

Profs and Dal hammer out tentative deal

Agreement must pass a faculty vote

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

One week after it started, the Dalhousie faculty strike may be

over because of a tentative settlement between professors and the university's Board of Governors.

Dalhousie faculty and administration agreed on the outstanding terms of contract negotiations the night of Mar. 31,

hammering out a final proposal by Apr. 1.

The strike and ensuing university lockout began Mar. 25.

The latest proposal must be successfully passed by the 722 member Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) before the

strike will officially be over. The association includes full-time professors and instructors, as well as professional librarians and counsellors.

DFA president Ismet Ugursal said that while the deal didn't include everything the faculty

were looking for, it was fair and the association would likely support it.

"I think the [DFA] membership will probably find [the settlement] acceptable," he said.

"Obviously we aren't totally and completely happy...this is an imperfect agreement — nothing is ever perfect — so I think given the situation it is a good agreement."

The two unresolved issues were salaries and the replacement of departing faculty members — called complement.

The specific terms of the settlement cannot be released until the faculty association has voted to accept or reject the offer.

If the association rejects the offer, the strike — and talks — will continue.

University spokesperson Michelle Gallant says the proposed settlement is good news, but with a price tag.

"Everyone is delighted that we have a settlement so that students can come back to class," she said.

"[But] the strike was about money we don't have — so the issue of university funding continues to be a priority."

The administration's original offer of a 9.5 per cent salary increase over 32 months and no guarantee of complement was overwhelmingly rejected by the faculty association. And it was an offer the university said it already couldn't afford.

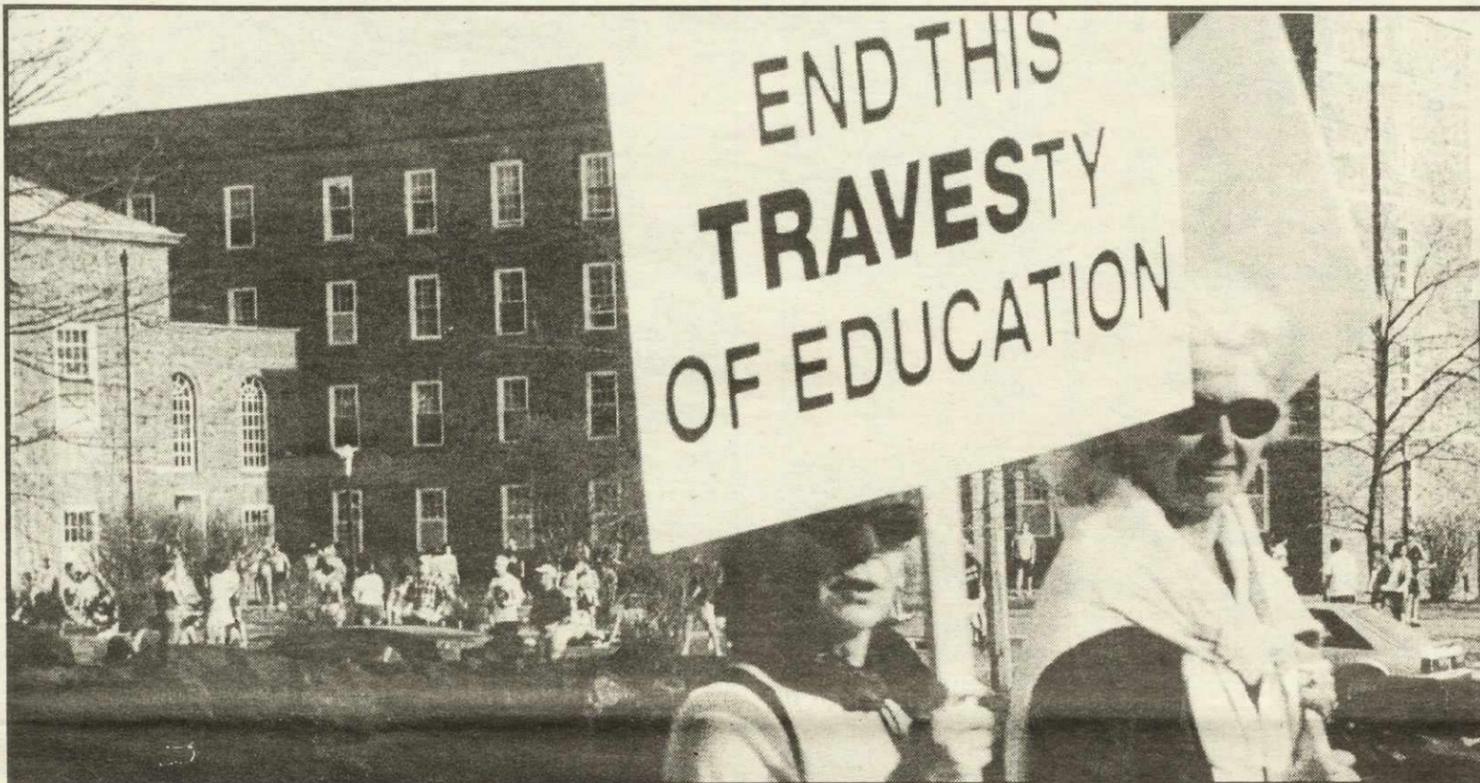
But the DFA proposal for a 13 per cent salary increase and a guarantee of full replacement of all leaving professors fared no better.

Both sides say they had to make hard choices to defend the quality of education, but they also acknowledge how hard the strike was on students.

Ugursal says he knows students may be bitter, but that the faculty had no choice but to strike.

"The worst outcome is probably some resentment from the students," he said.

"I hope [they] will eventually understand that this was something that had to happen...If you believe something is right, you have to fight for it — although the fight could be painful."



Professors picket on Coburg Road while Howe Hall residents party on a sunny Tuesday afternoon. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

Students suing Traves, Ugursal

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

Frustrated by the strike, and the resulting disruption in classes, some Dalhousie students filed small-claims lawsuits against university president Tom Traves and faculty association president Ismet Ugursal.

Several students, observed by an equal number of journalists, staked out Traves' office to serve him with legal papers on Mar. 30.

The Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) had originally looked into filing a class action suit against the university and the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA). But a clause in the university calendar includes strikes in a list of circumstances deemed beyond the university's reasonable control.

"[A class action suit] would be unprecedented," said Chris Adams, DSU president.

"Our lawyer is still investigating it, but we don't have a case."

The unlikelihood of winning a

full-fledged trial, and the low cost of a small-claims suit made it the best option.

The DSU provided court fees and transportation to the courthouse for 18 students. Each was given the opportunity to file a claim against Traves, Ugursal, or both.

The total cost of court fees to the DSU was about \$900, but incoming DSU vice-president, Brian Kellow says it was some of the best public relations money the organization has spent all year.

"When we came out of the place in the court house where you file, there was media all down the hall," he said. "There were TV cameras everywhere."

DFA president Ugursal admitted that such media attention made the students' position abundantly clear and placed extra pressure on the negotiators.

"Seeing how the students were becoming extremely agitated brought home the urgency of the situation,"

he said. "Students suing the president and suing the faculty president is not a trivial thing."

