaults by not walking alone. "They have every right to do so," she said. "It's disgusting (that people think) women must try and prevent assaults."

The incident took place after midnight Feb. 25 in the stairwell of a pedestrian overpass, linking the north and south sides of campus.

Johnston said the stairwell is well lit and used frequently. "I would have thought it was one of the safe places on campus."

Keats said it was good that the area was lit, but it's irrelevant. "Not a lot of women report attacks at universities because of the peer pressure and close proximity to strangers."

Johnston said he does not think there is a problem with dangerous areas on campus and his office has improved areas that seem especially risky.

"We will investigate again," he said, "but we feel we have done what is reasonable. We've installed new lights in areas that were dark. I'm generally satisfied."

Johnston said he has received no other reports of similar incidents this year although he added they have probably happened in the past. "We have very few problems given the size of the campus."

Keats said she "can think of at least one (Memorial) student who has contacted the centre in the past three months."

Johnston emphasized awareness as a means of preventing further problems.

He said his office arranges for the local police to run its "Lady Beware" program in the residen-

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ces every fall. The program is designed to inform women about how to protect themselves against assault and other crimes.

As a response to the recent assault, Johnston said, his office held another session of the program last night.

Keats said it is not only women that should take part in these programs. "Men have to educate themselves that they don't have the right to rape."

"More women are beaten and raped in their own homes, the supposedly safest place they could be, or by someone they know, not by some stranger popping out of a bush," Keats said.

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McGill protesters get the boot

by Kenneth King

MONTREAL (CUP) — Riot police threw nine McGill students in jail for overstaying their welcome at a politician's office March 9.

The students, part of McGill's Coalition Against the Privatization of Education (CAPE) occupied Liberal MNA Jacques Chagnon's office in protest of his support for a proposed 130 per cent university tuition fee hike. Riot police removed the students

after almost eight hours of negotiations.

The occupation began as a meeting between Chagnon and over 20 students, including members of CAPE and representatives from Université de Québec a Montreal (UQAM). Protesters presented alternative funding solutions to Chagnon, and asked him to change his stance on the fee hike.

Students demanded Chagnon arrange a meeting between Quebec's education minister

Claude Ryan and student leaders and that Chagnon initiate a parliamentary commission on the underfunding of post-secondary education.

Chagnon spoke to students for about an hour before leaving his offices. The UQAM students left too.

The McGill students stayed to write letters to Chagnon while he was gone.

Chagnon returned in the afternoon to continue the debate.

The discussion between stu-

dents and Chagnon was frequently confrontational. One woman took offense at the tone Chagnon used to address the students, particularly women.

"Maybe you're older than us and male, but you don't have a right to be patronizing and condescending," Paula Gunn said. Chagnon's reply was, "You can leave if you aren't happy."

CAPE member Brian Schnarch said the remark was indicative of the way the government has treated students' concerns, since proposing the fee hike.

"The government has traditionally ignored students' alternative solutions," Schnarch said, "and we'd like you (Chagnon) to start listening to us."

Chagnon said the students' suggested alternative — a special education tax on corporations — was not viable.

"(Corporations) are sufficiently taxed already," he said. "Why shouldn't students in Quebec pay as much as students everywhere else in Canada?"

Chagnon maintained the corporation tax would hurt Quebec businesses. "We have to keep businesses competitive with other provinces," he said.

"So you're saying industry is more important than education?" asked Schnarch.

"You're a genius," was Chagnon's reply.

CAPE members said Chagnon was not representing the 80,000 students he has in his riding. Instead, they said, he was representing the needs of business.

When Chagnon refused most of their demands, the students announced that they would not leave the office.

Police arrived at about 7 pm. The students gave themselves up peacefully to arrest. As police walked them out of the building, a group of about 20 supporters cheered and sang sarcastic songs thanking Chagnon. The protesters were charged with mischief and released about two hours later. They are scheduled to appear in court July 10.



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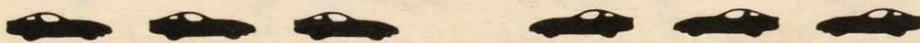
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Campus Update

Biology core

The biology department will be implementing a new second year core program, the first major change to the curriculum since the early seventies. The new program is designed to reduce problems of overcrowding and teacher accessibility. There will be only six core courses, down from 13 this year, making it easier for students to fit their required core into their timetable.

Parker award

Henson College has awarded its Tom Parker awards to Brian Keddy and Mary Upton. The awards of \$500 each go to exceptional students in continuing education. Tom Parker was former president of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union, and in 1979 received the Order of Canada.

Nurses get visit

Dr. Virginia Henderson, a 92-year-old research associate emeritus of Yale University, will be coming to Dalhousie on Mar. 23, as part of Dal's School of Nursing's 40th anniversary. Henderson, who wrote parts of the *Textbook of the Principles and Practice of Nursing*, received the Sigma Theta Tau International Award for contributions to the nursing profession last year.

Child pain

Two Dalhousie professors have co-authored a book, *Pain in Children and Adolescents*, which deals with the way children perceive pain. The book contains, as well as sections on ethics and child-rearing, pictures by the very young which express how pain is seen.

Oriental MBA's

Dr. Cecil Dipchand and Prof. Patricia McGraw of the School of Business Administration will visit Japan for the convocation of Japan's first class of MBAs. The graduating class of 29 students, which began their studies in 1987, received help from Atlantic universities headed by Dal and CIDA. Dal president Howard Clark and SMU president Ken Ozmon have also been invited.

— Our favourite letters —

"Here at Dal, the sensitive, intelligent, cultured chap doesn't exist at all..."

Angeline Fourrette,
September 28, 1989

"Is it fair that a person bound to a wheelchair has to enter through the back door of the A&A just because a ramp might look 'out of place' in the front of an old building?"

Craig MacKinnon,
October 5, 1989

"Ms. Leiterman asks if there is a 'less archaic explanation' for the advice to female students to avoid wearing revealing clothing at night. Unfortunately, there is not — not, at least, until 'archaic' attitudes towards women disappear."

W. H. Lord,
October 12, 1989

"Grow up little boys."

Angeline Fourrette,
October 12, 1989

"Besides the aforementioned characteristics, Desolee, we contest that we are swarthy, obnoxious, philandering beasts, seeking nothing more than the immediate satisfaction of our primate (sic) instincts."

We drink
We belch
We grab a mate
Prepare our seed
And copulate."

'a bunch of jocks'
October 19, 1989



"Re: Big Circumstance review by David Deaton. 'Don't criticize what you can't understand.' — Dylan

It is a sad fact that small puddle mind cannot comprehend vast ocean mind."