University spokesperson, Michelle Gallant, says the university was always very aware of the students' plight, but that responding to legal challenges is not a priority.

"[Traves] has certainly met with the students and certainly accepted the documentation from them and has turned the papers over to his lawyer," she said.

"Regardless of what kind of claims [were] being made during this strike situation, we [were] focussed very specifically...on the negotiations."

But despite the tentative settlement reached between the university and the DFA, some students still plan to pursue the charges.

Third-year student Robin Mace, who is suing Ugursal, says she plans to continue.

"I asked for \$100 or 15 classes on my court form," she said.

"They need to be held accountable and that is why I filed in the first place."

But the suits are no longer necessary, says Ugursal, who has not yet received official notification that he is being sued.

"I think the suits have done their job from a practical perspective," he said. "From a legal perspective I don't think there was a lot of merit in them."

Kellow remains defiant.

"It's up to each of the students — I plan to continue," he said.

"I'm suing Dr. Traves and Dr. Ugursal because I am paying for services I didn't receive."

While Gallant said the university does not want to speculate on the outcome of any of the cases, she says there was a precedent set during Dalhousie's last strike in 1988.

"I wouldn't want to presume...but I gather in that faculty strike, three students pursued a similar action and the court did not find in their favour," she said.

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Plans for the SUB still sketchy

BY LAURA GRAY

Remediating design flaws to the Dalhousie Student Union Building is just one change planned by the union's president-elect, Ted Chaisson — but he's not sharing any information about how this will be achieved.

"Traffic flow is really, really bad [in the Student Union Building]," said Chaisson, explaining why he thinks the

building is flawed and in need of revamping.

Chaisson would not go into details about what changes would be made to improve traffic flow. However, he said that it is difficult to get to, or find, the Grawood, the Union Market, and the Green Room, and suggested he has plans to make changes to these areas of the building.

"It's just not efficient...this building is just not well-

designed."

Chaisson says that the inefficiency of the Student Union Building (SUB) is something that the student union has to become increasingly concerned with in the future.

"In another couple of years we'll have the new [Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences] building across from us with no food facilities or lounge areas and students are going to come [to the

SUB]."

He says that his goal is to make the SUB "more student friendly".

While Chaisson is not releasing any details of his plan, he admits that he is not the first student union president who has had great expectations for their term in office.

"The problem is that executive have been coming in and getting caught up in the details, [like painting the Union Market],"

Chaisson said. As a result, he says, they have never been successful in fixing up the bigger problems in the SUB.

Chaisson says his renovation plans would be costly, but funds would come out of the Dalhousie Student Union's existing budget and he added that efforts will be made to keep the costs as low as possible.

Memorial pres wants students at the table

BY SEAN RYAN

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — The Memorial University president says a student should be present for their next round of contract negotiations with faculty and if necessary he will open up a seat on the administration's bargaining team to make it a reality.

Memorial University of Newfoundland president Art May says since tuition fees account for so much of the university's budget, students have a right to be present at negotiations.

"Students are paying 25 per cent of the bill," he said. "If they're not in the room, somebody else is spending their money."

Students at Dalhousie unsuccessfully called for a place at the bargaining table in their university's contract talks. While May fights to allow student representation at the bargaining table, Dal president Tom Traves has refused to allow students to observe negotiations.

May's proposal comes in the wake of Acadia University's ground-breaking decision earlier this year to allow the student union president to sit in on negotiations as an unbiased observer.

But Acadia student union president Paul Black was allowed to participate in the talks only after he agreed to not disclose information about the proceedings.

May says he agrees with this policy of strict confidentiality.

"Of course there would have to be some rules and there would have to be some boundaries as to

how you would behave," he said. "There is a dynamic that you can hardly report on from day to day."

While Dalhousie's faculty association supports a student present during collective bargaining, the faculty association at Memorial has come down against the idea of a student sitting in on their negotiations.

In a written response to May's proposal, faculty association president John Bear stated: "Although students, like many other groups, may well be affected by the outcome of negotiations, they are not parties to the Collective Agreement and therefore the arrangement you propose is inappropriate."

Bear says he understands the interest of students and other parties at the university in the progress of negotiations, but adds that methods used during the last round of negotiations between faculty and administration — such as frequent newsletters — kept everybody effectively informed.

"We take the position that we're better able to keep people apprised of what's going on through sitting down and talking with them outside the context of the negotiations," he said. "It's not the sort of thing that's a spectator sport."

Late in the last round of negotiations, which took place in 1995-96, May proposed bringing a student in on the talks. But Mike Carley, who at the time was designated by the student union to fill that role, says faculty balked at the idea.

He says the only way professors would agree to allow a student in the room was if he or

she openly supported the faculty.

In response, May offered the student union a seat on the administration's bargaining team — which would have included the right to help shape the team's approach and positions.

But Carley says the student union declined that option

because the faculty association stated such a move would be interpreted as support for the administration. The student union did, however, accept an invitation from May to sit on a 'strategy' committee aimed at preparing the university for the anticipated strike.

May says the faculty association should rethink its position on the matter.

"The people who are in the bargaining situation have to understand that it's the students themselves who ultimately lose [in the event of a strike]."

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Students claim victory

But clash over which approach was right

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

Students may not have agreed about what side to take in recent labour disputes at Dal — but they are all ready to take credit for the quick end to the faculty strike.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) president Chris Adams says that by not choosing sides in the strike the DSU looked after the best interests of students. But Adams added that the strike's resolution was due to many factors.

"In all fairness, I don't think any one party can say they are the reason for the settlement," he said.

"I think that what we did made an impact. I think our approach led to a very seclusive atmosphere for the negotiations to work properly."

But some students disagree with the union's approach.

Students in Solidarity for Quality Education wanted to put pressure on the Dalhousie administration by siding with the faculty, and the group says that it had a role in ending the strike.

"Our group helped in the

resolution. I think that the administration felt our presence and heard us," said Tracey Thorne, a spokesperson for Students in Solidarity.

Thorne says she is glad the strike has ended, but isn't assuming anything until the ordeal is entirely over.

"I won't be perfectly happy until I see the agreement, but I don't think the [Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA)] would agree to something that wasn't in their best interest," she said.

Thorne says the Students in Solidarity understand the DSU's position, but did not agree with it.

"They should have taken a side," she said.

But Adams says the picture is bigger than the one painted by the administration and the DFA. He says Dalhousie is facing these concerns as a result of government cuts to funding.

"People need to realize that government funding is still the real problem right now. If the university had the proper funding levels each year, then none of this would have been an issue," he said.

And even before the strike ended, Dalhousie student Jacob Conrad agreed.

"The government is resting peacefully right now while Dalhousie struggles between students, teachers and

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Vancouver police criticized for treatment of activists

BY ALEX BUSTOS

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A University of British Columbia student charged with one count of mischief has accused the Vancouver Police Department of waging a war against social activists.

Jesse Scott, a 19-year-old philosophy major, was arrested Mar. 22 for allegedly scrawling on a Royal Bank window during a rally protesting student debt.