Dawn Suzuki,
November 2, 1989

"First, my sentence read 'The problem lies in the socialization of men to confuse sex and power to eroticize conquest (not 'women,' as was printed) and to not take women seriously.'"

Barbara Harris,
November 2, 1989

"Our apologies for the typos. The letter we received was not typed, but due to its nature, we deemed it worthy of our attention. Please make certain your letters are typed, double-spaced and include your name and phone number. This way, we can avoid these ugly mistakes."

Editor's note, in response to the above,
November 2, 1989

"After all, we expect our editor to display courage and moral fortitude. ... Are we pulping trees into paper to print a Gazette so spineless that a protoplasm looks tough in comparison? ... You had better believe we are sincerely yours."

Charlie Cappadoccia,
Lisa Barry
John Carmichael Angus,
Peter Ross,
November 9, 1989

"However, is it consistent to be concerned about the environment but not about the people who live in it? Some of the most ardent environmentalists are at the same time pro-abortion. Does this make sense?"

Charmaine Wood,
November 16, 1989

"Yes, we should all be against war, but not to the extent that this paper is."

Peter Patterson,
November 23, 1989

"It was a great pleasure to realize that my article about Hardial Bains ... was read by at least two people."

... It is exciting because I took 'careful notes' too and my article was based on these notes. This fascinating phenomenon may be the vital proof for the theory of parallel universes? It seems that in my universe the Leader said something else than he did in the universe of G. Brown.

... However, I suspect that the printing of this letter is sufficient shame for the Gazette. I don't want to destroy their reputation, so I'll end here."

Piotr Trela,
January 11, 1990

"I was repulsed by the article 'Drawn From the Fire — Children of the Intifada. ..."

By the very gravity of the injustice performed by all sides of the conflict they demand balance and a full comprehension of the history and present reality. This article dealt with neither, and I hope that in the future the Gazette will forego such reprehensible material."

Barbara Leiterman,
January 11, 1990

"A warm embrace and a hearty 'bravo!' to those with enough courage and fortitude to put out a Gay/Lesbian St. Valentine's Day supplement!"

"...Keep up the good work." Name Withheld By Request,
January 18, 1990

"Your paper isn't any more open minded than he was for wishing him and others dead; even if it was a joke. Time to recognize the fascism in us all..."

Mr. B. Streekes,
January 18, 1990

"Congratulations on your morally and environmentally disastrous issue. Never before have we been more offended by an advertising supplement placed in a newspaper..."

Peter S. Ross, Brian Dixon,
February 1, 1990,
re: Hollywood Jeans

"...For years these racists, sexists and homophobes have had the freedom of expression and they still don't shut up. For years these people have suppressed their victims..."

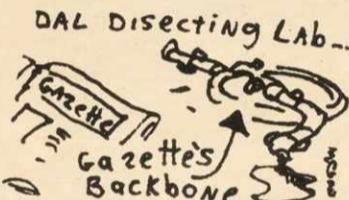
Anne Marie Walsh,
February 15, 1990

"...Do you have any backbone at all?"

E.A. MacKay,
February 8, 1990

"We took the backbone out of the Gazette so you could fold it and take it home."

Editor's Note,
February 8, 1990



"...Death threats against Gays and Lesbians, messages advocating sexual assault of women and racist epithets are all commonly found around campus."

Joseph Peterson,
March 1, 1990

"Next the editors decided not to print letters from the people. The people said 'BOO' but it was too late!"

Howard Brown,
March 1, 1990

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"...My problem is not with homosexual people per se, but with the extent to which the virtues of gayness are extolled in your paper ... there is no SPAD group (Straight People At Dal) or straight pride parade..."

'Nipun Vats',
March 8, 1990



"There is no SPAD at Dal? Ever been to the Grawood and watched the rock videos? Dalhousie University itself, as is most of society, is a straight pride parade. Everyone else covers the straight pride parade constantly, on T.V., in mainstream newspapers, ever-

thing!! We try to offer an alternative to the straight pride parade.

However, if you want to put together a supplement like our GLAD friends did, then you and a group of your friends have to organize it. GLAD organized the GLAD supplement, not the Gazette. Any group on campus that has the wits to write four or five articles, any group that wants to poke their noses into the office here is welcome to put together a supplement.

I must admit that to poke your nose into the Gazette office might seem like a scary thing to do. Common misbelief says that the Gazette if staffed by evil freaks, hippie activists and jerks. To tell the truth, we are all very friendly. If you poke your nose into the office, we are likely to give it a friendly kiss. You (this means you) are welcome to come to the Gazette office. You can come to yell at us, you can come to figure out what we do, you can come and sit on our broken down furniture and have a coffee with me.

It is your paper, and if you don't like what is in it, you are cordially invited to come and learn a bit about newspapers, and then change this one, if you so desire."

Sandy Mackay, editor,
March 14, 1990

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Costner Hollywood's leading man

by Matthew Rainnie

When one mentions the "new age" of Hollywood leading men, the name Kevin Costner should come to mind. With such diverse credits as *The Untouchables*, *No Way Out*, and *Bull Durham*, Costner has truly made an impression on the film world.

Costner was born on Jan. 18, 1955. He grew up in the Los Angeles area and attended California State University. His desire to act became a dream after he graduated from university and got married. He quit his marketing job to pursue an acting career.

Shadows Run Black and Sizzle Beach, USA, both released in 1981, featured Costner in small roles. *Night Shift*, with Henry Winkler and Michael Keaton, gave Costner another very small role as a college boy at a morgue party. His role as Alex, the suicide victim in *The Big Chill*, was eliminated from the final cut of the film. Starring roles in two failed films, *Fandango* and *American Flyers*, did nothing to boost his career.

Director Lawrence Kasdan (*The Big Chill*), however, remembered Costner and cast him in the western, *Silverado*, as Scott Glenn's crazy brother.

Successive roles in two popular action films, *The Untouchables* and *No Way Out*, thrust Costner into stardom. He followed these films with *Bull Durham*, a sexy

comedy set around minor league baseball. This film solidified Costner's star status.

Field of Dreams. Costner's latest effort to be released to video, is also a baseball movie, but it is a far cry from the spicy comedy of *Bull Durham*.

Ray Kinsella (Costner) and his wife Annie (played by Amy Madigan) are a young couple living with their daughter on an Iowa farm. They're normal people living a normal life. Then, one day when Ray is working in the corn field, he hears a voice telling him, "If you build it, he will come." Nobody is around. He dismisses the voice until he hears it again, saying the exact same thing. Then he sees a vision of a baseball field and realizes the voice is telling him to build a baseball diamond in his corn field. Ray believes that if he builds this diamond, Shoeless Joe Jackson, from the controversial 1919 Chicago Black Sox, will come and play on it.