The arrest, which took place seven weeks after the January protest, was made at Vancouver's Canadian military drill hall just prior to an anti-war rally.

Scott says he believes the real purpose of the arrest was to scare off the anti-war protesters.

"My arrest was an act of intimidation," he said. "It's scary when [the police] have information on you and can use it when they want. It seems like a war on activists."

But according to Anne Drennan, spokesperson for the Vancouver

Police Department, Scott's arrest was due to chance rather than an orchestrated police campaign.

On Jan. 28, Scott was one of 1,500 protesters in downtown Vancouver who participated in the National Day of Action against student debt.

"We had an officer videotaping the demo," Drennan said, "which is standard in these demonstrations."

The videotape, she says, captured several protesters perpetrating acts of "vandalism".

Seven weeks later, the officer who filmed the Day of Action protest spotted Scott at the drill hall and, after recognizing him as one of the protesters on the videotape, arrested him.

When asked why Scott wasn't arrested earlier, Drennan replied, "There was no opportunity. There were over 1,000 people [at the January rally]. The officer couldn't get a chance to arrest him."

This explanation doesn't satisfy Milton Smith, the lawyer representing Scott.

Smith says the police know full well the mischief charge will probably be thrown out of court. The purpose of the arrest, he continues, was not to win in court, but rather to scare off potential protesters.

"It's a way of subverting the justice system," he said. "[The police] use their powers to punish someone without going to trial for exercising their right to exercise freedom of speech."

Smith says he is also concerned

with police filming protesters at rallies like the one last January.

"It's incredible that our tax dollars are being used to survey groups engaged in perfectly legal activities," he said.

B.C. budget shines down on post-secondary education

BY CRAIG SAUNDERS AND JAMIE WOODS

VICTORIA (CUP) — Thanks to accounting changes and an inflationary increase, B.C.'s budget gives a little more to universities, colleges and students.

While the overall budget for the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology increased by 0.7 per cent — approximately the projected rate of inflation — a shuffling of figures allows for a total of \$40-million in new funding for schools and student financial aid.

Advanced education minister Andrew Petter already announced these funding increases in a series of public appearances following his appointment in February. The announcements included a total of \$26-million to colleges and universities to offset inflation and create 2,900 new seats, and \$14-million more for student loans.

"I feel very positive," Petter said. "[While] we have cut substantially in other areas, we have increased [funding] in health, education and social spending.

"University spending will go up more than it has in the last two years," he said. "There are no miracles in this, it's just a matter of priorities."

Petter's positive outlook is shared by the province's largest student group, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), who are riding high after students won a tuition fee freeze in March.

"[The freeze] sends a message to institutions that tuition fee increases are not an ongoing source of revenue," Maura Parte, provincial chair for the federation, said.

"From the perspective of our

sector, it's hard not to be complimentary to the government for what it's done," Keith Reynolds, spokesperson for the College and Institute Educators' Association, said. "There's always more that could be done, but compared to what's happened everywhere else in the country, B.C.'s done an astonishing job."

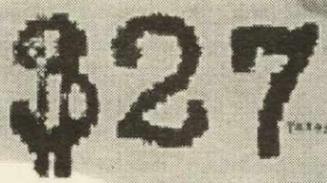
Reynolds' group represents the province's 22 colleges and university-colleges. Those institutions will receive funding to create 2,050 of the 2,900 new post-secondary seats for students that the province has promised to create. The remaining 850 will be created at the province's six universities.

Of the \$26-million in new operating funds, \$17.5-million will cover the new seats. Of the remaining \$8.5-million, \$3.8-million will go to

the new Technical University of B.C., and \$4-million will go to existing schools to help offset inflation and make up for revenue that could have been obtained through a tuition fee hike.

Overall, the government is budgeting a \$95-million deficit, despite a promise last year to balance the budget. The decreased deficit comes from a budget with no clear winners. Agriculture and Food will see a 23 per cent increase in their budget, but most of that money is earmarked for poor crop performance. The fisheries ministry is probably the biggest winner, with a 19.9 per cent increase.

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 administration. That, to me, is really sad."
 Adams says he also understands the frustration students felt during the strike, but doesn't think the Students in Solidarity made a wise decision in supporting the faculty.
 "Students in Solidarity...is a small minority of Dal and King's students. Some [students] supported the DFA, some supported the administration, but the vast majority of students support each other — and it was those students that made a difference in the outcome of the strike."

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 May says if faculty continue to oppose a student presence at the bargaining sessions, he will again offer the student union a place on the administration's negotiating team.
 Student union president-elect Tracey O'Reilly says while she wants to have a student present at the negotiations, she is undecided about having that person sit on the bargaining team of one particular side.
 May says contract negotiations with faculty could commence as early as next fall.

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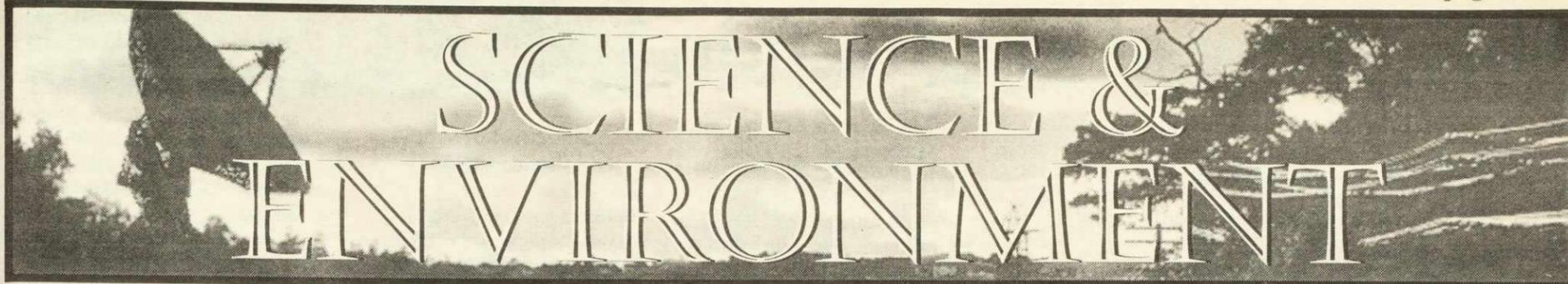
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Dal day camp breaks science stereotypes

BY JANET FRENCH

In a world where science and technology is becoming more important, it is crucial to inspire the future job holders in these areas — our youth.

Supernova, a society formed by undergraduate students at Dalhousie and DalTech, is ensuring that Nova Scotia's youth become intrigued by careers in these areas of study. One of 26 members of YES-VAC, a national organization promoting technology camps and programs to youths, Supernova is in its third year of operation and is thriving in popularity.

Aimed primarily at young people in grades three to nine, Supernova's message is that science is both intriguing and important.

Supernova members travel all around Nova Scotia to elementary and junior high schools for demonstration days. In this school year alone they have presented their demonstrations and displays to approximately 12,000 people. A variety of hands-on demonstrations are used — such as mine dust explosions (simulated with corn starch), and cleaning up small scale simulated oil spills — to introduce problem solving in a captivating and lively

way.

Other areas recently promoted by Supernova are food science, building structures with forces, forensic science, and the science of sports.

Apart from merely enlightening youths on the wonders of science and technology, Supernova also aspires to break though traditional stereotypes held by people about science and engineering. John Hoben, the current coordinator of Supernova, says that the image of people who research and work in science is as important as the actual subject itself.

"We want kids to go home to

their parents and say 'science is cool'," Hoben says.

Men have traditionally dominated the field of technological research and another objective of the program is to get as many girls involved as boys. There is a discount available to campers when a boy and a girl register together.

Hoben also emphasizes that the staff, all being undergraduate students, are enthusiastic about science but are also well-rounded individuals and work hard to break that "geekish professor" stereotype often associated with these fields of study.

In addition to visiting Nova

Scotia schools, Supernova also provides teacher training services and runs popular weekly day camps during July and August. These day camps help youths explore the many fascinating projects and opportunities that careers in science and technology hold.

Registration begins in two weeks, and registration information for kids in grades three to nine can be found by calling the Supernova office at 420-7993. The weekly summer day camps run from July 6 to Aug. 21.

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This organization is student-funded (ie. YOU pay for it, so vote) and (mostly) student-directed and works on social justice and environmental issues. Currently there are six working groups within NSPIRG: Burma Support Network, EcoAction, Economic Justice, Humans Against Homophobia (HAH), People for Animal Welfare, and the Womyn's Health Collective. NSPIRG also runs a food cooperative and an organic community garden, Seymour Green, on campus.

The Board of Directors work on a consensus basis to carry out the administrative work of the organization. They set the budget, make decisions on project proposals, initiate research projects, give support to working groups when needed, perform outreach activities, and do whatever else is necessary to keep the wheels of social justice humming along.

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Madeline Morris: I am a 3rd year biology/women's studies student and am running for another term as an NSPIRG board member. I bring experience as well as a personal commitment to the types of community action that PIRG supports. I believe that NSPIRG and its working groups are a vital part of Dalhourise University and the Halifax community.

Meghan Smillie: "Knowledge alone does not suffice. It has no heart. No aount of knowledge will nourish or sustain your spirit. It can never bring you ultimate peace or happiness. Life requires more than knowledge - it requires intense feeling and constant energy. Life demands right action if knowledge is to come alive." --Dan Millman



"Hello Everyone, my name is Micheal Young and I am running for the NSPIRG Board. As a member of the Board my goal would be to free al of the tortured and captive vegetables. I remember this young brave sould once told me "that his evangelist goal in life was to spread the word of exploited vegetable". My goal is vaguely similar. There are many social issues forgotten by mainstream media and politics that affect our lives just as much as Bill Clinton's bedroom or the gold mining in Indonesia. I feel strongly that the collective resources PIRG brings together and the input I can give will be helpful in raising awareness of various social and environmental issues. Thanks for your consideration.

Terri Rutty: I am interested in getting more involved with NSPIRG because I feel that the type of research being done by this organization is vitally important. I also feel that with my diverse cultural background and wide range of interest I can bring in a whole new perspective to the organization. There are also a lot of working groups within PIRG that I am not yet involved with and this would allow me to have a chance to find out more about what each gorup has to offer. I hope to have this chance to bring a lot of new knowledge to the group and in return gain some as well.

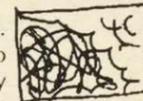
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"Never doubt that a small group of people can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has." -- Margaret Mead

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Hi my name is Colin Lake, and I'm running for the NSPIRG board of directors. I was a member of the board of direcors in the 1997-98 term and I found it to be an interesting and fulfilling experience. I work with the Community Organic Cooperative Garden and the Economic Justice working groups. Plant some seed and stick it to the United Food Growers Association!



Dave Garrow: Ecology of the Village Sweet was the sound when oft at evening's close, Up yonder hill the village murmur rose; There as I passed with careless steps and slow, The mingling notes came softened from below; The swain responsive as the milk-maid sung, The sober herd that lowed to meet their young, The noisy geese that gabbled o'er the pool, The playful children just loose from school, The watch-dog's voice that bayed the whispering wind, And the loud laughthat spoke the vacant mind, These all in sweet confusion sought the shade, And filled eadh pause the nightingale had made.

This poem describes that change is needed to create a world in which everything is in harmony. This is what we as humans must strive to achieve. NSPIRG is a means to make our world a better place, and more importantly a better place for our children. I want change to come about, and for this reason I would like to become an intricate part of NSPIRG. Change is needed, change is good, change is happening!

Greetings! my name is Mike Bulthuis, and I'm going for the NSPIRG Board of Directors (hence this little blurb). I'm at Dal with one year to go in IDS and political science. With this kind of coursework we're certainly reminded of the 'global-ness' of pretty much everything these days. But in the midst of a global village still lies a fundamental need for a strong local community and local initiative! Through working collectively within Dal-Halifax community, our actions promoting justice, stewardship, and equality will naturally impact the larger community itself, and even the global village that looms so large...because hope is never lost.



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I spend an inexhaustible amount of time worrying about that road. Am I ready? Am I a good enough navigator to make it to wherever it leads? More importantly, where will it lead? Some fabled land of security, happiness and 2.4 kids?

Probably not.

"All roads lead to Rome," they used to say, but Rome fell hard. There are no guarantees.

I'm sure everyone has questioned why they are here at one point in their university career. Have you used the university well enough to cope outside the parameters of our little microcosm? That's the \$64,000 dollar question.

I like to believe I'll remember Dalhousie for its teachers and higher education, but I have the sneaking suspicion my reminiscing may become a little

more trivial as years go by. I'll never forget stealing a toilet seat from the now non-existent Roxbury Cabaret, but my Shakespeare class? That's another matter.

But some questions have a wider scope and can't be ascribed a value, like: has university lost its focus in the nineties? This whole strike fiasco illustrates that it has. Professors have tried to

education is in dire straights.

University isn't the only aspect of society in the 90s which has lost its focus — students have too. During the 1950s and 60s education was such a boon because anybody who sauntered on the path to the real world with a parchment in their rucksack was quickly ambushed by the private sector. Well it is not like that anymore.

That dirt path has been resurfaced and renovated into a six-lane turnpike through the most dangerous of all mountain passes. It seems all that piece of

paper does for you now is get you an economy class ticket on a rinky little Greyhound bus with no TV or air-conditioning. And there is little hope for an arts student to become the center of a corporate bidding war.

Post-secondary education is no longer a feather in your cap, it is merely another required holding tank for youth with hope of a future.

One thing is a given, though. I'm leaving Dal with way more questions than when I first set foot on campus. Hopefully in 20 years I'll be writing an editorial with some answers.

JOHN CULLEN

Editorial

mask their labour dispute in a cloak of morals. Over-crowded classrooms and too few teachers are issues which are great to swab on a picket sign, but will their fundamental beef — money — really solve these problems? No. The complement issue is also easy to dismiss. If the administration does hire new profs, then the fresh meat should go to teaching the classes listed in the course calendar which are not really offered. And there are tons of those courses. If more money and scaled-down workloads is what motivates profs to do a better job, then post-secondary

Commons ten-fold. We fully expect to do so again in the next Federal election.