Ray builds the field and waits. He begins to doubt himself when Shoeless Joe doesn't show. Then, on a clear night, Ray's daughter tells him there is a man on the baseball diamond.

If you haven't seen this film you may be thinking that this is a strange concept on which to base a motion picture. Yet, when you are actually watching the film, you, like Ray, are drawn in by that deep voice from the skies.

The building of this field is only one facet of the motion picture. Not wanting to reveal the mysteries of the plot, I will just say that the "voice" gives Ray the directions and Ray dutifully follows them. These directions involve a reclusive 60s novelist who lives in Boston (James Earl Jones) and a kindly old town doctor (Burt Lancaster).

The miraculous events of this

film build up to a masterpiece of an ending. The true nature of Ray's quest is revealed and all the questions posed throughout the film are answered beautifully.

Costner's performance as Ray is central to the film. Ray is an ordinary guy, but he is a dreamer, a man following "voices" only he hears. The part could very easily be overplayed but Costner is totally credible. The supporting performances are equally well

handled. James Earl Jones is a standout in his role as Terrence Mann.

Field of Dreams did excellent business at the box office and is nominated for best picture at the Academy Awards. If you didn't see it at the theatre, rent it now. It's for anyone who loves playing or watching baseball. It's for anyone who has ever played catch with their Dad. It's for anyone who has ever followed a dream.

Civil War is Glory-fied

by Gurn Blansen

There has finally been a great film made about the American Civil War.

Of all the previous attempts only two flawed works remain in memory, and they were both made over 30 years ago. The first, *Gone With The Wind*, certainly did not qualify as an accurate portrayal. The second was John Huston's *The Red Badge of Courage*, and it was butchered to half its original length by the studio, against Huston's wishes.

Finally, in 1990, director Ed

Zwick (*thirtysomething*, *About Last Night*) has made *Glory*, a movie about the Civil War that shows both the people and the spectacle of the most horrible and gut-wrenching war ever fought by Americans.

It's as if the famous pictures of Matthew Arnold have been brought to life in living colour. All of the filth and brutality of the war unnervingly portrayed. The battles scenes are brilliant montages of the chaos and anarchy that prevailed on the battlefields of the day. Huge billowing clouds of smoke surround the

bloody fighting and in one horrible moment a soldier's head explodes like a ripe melon when it is hit by cannon fire.

It is on this stained and tattered canvas that Zwick paints the picture of the first black Northern regiment. These liberated slaves turned soldiers were said by Lincoln to have turned the tide of the war. They were led by a young white officer named Robert Gould Shaw and it is his diaries that form the basis of the film.

The fact that the hero is white does not deter Zwick from his emphasis on the black characters, to whom he pays special attention by giving each a complete and plausible personality; there are no *Stepin Fetchits* here.

The acting is uniformly superlative. Matthew Broderick delivers a fine performance as Shaw. He is totally believable as the determined yet slightly unsure officer. Denzel Washington (nominated for an Oscar) turns in yet another brilliant performance as one of the soldiers. He is one of the most underappreciated actors living today. In fact, the same can be said for Morgan Freeman (nominated this year for *Driving Miss Daisy*), who also appears as a grave digger turned soldier. This film greatly benefits from its perfect casting.

The story of the first black Northern regiment is a relatively unknown one. Even the black cast members admitted their ignorance concerning its existence. It is therefore only just that the story finally be told. Director Ed Zwick has done this and he has done it well. Not only has he provided a valuable history lesson but he created a beautiful and entertaining film as well. *Glory* is a masterpiece that has been a long time coming and one that is greatly welcomed.

Connery refreshing in Hunt

by Geeta Narang

Based on Tom Clancy's best seller, *The Hunt for Red October* is good entertainment.

The set up is as follows: Ramius (Sean Connery), a respected Russian naval officer, is made the captain of a new high-tech nuclear submarine, "Red October." It has the special feature of being undetectable by any sonar system, Russian or American. Thus, when Ramius decides to use the sub for his own unknown ploy, no one is able to decisively determine his goal. Nuclear warfare or defection? What follows is an intricate plot full of erratic twists and turns.

The Americans are faced with the task of deducing Ramius's goal from what little information they have. Simultaneously, both superpowers are attempting to reach the sub gone astray. The hunt is on. Time and tactics are the key factors. The undetectability of the sub adds a myriad of problems to their search. This combination of action and intrigue is enough to merit the movie the label "great."

But *The Hunt for Red October* is not just a high-tech thriller; it also has heart. It has what everyone loves: good people set against seemingly impossible odds. A CIA historian has insight as to the aim of Ramius, a hunch; but is doubted by the conservatives of the tightly knit system of governmental bureaucracies. The leap from theory to practice proves to be a hard one, but he fares well, experiencing the expected problems to which one can easily relate. He finally manages to board an American attack sub in the vicinity of Red October.

The hardships of his journey remind us of the isolation of the entire plot. Although the events of the movie occur in the depths of the Atlantic, they have potentially disastrous implications for the rest of the world who is living in induced ignorance. Intermittent reminders of this and other facts give the movie a 'deeper meaning.' Stiff looking military men, too, have minds of their own. (Although Ramius is a colossal military figure, he shows a few short 'outbursts of humanity,' which are refreshing.)

Any skepticism that Sean Connery could not portray the Russian character well is quickly dispelled at his first appearance. His infamous Scottish accent is barely noticeable. He is convincing due to great acting and well planned shots which give him a sombre air of dignity. Sam Neil plays the executive officer of the Red October and Scott Glenn the commander of the nearby American sub. The three men fit the characters well. All are endowed with strong older faces full of character. Experience is etched in their wrinkles; their faces command respect. The complex characters are not ones easy to portray—cold yet warm, military yet human, tied to rules yet bound by hope.

In fact, all casting and acting is superb. Alec Baldwin (CIA scholar) brings the needed freshness to his character, but at the same time he maintains an academic stature.

Good casting combined with appropriate cinematography provide for a good movie. The bulk of the action occurs in the confinement of the subs and

behind closed doors - mysterious, unknown places. The isolated settings not only add to the movie's mystique, but also emphasize the fact that the military is really in a world of its own. Ironically, they are the segment of government which could have the most impact on us all. However, every now and then there are shots of the sub's exterior in the infinitely big sea. Although there has been some criticism that these pictures are amateurish and that they do not accurately reflect real submarines, to the viewer whose military knowledge is limited (such as I), they convey an appropriate feeling of enormity.