Jean Charest was a great leader and a great Canadian. But we have several great Canadians who are contenders for the party leadership like Hugh Segal, Peter MacKay, and even Ralph Klein. This is a great time to be a part of the PC Party, and I welcome you to join the ranks of the Dalhousie PC Youth and to be a part of that future.

DANIEL CLARK
President Dal PC Youth
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MORE LETTERS

Be a part of Dalhousie PC Youth

To the editor,

As you have undoubtedly heard Progressive Conservative leader Jean Charest has resigned his position as Federal leader as of April 3, 1998. He will pursue the leadership of the Quebec Liberal party and subsequently the Premiership of Quebec.

Charest has made it very clear that this is not a rejection of the Progressive Conservative party. It was a difficult decision for him to make, leaving the party he loves or

doing what is best for Canada. He made the choice few of us would have the guts to make. He did what he believed was best for the entire country.

The Progressive Conservative Party wholly supports his decision and wishes him the best. But we would like to assure our friends and our supporters that the party is still strong and it is still the only national opposition to the Liberals.

We have a bright future as a party. Provincially we are in power in Ontario, Alberta, Manitoba, and PEI. In 1997 we increased our number of seats in the House of

Letters

Students not simply "fence sitting"

To the editor,

I am writing to express my dismay at the cynical commentary submitted by A. Zachary Wells, a commentary in which he proceeded to dismember any positive sentiment that the student rally of March 17 may have elicited. I am one of those student politicians at the rally who was "uttering repeated platitudes and gratitudes".

As a student member of the Dalhousie Board of Governors, I must disagree wholeheartedly with Wells' scathing condemnation of the worries expressed by students, specifically about losing their year. While some of the students did mention these concerns, these were peppered with genuine pleas to both the Board and the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) to resume negotiations and ensure that students are not forgotten.

For Wells to assert that the students "blindly allied themselves with the BoG" is erroneous. One only had to hear the loud cries of "bullshit" from the students at Dr. Traves' speech to the board to see that. Students at this rally did not overtly side with the Dalhousie Faculty Association nor the board. The message was only that the students want a voice, the students matter, and that the students want a resolution on the part of both sides.

Wells doesn't seem to want to acknowledge that the students are not "fence sitting". To fence sit is to express no opinion, to waffle between one side and another. The students are firmly on a side — the student side, the best means of representing student interests. And contrary to his beliefs, this rally did have an inexorable effect on the board.

Comments by members of the board included a vein of surprise and many were thankful at having had the opportunity to hear what the students had to say. To be sitting in the sedate board room with the yells of support from the students outside meant a lot. It fortified the position of the students inside, helped let the board know that students care, and reminded all parties concerned that students are indeed an important part of the university and should not be foregone.

This is not to say that Wells' arguments have no merit, nor is it my intent to undermine his words. I agree fully that blind devotion to a cause can be extremely dangerous. But to give students so little credit as to assume that blind faith motivated

many at the rally is to undermine the intelligence of students and to assume that these students would succumb to a type of blind devotion to a cause.

At a school which sometimes has been criticised for its apathy, a showing as we had at the rally last week is certainly indicative of a cause about which the students are informed and obviously care deeply about. Students at Dalhousie do not always exercise their right to a voice, and so when they do, one should not be too hasty at trying to undermine their initiative. Please do not destroy the spirit of the entire endeavour.

ALIX DOSTAL
Board of Governors
Representative

DSU stance on strike lacks definition

To the editor,

I am writing to express my outrage at the stance taken by the DSU with regard to the current DFA strike. The executive has so far failed to say anything more substantial than "the strike is bad", and although they talk a lot about the best interests of students, they consistently refuse to define what they think those interests are.

I appreciate that the DSU's activity has kept the effect of this term's strike on students in the public eye. This approach, however, does not look beyond short-term impact to the long-range implications of the issues. Does the DSU really think that our loss of time at the end of the term (difficult though that is) is the only risk to our education in this situation?

The continued loss of experienced faculty is a tremendous threat to the quality of education at Dal for all of us who are going to be here past this year. Not only does the university lose teachers for its already too large first year classes, but we lose the experienced scholars required to teach upper year core classes. Our interests as students go far past this term; they include future years at Dal as well.

As a student I expect substance and action from my student union representatives. I also expect them to look past short-term loss and support long-term gain. So why has the DSU decided to talk loudly but say nothing? DSU, stop wasting time and effort sitting on the fence — support the DFA. We will be back in classes faster, and you will have helped fight for student interests for a long time to come.

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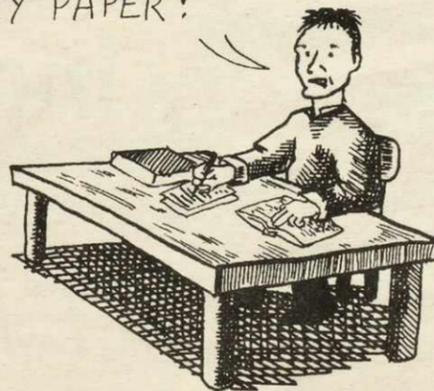
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LEAST ANOTHER WEEK FOR
MY PAPER!



N. Sapp Nov/April 18

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MORE LETTERS

DFA obliged to strike - for students' sake

To the editor,

Andrew Woods expressed his anger regarding his conversation with me in his letter in the Gazette on March 26. I understand and appreciate his frustration with the current situation at Dalhousie and his worries about his job.

Woods came to my office a day after the DSU rally. He told me that he had a job set up in North Carolina and the faculty must not go on strike because he didn't want to lose his job. He more or less told me that he held me personally responsible for the strike. I told him that the DFA had been doing everything possible to achieve a negotiated settlement for the past eight months, and our struggle was to protect the quality of education at Dal.

He didn't seem to be interested in what I said. I asked him if he had read anything published in the Gazette or anything that the DFA put out. He said he had better things to do so he didn't. I asked him if he attended the rally and listened to the presentations made by his fellow students. He said he had to get his car fixed so he didn't attend the rally either. I asked him if he knew anything about the issues. He said he didn't. At this point I was getting rather annoyed by Woods' comments, and made the statement that he quoted in his letter.

He carried on to say that the strike was unacceptable to him, and reiterated his job in North Carolina. I told him he should go express his concerns to Dr. Traves (I don't think I used the expletive he claims I did). I also told him that I didn't have the time to explain the issues to him to justify the DFA's position. I added that there are 14,000 students at Dalhousie and I couldn't possibly take

20 minutes or half an hour to explain these things to every student if they, like him, decided to come to my office.

I suggested that he should, like everyone else, learn the issues and follow what is going on from the material that the Gazette, the DFA, and the administration put out. To start him off, I made photocopies of some of the material and gave it to him. I also mentioned that if he had any questions after reading those he could contact me.

I cannot agree with Woods that my reference to the fact that I could not individually explain the issues to each one of the 14,000 Dal students is offending. I think the impossibility of this would be obvious to everyone. I must also add that I never heard any student at Dal attribute that "classic Dal attitude" to faculty. On the contrary, all of the students that I have talked to praise the individual treatment that they receive from their professors. My students have been expressing their satisfaction with my treatment of them in their anonymous course evaluations since I started teaching at TUNS 10 years ago.

I have no doubt that Woods is a fine, intelligent and reasonable gentleman, and I hope he won't choose to leave this fine university. As I said to him during our unfortunate conversation, I and all of my colleagues do care immensely for our students and their best interests. In addition, the faculty also do have an obligation to protect Dalhousie and its present, as well as future students, from mediocrity. This is why we had no choice but to go on this strike. I think we would be inexcusably guilty if we didn't fulfil our obligation.

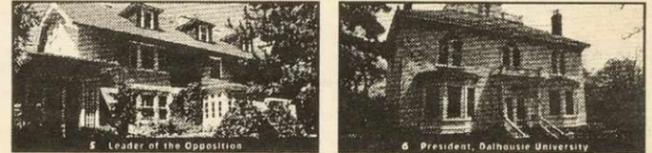
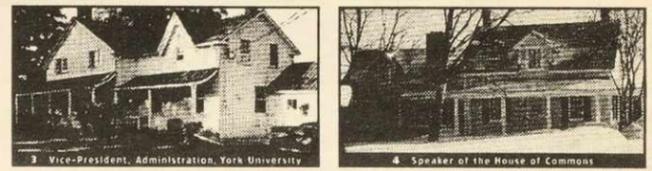
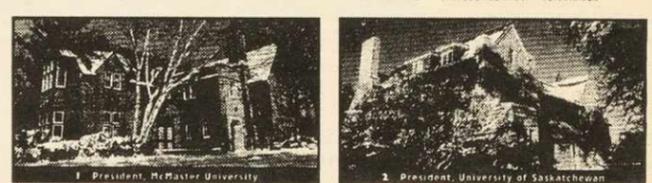
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Traves in the lap of luxury

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Every job comes with its perks, but there's a big difference between getting a discount on pantyhose and moving into your own official residence. Can you match these six lucky employees with their stylish living quarters?

BY BERNICE BARTH



Dalhousie's president has been up to his ears in contract negotiations during the day, but by night he is at ease in the posh home provided for him by the university. Traves was one of six "lucky employees" featured in an article in this month's issue of *Elm Street* magazine. "Every job comes with its perks, but there's a big difference between getting a discount on pantyhose and moving into your own official residence," wrote Bernice Barth. Other "lucky employees" whose homes were featured on the list: Leader of the opposition, Preston Manning; speaker of the House of Commons, Gilbert Parent; and three other university administrators. Students might be bothered by their president's extravagant home, but we are thrilled that Dalhousie is still investing the money it takes to keep our facilities first-rate. We're thinking sleepover Dr. Traves. So what if students are pissed at you? There must be tons of room in that big old place, and what better way to improve relations than with a little get-ta-know-ya time?

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Masking Earth's real problems

Somewhere under the beautiful sky on any given day there exist places where every person can be at their best, doing what they believe to be right, creating themselves and living up to their greatest potential.

For most of us a university is not such a place. Universities provide us with quantitatively valuable social contact, but do not allow us to participate in the solutions to Earth's problems. At university, we are inextricably connected to oppression as we are also connected to the social and ecological problems we passively help to maintain. A university activist with the best of intentions is still a fuel cell, plugged into the great machine, speeding up its joy ride into the dark.

We might agree that people need social contact, a healthy ecosystem, food and a warm place to sleep. For this most of us figure we need something called money. (Money can be exchanged for fruit, but unlike fruit it can be accumulated beyond one's needs without the visible and olfactory immorality of hoarding your own rotting pile of fruit).

To get money we need a job. To get a job we need a "good" (valuable to the agenda of industrial capitalism) education. To get a good education we must go into debt. However, once in debt we become indentured

labourers. A mortgage appeals to us more than rent, so we go into debt again. We need a car as our lives are short on freedom and those TV commercials that we weren't really paying attention to have made us associate cars and freedom. So deeper in debt we go. The debts lock in our slavery and the useless products we buy only provide us with fleeting amusement. And all around everyone seems to have chosen the same path.

Is this accidental? Of course not. The banks, corporations and wealth lords must insure their survival through the continued strangle-hold on the proletariat and the obedience and submission of the middle class. Do we have a choice? We certainly do.

Humans have been providing for themselves and their neighbours out of the bounty of the earth for millennia (before we consented to be fed by agribusiness, clothed with synthetics, and entertained by the numbing blue flicker of network TV).

For four years I gave my money, time, and brain to a university so that I could solve math problems on a Friday night. There was little time to think beyond what CNN said about why the US military had gone to Iraq to kill people. There was no time to find out why so many products were being boycotted,

no time to question pharmaceutical cures, no time to ponder the validity of science as a tool for understanding; no time for anything but competing with my brothers and sisters for the highest grades, so that I could make it to the top while they...well, who knows where they would go.

For four years I bought the electricity that causes acid rain and coal miners' widows, the paper of deforestation, the chemically raised food which destroys top soil, the products of multinational corporations who turn a blind eye to the torture and killings used to coerce labour, and the petroleum products which flood the beaches with oil and entertain us with the Gulf War.

Looking back on those days I am ashamed that I was participating in and cooperating with such a broad spectrum of

evil. Now, with friends, I am fighting these systems of oppression from outside the system through the constructive program at Gandhi Farm.

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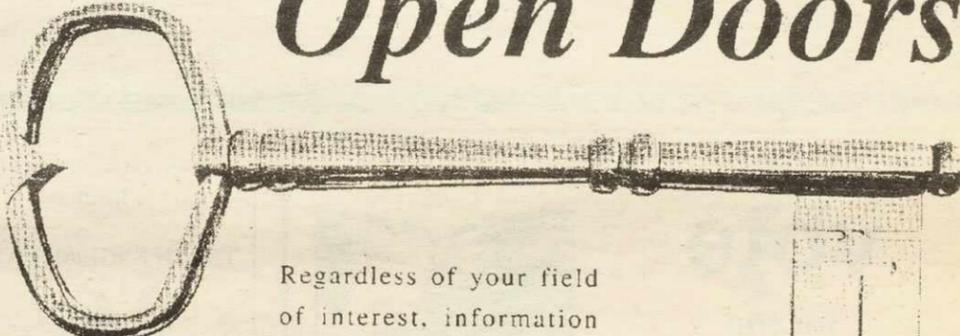
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Interviews by Jennifer Lamont, Photos by Katie Teed.

If you could improve the SUB in any way, what would you do?