Mace Neufeld, the movie's producer, claims that in making *The Hunt for Red October* "We had decided to deal with the adventure story and not with any sort of political questions." When presenting a story about international defense, political questions inevitably arise. With gunfight scenes in the midst of enough nuclear warheads to destroy the world, one cannot help but start to ask questions.

"Women must be made to feel their responsibilities. All this protective love, their instinctive love, their instinctive mother love, must be organized in some way, and made effective. There is enough of it in the world to do away with all the evils which war upon childhood, undernourishment, slum conditions, child labour, drunkenness. Women could abolish all these if they wanted to."

Nellie McClung

Darkness

And we walked there-
To the edge of a dark swamp
Together in silence
Mist rising we stared into the stillness
And saw nothing
Because we had no eyes

Then the glowing silver ring
Suspended strong by chains
Sent reflections into the mind of darkness
As the sigh of dawn
Laid branches before the path of sunrise
The explosion of colors
Murdered the spirit of absence
Placed poison into the mouth of the night

And the land started the bleed
At first the high areas
Until the powerful wash of light
Replaced all except the shadows
We did not fear or rejoice
Monuments motionless and emotionless
For us the shadows were ours
But light nor dark gave shape to time
And we watched

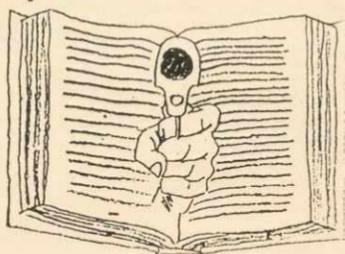
Light filled the darkness
And even in the swamp
Colors ran together
Like the interior of a shell
And still dark with mystery it called
Yet we turned in blindness and silence
Travelling alone in separate ways
That made not sense or safety.

John Rosborough
(1:39am, Dec. 23, 1989)

Here I sit
in the shadow of my lonely room
just the song we listened to still
playing
...in the shade of your evening smile
saying "The world come together and
it come apart
you smile
I smile
saying "but ain't life a brook?"
or a grocery store
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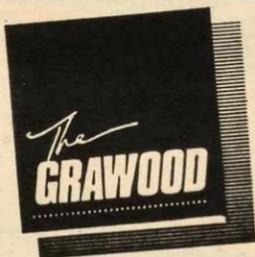
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Saturday,
March 17
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**Liberal
vs.
Liberal**

Dear Editor:

It's ironic how something like the leadership race (which should be a great time for Liberals to unify) is creating such animosity. Take the Dal-King's Young Liberal delegate selection meeting on Monday, Mar. 5. The article entitled "Martin Sweeps Dal" that appeared the next day in the Chronicle Herald informed us that all four delegates were Martin supporters.

It was not mentioned that approximately ten people received memberships without paying the required \$5 fee or even signing an application form. The meeting was also "packed" with Martin supporters. The fact that there were two membership lists complicated things further.

Sure, everyone knows that numerous so-called "instant Liberals" are signed up by keen potential delegates. But is it worth it when it comes to an unnecessary (and dirty) battle between fellow Liberals?

I don't want to dump only on the Martin people. It could have just as easily been Chretien, Copps, or the pro-life supporters. June 23 will come and go. The Liberal Party of Canada will have a new leader and prime-minister-to-be. Whoever the 5,200 delegates choose, we should return to our universities with one common goal: getting Mulroney's

Tories out. More importantly, we should return friends.

A Concerned Liberal

**Show
us your
privates**

Dear Gazette:

Contrary to the CUP story in your March 3 issue ("Canada's private U"), the proposed new university in East Gwillimbury is not "Canada's first private university."

St. Stephen's University in New Brunswick, established in 1971, began classes in 1974. It's a Christian-based, private university founded on the belief that "small is beautiful." It offers a B.A. in the Liberal Arts, sabbatical years, summer courses, and will launch an "Equipping for Ministry" programme this fall.

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To the Editor:

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express appreciation to the graduating class of Dalhousie University School of Nursing for their excellent organization and presentation of the 3rd annual nursing job fair held in the Student Union's Green Room on Friday, March 2, 1990.

Both students and graduates from various parts of Nova Scotia were able to speak with representatives from over twenty-two agencies in Canada and the United States who are interested in recruiting nursing graduates from our university and this province.

The fact that this endeavour flowed smoothly and was well received did not occur by chance. Planning this event required a large effort by students who are already carrying a full load. On behalf of all those who attended the job fair, I want to say "Hats off" to this group and many thanks for a job well done.

H. Lynn Bourgeois
Dalhousie Nursing Student

Christian fellowship

Dear Editor,

You may have seen our logo around campus. You may remember our 'Welcome' brochure in the frosh pack, and you may still be wondering who we are. Let me tell you. Dalhousie Christian Fellowship is a student-led group of Christians from many denominations who share the desire to know God and make Him known to the Dalhousie community. We are a chapter of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (Canada) which, in turn, is a member of the International Federation of Evangelical Students. We are also a recognized society of the Dalhousie Student Union. This doesn't really tell you what sort of people make up our ranks. Our membership is varied and comprised of students from all spheres of Dal; from the lowly undergraduate, to the struggling doctorate student. We enjoy the presence of international students as well as those born and bred in the Maritimes. Some are from a 'church' background and some are not. We struggle with issues and try to understand how Jesus Christ would view our world today, and how, together with Him we may influence the community around us. We meet every Friday night and usually have a speaker and enjoy a time of worship together. Topics covered vary from "faith"

to "sexuality." We also have several small groups of students meeting at various places and times for discussion about the Bible.

Keep an eye out for our booktable in March, every Friday from 11:30 - 1:30 in the SUB lobby, feel free to contact us through the chairman's office.

Helen Craig,
President, DCF

Double standard

Dear Gazette:

Over the years we have seen many articles and issues come and go that make us shake our heads. We have never written in, but this was the one straw that broke the camel's back.

About a month ago, a Hollywood Jeans supplement was included in an issue of the Dalhousie Gazette. Contained in the next issue of the Gazette was an apology. This apology made by your newspaper centred around the advertisement being sexist towards women. Our point is not to dispute this. The point we would like to make is in regards to the Feb. 15 Gazette featuring the GLAD supplement. Before we proceed we would like to make it clear that we are not homophobic. Our criticisms are directed towards the Gazette themselves for their apparent inconsistencies. As we were flipping through this particular issue we came to the first page of the GLAD article which displayed two women arm and arm with one woman's breast exposed with something apparently pierced through the nipple. This was not a pleasant sight to see first thing in the morning as we chewed on our cornflakes. We were shocked to see this printed in a school newspaper which to our understanding would like to be seen as being non-sexist. Can this not be seen as a contradiction to your beliefs? It does not make sense. How can you apologize for the Hollywood Jeans advertisement and then print this picture? This picture is very degrading towards women not for its gay overtones but for its appearance. This view is supported by many

The "Cages" photo was wrongly credited last week. It was taken by Marie Patriquin. We did the same to this "Tigers" photo. It was taken by Michael Currie.



of our female friends. It simply looks as though you are using double-standards.

P.C.
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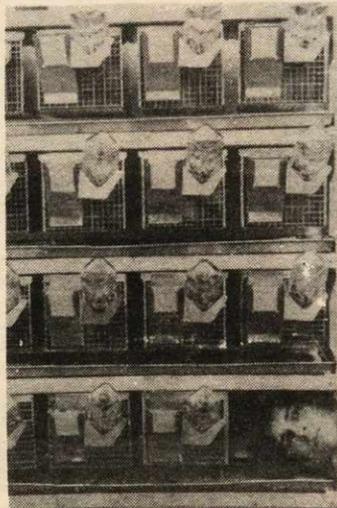
Class campAIN

Dear Gazette:

On Thursday, March 1, 1990, I was in my Education 4312B class, taught by Dr. S. Sodhi. Before class began Dr. Sodhi introduced Lara Morris and Beth Beattie who are running in the current DSU elections and gave them a few minutes to speak. They then answered a couple of questions. In the brief question period the topic of faculty strikes came up and Dr. Sodhi assisted in the answers, although unsolicited by the candidates. I felt very uncomfortable and annoyed and I have decided to lodge a complaint about the practice of campaigning in classes for the following reasons:

- Equal opportunity may not be apparent or exercised when students campaign in classes. If professors want these people in class they should invite all candidates or none.
- Any given professor may show favouritism towards candidates by not allowing equal opportunity. Candidates may not be informed about which professors will allow this practice.
- The practice is an intrusion on class time paid for by the attending students who are there for class, not campaigns.
- It involves professors in DSU elections which are not their affair and may constitute interference in the process. The DFA would probably not want students interfering in their elections.
- This practice may imply that future student leaders are too close to certain members of the DFA and may "owe" something in return.

I realize that other teams will be seen in classes as well, and if there is no rule against this there should be. Professors should have to post which classes they are



using for this purpose with an impartial authority such as yourself. This is not a complaint against a particular team. It is merely the dubious practice of campaigning in classes that I question.

I have informed other candidates of my position and I am sending a copy of this letter to the Gazette and Dr. Sodhi.

Ian MacLeod

PIRG

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my support of the efforts to organize a Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) at Dalhousie University. As a student at the University of Toronto, and a member of the local chapter of Ontario PIRG for the past two years, I have been offered the opportunity to sup-

plement my academic endeavours with public interest activities at a level not possible through most student clubs.

Ontario PIRG exists as a network of seven chapters at universities across southern Ontario. Being able to network with these other groups and with PIRGs in Quebec, British Columbia and the United States offers the chance to work on community issues of concern to students on a local, provincial and national level. I am sure that there are as many issues in Nova Scotia awaiting concerted student action as PIRGs in other provinces and states have discovered since they were first set up in 1971.

I urge you, as Dalhousie students, to ensure the Dal-PIRG's upcoming referendum is successful. And next year, as the chapter is established, I hope you'll get involved in the PIRG's activities.

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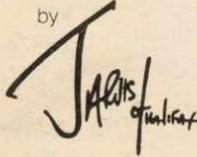
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Dalhousie hockey wrap-up

by Gord Sutherland

The Dalhousie Tigers hockey season recently came to an end as the club lost their semi-final series in two straight games to the powerful Moncton Blue Eagles. The Tigers had a successful season, capturing second place in the Kelly Division with a regular season record of 10-9-2.

Coming into the 1989-90 season, the Dalhousie coaching staff was admittedly in the middle of rebuilding the school's hockey program. At the end of last year's campaign the team lost several key players including all-star goaltender Peter Abric, now with New Haven in the American Hockey League, forward Graham Stanley, Greg Rovce, Joel Brown, and Martin Bouliane. Most hockey analysts did not expect the youthful Tigers to be a force in this year's Atlantic Universities Hockey Conference action. How wrong they were!

For the second year in a row the Tigers won the General Motors Lobster Pot Hockey Tournament. The black and gold skated to a 6-5 double overtime win in the championship against the Acadia Axemen who were consistently ranked among the nation's top ten teams. The Tigers placed three players on the six-spot tournament all-star team and Dal defenceman Brian Melanson was named as the Lobster Pot's Most Valuable Player.

The Tigers success was not limited to the Lobster Pot Tournament. The team fared extremely well at this year's AUHC awards ceremonies. Craig Morrison finished among the conference's top ten scorers with 33 points in just 19 games. Morrison, a former Oshawa General (OHL), was recognized as one of three Kelly Division all-star forwards. Brian Melanson, a former member of the Toronto Marlbo-

ros (OHL) paired with Acadia's Kevin Stover to claim Kelly Division all-star honours at defence. Goaltender Pat McGarry, who sported an impressive 3.79 goals against average, picked up one of the conference's most prestigious awards. The freshman from Ottawa, Ontario was selected as the 1989-90 league Rookie of the Year.

McGarry, with fellow Tiger netminder rookie Kevin Stairs formulated a sparkling goals against average of 3.38. In a post-season interview, Head Coach Darrel Young said the statistics reflect well on the entire team. "All season we had the second best goals against average in the league and sixth best in the country. With a young defense and a young team, that is a pretty big accomplishment."

The rebuilding process has been in effect for two years and Young is pleased with the results. "At the beginning of last year

(1988-89) the coaching staff, Gerry (Gunther), myself and Kim Houston decided that our goal was to change the attitude and the character of the club. I think we have accomplished that. Now this year (start of 1989-90) we made some major acquisitions of top student athletes - the Wilcoxes, the Griffiths, the Bradleys, the McGarrys, the Stairs and the MacAulays. Now we just have to go the extra level and bring a few more good players that will give us that next level."

The Dalhousie hockey program is certainly on the upswing and next season looks promising. The Tigers may only lose one player from this year's squad. It seems Melanson, Morrison and Alan Baldwin (19 points this season) will all be back to play their fifth and final year of eligibility. Sophomore centre Scott Anderson (13 points), sophomore winger Scott Meek (9 points) and third year defenceman Bill Wise-

man (9 points) will all graduate this year but all three plan to pursue additional education avenues.

Next year's team should feature a favourable mixture of veterans and rookies. Coach Young believes the Tigers only need to acquire one defenceman with major junior experience and perhaps a forward with a left-handed shot. Undoubtedly Coach Young is one of the league's best recruiters and next season's team is guaranteed to be even better than this year's edition.