I wish the Grawood would serve better food, faster.
-Allison Bent, 3rd year Music and Theatre, Truro NS



A coffee shop that stayed open later.
-Kirsten Bennett, 3rd year History, Toronto ON



I'd renovate it, because it is a bit too 70's-ish.
-Roni Kraut, 3rd year Commerce, Winnipeg MAN



I'm never in there, I don't even know what it looks like.
-Shannon McNeil, 5th year Social Work, Lawrencetown NS



Jazz it up a bit. It's a bit boring right now. Maybe they could get a stage where bands could play once in a while and people could go and hang out.
-Andrew Matthews, 2nd year History, Truro NS



More tables and chairs ... a place to actually go instead of just a cement place.
-Mary-Catherine Lennon, 1st year Arts, Toronto ON
-Nadine Jackson, 1st year Arts, Yellowknife NWT



I'd make the book store a bit more accessible ... maybe put it up on the second floor instead of the basement because for the first-year people ... it is kind of hard to find it.
-Stacy Dooks, 3rd year English, Halifax NS



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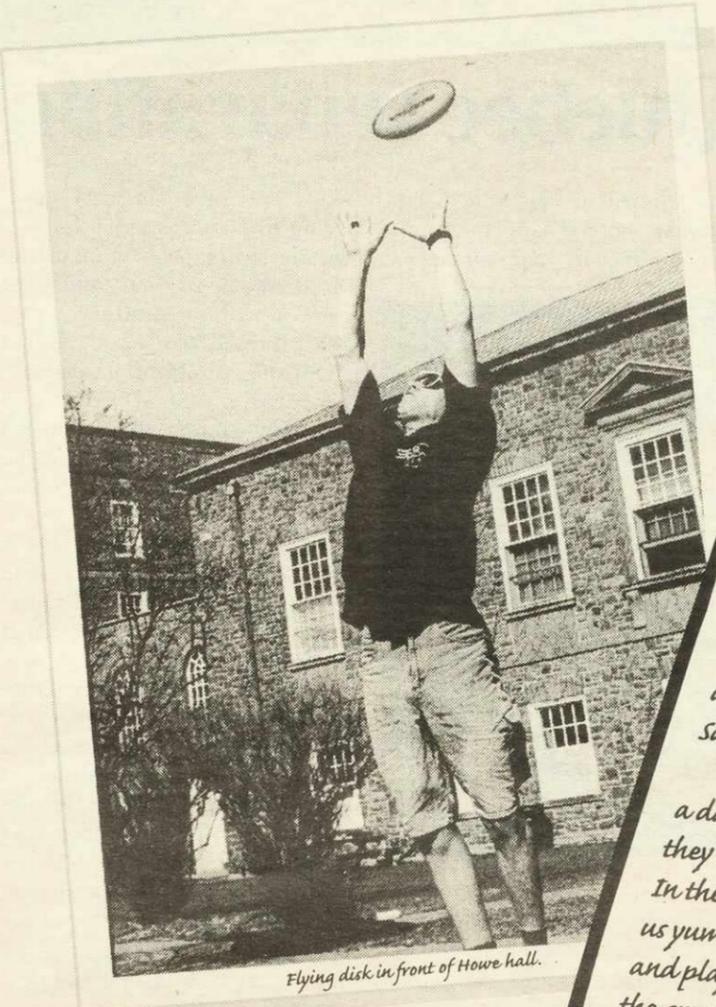
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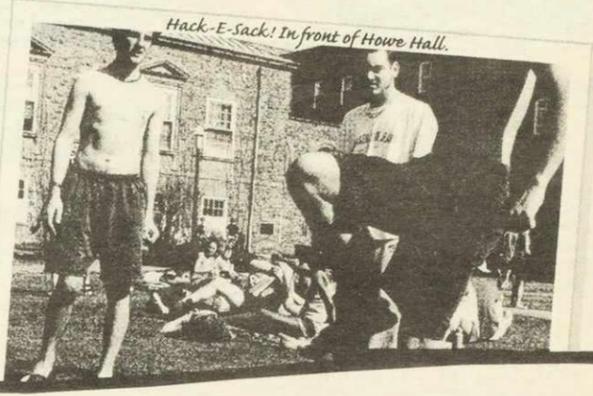


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Dear Mom and Dad,

How are you? I am fine. I'm having lots of fun here at University. Today was especially nice. The sun came out for the first time in ages and all of the boys and girls came out to play. The teachers were nice enough to cancel all of the classes so that we wouldn't have to waste such a sunny day inside doing work. I heard some of the older kids whining and complaining about the teachers not working. Something about not being able to graduate and having wasted lots of time and money, or something like that. But I was having so much fun playing Hack-E-Sack I really wasn't listening to them.

I think that those kids should lighten up, after all, it's not everyday that you get a day this nice in Halifax. Who knows, by tomorrow it could be snowing, and then they'd be sorry that they didn't take the time to enjoy the greatest day of the year. In the afternoon the nice boys from Bronson House brought out the Barbecue and made us yummy hotdogs and hamburgers. Mmmm. They also brought out a big noisy stereo and played funky music for us to dance to. It was pretty hot though, so I just lounged on the grass and watched all the frat boys take off their shirts and throw around some balls to impress the girls.

From where I lay I could see everyone enjoying the sunny afternoon. There were boys playing roller hockey in the parking lot and there were girls laying in the sun catching up on their skin cancer. Off in the distance, I could even see the professors enjoying the afternoon sun in their own quirky way. They were walking up and down the street waving big signs that said "Honk if you like sunny days". At least, that's what I think they said, I was pretty busy trying to keep my popsicle from dripping on me.

I hear that maybe the teachers might want to go back to work soon. That suits me just fine cause I hear that it's supposed to rain tomorrow and if my Hack-E-Sack gets wet it might shrink. Besides, my roommate says that they haven't figured out how to get 10,000 litres of Jello to set in 12 hours so the Jello wrestling tournament that we were going to hold in the dining hall will have to be postponed. Phooey.

All in all it was a pretty good day at school and I can't wait till exams start; that's when the real fun begins.

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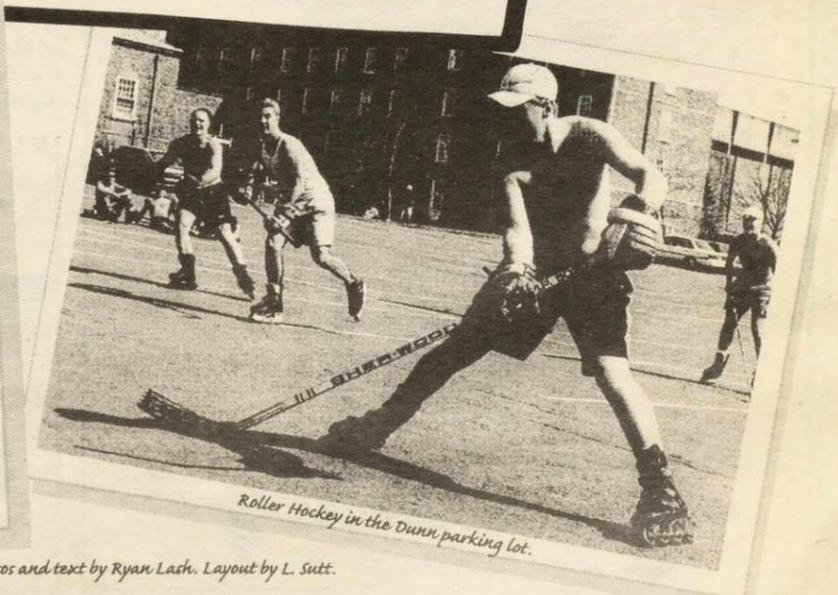
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ARTS & CULTURE

The Civil War sheds light on Quebec separation

The issue of Quebec nationalism is one that is pervasive in Canada. For some reasons, however, Canadians don't have a strong grasp of the history of English-French relations in Canada. And we don't seem to have the foresight to compare our current situation with other historical events that could bring a new interpretation or understanding.