"I believe we are headed in the right direction," said Young. "The players who are in their first and second year of the program are going to be more mature and more experienced players. They are going to be adapted to our league and that is going to be positive for us. I figure we probably have three of the four top rookies in the league. That has to be a positive sign for the future."

Basketball upset

by Brian Lennox

The AUAA has a history of upsets in the men's basketball playoffs. Rarely does the team that finished first in league competition win the conference's playoffs. Last weekend was no exception.

Acadia went into the playoffs as the third place team with an

11-7 record. They were not favoured to win the conference title. The first place St. Francis Xavier X-Men were the favourites with UPEI Panthers picked as the team who could upset the X-Men.

St. Francis Xavier won their semi-final against Saint Mary's Huskies, 77-67. Neither team played particularly well but the X-Men controlled the tempo

most of the way. Saint Mary's, who usually shoot very well from the floor, struggled throughout the contest.

In the other semi-final, Acadia executed their game plan superbly as they upset the Panthers 68-62. Acadia controlled the tempo from start to finish. They were patient on offense and defensively they shut down UPEI's transition game, forcing the Panthers into a halfcourt game. Ted Byrne dominated UPEI inside, scoring 27 points with Kevin Veinot adding 15.

In the final, Acadia again executed perfectly. They stopped the X-Men's transition game. St. FX had only one scorer in double figures. Ted Byrne was once again the dominant player inside for Acadia, scoring 23 points, the majority of which were on turnaround jump shots. The Axemen first team all-conference selection, Kevin Veinot, hit for 18 points in the final.

For Atlantic basketball fans, Acadia's win created the opportunity for two AUAA teams to make it into the tournament. The selection committee chose St. Francis Xavier as one of the two wild card entries; the University of Victoria was the other. Acadia will go into the tournament seeded eighth and will have to play the University of Alberta on Friday night at 7 pm in their first game. This could be the best game of the day. At 9 pm, the X-Men will play the Concordia Stingers. Last year's finalists, UVic and Brandon will play at 3 pm in what promises to be an interesting game.

Hockey awards

by Gord Sutherland

The Dalhousie University Tigers announced their team awards last Friday. Here is a list of the award winners with brief profiles of the individual players:

Rookie of the Year - Pat McGarry (goaltender, Ottawa, 887 minutes played with a goals against average of 3.79) First-year recreation. McGarry also won the team Rookie of the Year award. He will continue the tradition of great goaltending at Dalhousie.

Playoff Most Valuable Player - George Wilcox (centre, Summerside, P.E.I., 20gp-7g-16a-23pts, rookie) First-year commerce. Finished third in team scoring, first in team penalty minutes with 130. Wilcox is an exciting player who plays with a great deal of emotion.

Most Improved Player - Bill Wiseman (defence, Sackville, N.S., 21gp-1g-8a-9pts, third year) When the Tigers lost the services of defencemen Marty Woodford and Paul Kleinknecht, Wiseman was quick to emerge as a more than capable replacement.

Bob Haddow Award - for pride and desire - Derek Pringle (winger, Dartmouth, 21gp-9g-13a-22pts, fourth year) If anyone in hockey gives 110 per cent it is Dal's assistant captain. Pringle is one of Dalhousie's top student athletes. He hopes to enter medical school next year. On the ice, Pringle leads by example and the Tigers hope to have his leadership again next season.

Gerry Gunther Award - for best defenceman - Brian Melanson (defence, Dartmouth, 21gp-1g-17a-18pts, fourth year) Melanson was also selected as a league all-

star. This year he completes his fourth year of physical education. As a player, he is noted as one of the league's most consistent performers. Melanson is a technical defenceman and a strong body-checker.

Kim Houston Award - for best defensive forward - Craig Morrison (winger, Kingston, Ont., 19gp-14g-19a-33pts, fourth year) Fourth-year physical education. Dal's captain won the team scoring title. He finished ninth in league scoring and was picked as a league all-star. Morrison was used on both the power-play and the penalty killing units. He is one of the best all-around players the AUHC has ever seen.

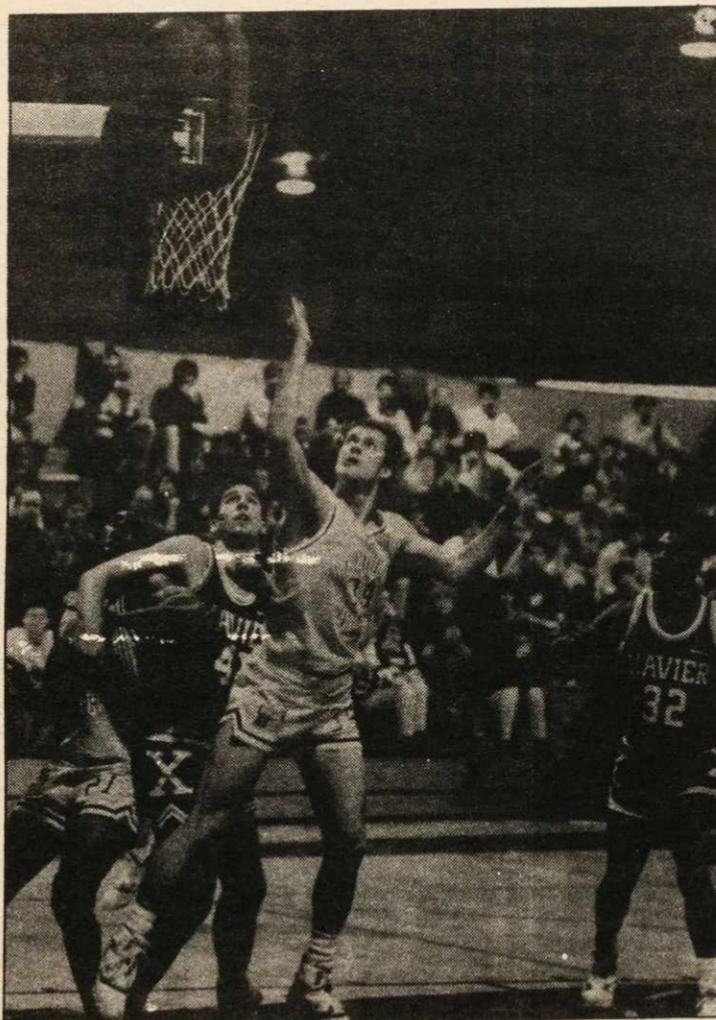
The team's Most Valuable Player will be announced on March 28th during the Dalhousie Awards Banquet.

Track ends

by Brian Lennox

Two Dalhousie performers distinguished themselves at the recent CIAU indoor track and field championships. All-Canadian Lucy Smith won the 3,000 metres in a time of 9:14.82. Smith then placed second in the 1,500 metres with a time of 4:26.35.

Smith's teammate, Sue Comeau placed sixth in the 1,000 metres with a personal best of 2:53. This was especially impressive when you consider Comeau was ranked 13th going into the race.



Hey, that's my rebound!!

photo: Bill Jensen

Why so few women in science?

by Dan Falk

Part 1, in last week's Gazette, began with a look at the numbers indicating the under-representation of women in science, especially the physical and mathematical sciences. Part one ended with a look at the male image of science, which is where we continue with Part 2:

Debbie Hanley, a fourth-year physics student, says that the male image of disciplines like physics may be a deterrent to women who might otherwise choose that field of study. She and classmate Gisia Beydaghyan are the only women in their class of eleven.

"Some women would be scared (to take physics)," Hanley says. "A girl would feel she'd really have to prove herself." A girl's experience in high school may be the deciding factor, she says. "Chances are, you had male teachers in physics and chemistry. If you had a woman as a science teacher, it was probably in biology."

Lamothe says a woman considering a non-traditional subject for study may be intimidated at the thought of being the only female in a class.

Since one needs to study science in order to become a professor, and so few women are choosing to study in science, a self-perpetuating situation results.

"A problem like this needs to be worked on from both ends," says Dr. Betts. "It can't be solved overnight."

The only field where women make up a smaller proportion of the total students than in physics is in engineering. In Canada, only 12 per cent of engineering students are women — in other words, men outnumber women by more than seven to one. The proportion of women in certain sub-groups is even smaller — only eight per cent for mechanical and electrical engineering.

The small proportion of women in engineering has received a great deal of attention since the murder of fourteen women engineering students in Montreal last year. Engineering schools have been under the spotlight, accused of promoting activities that make women unwelcome.

Role Models

Everyone agrees on the importance of role models; women scientists that have at least some contact with children would enable girls to "picture themselves" in those roles. Women science teachers and professors can probably do the most to show female students that a career in science is a real possibility.

Among university faculty, the proportion of women in science fields is very small. In Canada, 16

per cent of full-time professors in the social and life sciences are women. In mathematics and the physical sciences, only five per cent of professors are women, and in engineering and the applied sciences that figure drops to two per cent.

Like other universities, Dalhousie has an affirmative action hiring policy. This means, essentially, that if a choice is to be made between equally qualified men and women applicants, the position will be given to a woman. But policies of this sort are only helpful if qualified women apply for the positions.

Women have faced blatant discrimination or harassment

Discrimination?

Women have faced discrimination in many non-traditional fields, and science is no exception. How big a problem is this today? It seems almost impossible to make generalizations: some women have faced blatant discrimination or harassment, while others seem to have had much more positive experiences.

But at Dalhousie, not everyone's view is that bleak. "If anything, more doors have opened to me because I am a woman scientist than would have been open to me otherwise," says Dr. White. "I think I'm just young enough that I came through with a group of people who have always been treated quite well. Most women

chemists of my age group haven't had much difficulty."

Dr. Jamieson's story is also a very positive one: "I have no complaints about my own experience." She adds, though, that there used to be problems for women geology students looking for work. Petroleum and mining companies, which provide large numbers of geologists with their first jobs, simply "didn't hire women, period." She says this was mostly because employers thought there would be trouble in the field camps. "This discipline used to be very male-dominated," she says, but points out that things have improved a great deal since she was a student.

Lack of Encouragement

According to Dr. Betts, since students get their views from a combination of sources — teachers, counsellors, parents, peers — there is probably no particular group that is primarily to blame for promoting "traditional subjects" for boys and girls.

However, one sometimes hears of teachers and guidance counsellors — the people who have the greatest opportunity to encourage girls to enter non-traditional fields — actively discouraging them from doing so. Dr. Betts knows of instances where guidance counsellors (both men and women) admit they don't encourage girls to take physics because "it's too hard for them." Dr. White knows of similar occurrences; for example, girls who were told in school, "Don't worry about math — it's not important for a girl."

Parents, too, have the responsibility of giving the same encouragement and support to a daughter as to a son — even if the subject she shows interest in is not a "traditional" one.

The Mathematics Issue

Over the years, many have suggested that women simply aren't as good at mathematics as men. Today, most researchers say that sex-related differences in performance on math tests don't show up until adolescence. In her editorial in the *American Journal of Physics*, Button-Shafer writes, "Most mathematics educators believe that girls and boys are about equal in mathematics achievements up to their teens," and she gives references to research that supports the claim.

In a recent Canadian study, Roberta Mura, Meredith Kimball, and Renee Cloutier found that when differences in performance between males and females do show up, it is usually on standardized math tests that measure learning both inside and outside the classroom — on this type of test, boys, on average, score better than girls. But when tests cover mathematical skills learned only in school (i.e. material which girls and boys had received equal training in), no sex-related differences are found.

What can be done?

Besides the affirmative action policies already mentioned, scholarships and other financial assistance can provide incentive for women to pursue science at all levels of university education.

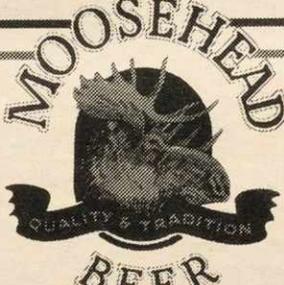
The Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) has recently introduced a series of scholarships for women in the sciences. A 1989 NSERC strategy document stated: "NSERC will also develop means by which it can encourage more women to enrol in science and engineering programs."

The need for better-educated science teachers is another concern. Making children more aware of science at an early age would encourage girls as well as boys to consider science as a career.

Dr. Jamieson says scientists need to speak directly to school children, to say, "This is what I do: you can do it too if you keep up your grades." Dr. White agrees: she will soon be talking to a grade two class about temperature.

Lamothe suggests raising the minimum number of math and science courses required to get a university degree. She also says raising such levels in high school would mean men and women would have the same choices open to them when they reach university.

Today, the world around us is rapidly changing, largely for the better, and science, as much as anything else, is helping to bring about these changes. It would be most unfortunate, to say the least, if women were left out of these developments. The time to put science in the hands of both women and men is now.



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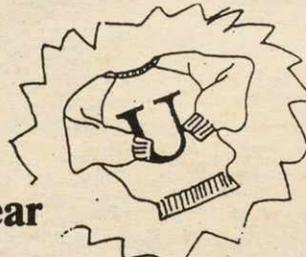
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Thursday, March 16

St. Mary's Environmentally COncerned Students host Lois Corbett speaking on environmental issues at the Loyola Building at St. Mary's University Room 246, at 7 pm.

The Commonwealth Student Society will be holding their first general election at 6 pm in the Dal SUB, Room 224. All positions to be filled.

The Dal Undergraduate History Society will be hosting Robert Dietz, a World War 2 German veteran who will be discussing *Growing up in Germany between the two wars and the role art played in Hitler's "Machtergreifung" (rise to power)* at 7:30 pm in

the F. Carl Hudson auditorium of Henson College, 6100 University Avenue.

Confronting Racism: Understanding the Issues will be the subject of a public forum at 7:30 pm in the North Branch Library on Gottingen Street. The guest speaker will be Dan McIntyre, director of Race Relations and Policing, Ministry of Solicitor General, Ontario; with a panel of Hon. Gerry Weiner (Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship), Patricia Monture (Dal Law School), Burnley (Rocky) Jones (Afro-Canadian Caucus), and Susan Ashley (Assoc. Dean, Dal Law School).

Amnesty International Group 15 regular monthly meeting will take place in room 316 of the Dal SUB. For further info call Sarah at 454-5819.

Friday, March 17

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Guest speaker Dr. Louis Vagianos will speak on **The Impact of Information Technology on the Third World** in the MacMechan Auditorium of the Killam Library at Dal.

Rose Adams will have a slide show entitled **Contemporary Representations of the body class** in the Dal Art Galley at 12:30 pm as part of the women artists series.

Electronegativity: The third dimension will be the topic of a seminar by Prof. Boyd at 1:30 pm in room 215 of the Chemistry Building.

Monday, March 19

The co-author of *Second Opinion - What's Wrong with Canada's Health Care System and How to Fix It*, Michael Rachlis and the Honourable David Nantes, Minister of Health and Fitness, will speak at a symposium on the Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Health Care at the World Trade and Convention Centre from 8 am to 6 pm.

Tools for Peace regular monthly meeting, Pearson

Global Climate Change will be the topic of a talk by Mr. Ed Mile, Director of the Law of the Sea Programme at U of Washington, from 7 to 9 pm in the Weldon Law Building, Room TBA.

Nova Scotia Friends of Schizophrenics will be holding their next general meeting at 8 pm in Hancock Hall, Dal University, corner of Coburg and Oxford. For more information call 464-3456 or 465-2601.

Symphony Nova Scotia will present a regularly scheduled Celebrity Series concert at 8 pm in the Rebecca Cohn. Tickets are now available from SNS and the Cohn at \$23 and \$20. For further information call Symphony N.S. at 421-7311.

Sheraton, clothes and more sound appealing? If the answer is yes, the Tupper Medical Building is the place to be at 7 pm. These items and many more will be up for bid at the **Dalhousie Medical Students' Society Charity Auction**. This is an annual event hosted by second year Med. Students, in support of Hope Cottage, Morton House, and Phoenix House. Beer and pop will be available. Everyone welcome.

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Effects of visual imagery on vision will be the subject of a seminar by Dr. Adam Reeves in Room 4258/63 of the LSC at 3:30 pm.

Introduction to Political Science and its sub-disciplines for first year students will be the Political Science Seminar for this week in the Political Science Lounge in the A&A (4th floor) at 3:30 pm as part of the Political Science Society Fair.

Children will perform **The African Experience**, a musical drama at 7 pm at the Black Cultural Centre, No. 7 highway at Cherrybrook Road. This musical depicts the black experience from pre-colonial Africa to the present. Admission is \$3 (adult) and \$1 (children).

Institute, 1321 Edward St. at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

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Saturday, March 18

The Gregorian Society at Dalhousie is sponsoring a seminar and practical workshop on **Gregorian Chant: Past, Present and Future** at 9:30 am in the MacAloney Room (406) of the Dal Arts Centre.

Dal University Department of Music presents its **Concerto Night** at 8 pm in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. Music by the Dal Chorale, Dal Chamber Orchestra conducted by Dr. Walter H. Kemp, and Dalhousie Symphony Orchestra with conductors Ryan Kho, Walter Kemp and Don Palmer. General admission \$8, students and seniors \$5. Tickets available at the Cohn Box Office.

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Tuesday, March 20

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The Measurement of Health Status and the Quality of Life in the Evaluation of Medical Treatment and Psycho-social Adaptation to Chronic Disease will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Paul Ritvo at 4:00 pm in room 4258/63 of the LSC.

The Dal Gazette holds its weekly meetings at 4:30 pm on the third floor of the SUB. Come on up and we'll show

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The public is invited to attend the **Baha'i New Year Celebration, Naw Ruz** at 6:30 pm in the McInnes Room of the Dal SUB. The New Year will be celebrated with multicultural performances of music, dance, theatre, as well as ethnic dishes from different countries. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 6-12. For tickets, please contact 425-6188. Limited number of tickets are available. Proceeds will go to the Halifax County Literacy Council in recognition of 1990 as the International Year of Literacy.

Wednesday, March 21

The Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia will present a panel discussion on **Racism to observe the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** at 7 pm. For more information, contact Maxine Brooks at 434-6223.

Canadian Crossroads International will be holding a fund raising dinner with Asian

style at New World Restaurant 6386 Quinpool. There will be a door prize draw for a silk-screen print. Cocktails at 7 pm, dinner starts at 7:30 pm. \$15/person. Tickets and information available at 1541 St, or by calling Shirley at 429-0083.

The Nova Scotia Medical Legal Society is sponsoring a presentation on the topic **The New Abortion Law - Implications for the Medical Community to take place at 7:30 pm in Room 212, Dal Law School**.

Thursday, March 21

When is a Harbour Seal a Sea Lion? **Diving and Feeding Behaviour During Lactation** by W.D. Bowen will be the topic at the Biology Seminar starting at 11:15 am in the 5th floor lounge.

Them and Us in the Classroom: The Pedagogical Challenge of Cultural Diversity will be the topic of the Dean's Winter Forum on Undergraduate Education from 3 to 4:30 pm in the Seminar Lounge, Henson College.

Feminist and peace activist Madeleine Gilchrist will speak on **Women for a Meaningful Summit**, a coalition of

national and international women's organizations committed to disarmament. 12:30, Multidisciplinary Centre, Women's Studies, 1444 Seymour St., Dalhousie University. Muffins and beverages provided. Sponsored by N.S. Voice of Women and Dal Women's Studies.

Prospects and problems of Environmental Conservation in the Third World: A Case Study of Zanzibar-Tanzania will be the topic of a talk by Fatima Omari as part of the **African Studies series** at the Multidisciplinary Centre, 1444 Seymour.

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