Is Blood Thicker Than Water?

James M. McPherson
Vintage Canada

Enter James M. McPherson. In *Is Blood Thicker Than Water?*, McPherson compares the issue of

Quebec secession to a brand of nationalism that preceded the break-up of the United States before the Civil War, and the parallels are striking.

The USA was founded in 1776 out of a fear of an outside presence — Britain. Before 1860 the economy in the northern USA was built largely on urban industry whereas the south had an agrarian-based economy. Most urban industry found in the south was owned by northerners. The best universities were found in the north, and the brightest students of the south studied there. And yes, northerners looked upon southerners as backward fools.

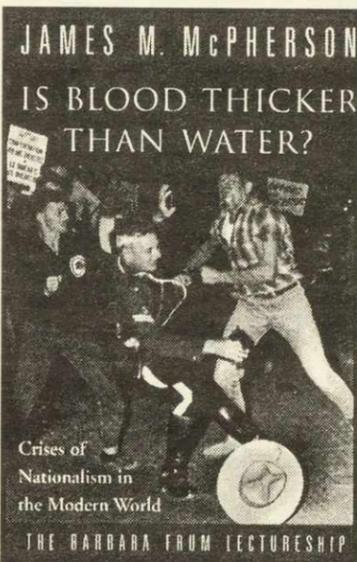
By the 1850s, southerners became bitter. Many newspaper editorials and magazine articles were trumpeting a southern confederation, strengthening and laying claim to southern resources by buying out northern interests. Some people in the south were saying that they would be better off on their own. Does anything sound familiar?

The balance of power was offset by political concessions made to the relatively weak south — especially in the allowance of slavery, which northerners abhorred.

With this information digested, the obvious question which floats into the mind of the reader is, "Can civil war erupt in Canada?" It isn't entirely implausible. Consider that the issue of whether Quebec can legally separate from the rest of Canada is being decided by the Supreme Court, something which Quebecers view with disdain.

Where I think McPherson's argument falls short is in the institution of slavery. When the

south seceded from the north, slavery gave the north a very strong reason to wage war against



the south. If a Quebec government were to unilaterally declare itself sovereign, I cannot see Canadians agreeing to a military attack against Quebec; there are extremists on both sides, but cooler heads would most

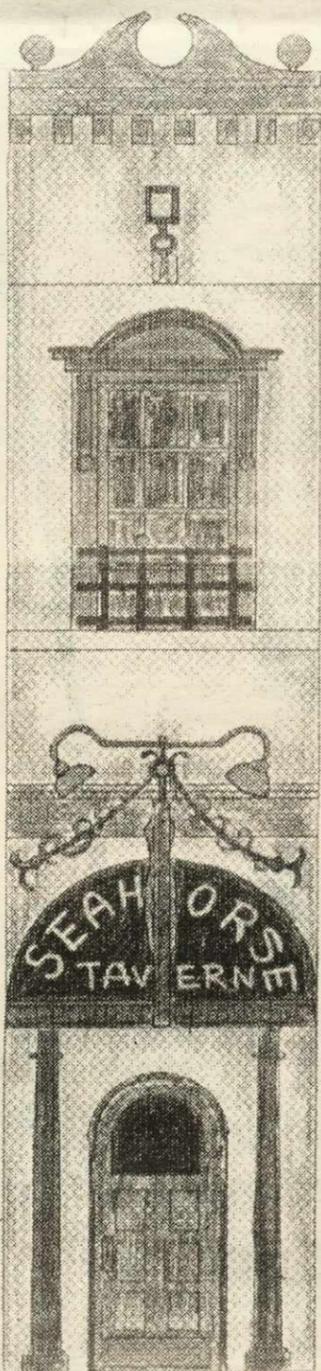
likely prevail. I can see Canada trying to claim as much land as possible from Quebec, including Montréal, aboriginal lands and some northern territory, but I don't foresee war. I believe that all of this would be hashed out peacefully. Yet McPherson's argument merely states that we should not entirely discount the possibility, and he is right in that respect.

It should be noted that this is not a "book" in the strictest sense of the word, but rather a lecture. McPherson, a history professor at Princeton University, was awarded the annual Barbara Frum lecture "on a subject of contemporary interest in a historical perspective." However it is not a cheesy academic lecture with over-sized words that most listeners only understand 20 per cent of, nor is it dumbed down. Rather, it is an accessible study in to one of the most pressing matters on the Canadian political agenda.

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Fun and creativity expressed by King's dancers

BY PATRICK SHAUNESSY

From March 27-29 the King's College Dance Collective wowed audiences with their spring performance of ten original works.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the collective, it is a company of amateur dancers and choreographers who put together a show of original pieces twice a year. The spirit involved in the production of these pieces is one of fun and creativity. For the aims of the collective are to inspire and encourage those who are amateur dancers in a relaxed, non-competitive environment and provide enjoyment for those observing the show. The collective gathers dancers from everywhere in Halifax; it is not a society exclusive to King's College, though it is comprised mostly of university students.

The performance encompassed a wide variety of music and dance styles. The pieces ranged from traditional ballet-style dancing to an interpretive recreation of Robert Munsch's "The Paper Bag Princess". The music provided for the pieces was an interesting balance of recordings from popular artists and live performances. Particular mention goes to Nick Thorne, who performed an exquisite guitar medley of traditional flamenco songs for the piece "La Vida".

All of the performances were well executed, a reflection of the hard work and dedication of the performers and choreographers. Each piece was unique and demonstrated a wealth of talent. The pieces which really stood out for their skill and creativity were "We Are", choreographed by Tessa Logan-Wright, "Hip-Hop Dance" by Shauntay Grant, "La

Vida" by Molly Bennett, "She Spreads Her Wings" by Eden Kaill-Walker and "Paper Bag Princess", which was choreographed by all the dancers in the piece.

Having the advantage of being a performer in the collective, I was able to have a full perspective of the show as a whole. Over the course of the three night run, the size of the audience varied dramatically. The first night there were about 12 audience members, but by closing night, almost 90 people showed up for the entertainment. It was definitely encouraging to see so many people interested in the show.

Everyone involved should be congratulated on a job well done. I heard from some long standing fans of the Dance Collective that this was by far the best performance.

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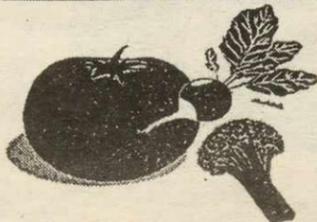
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Greenhouse makes inroads east of Toronto

BY KAREN PARKER

Folk music is a major part of the cultural scene in Nova Scotia and many local artists prosper in

the pubs and coffee houses around Halifax. But if you're not playing traditional tunes or you're from "out west", the east coast can be a hard market to

break. With his first visit to Halifax last week, folk artist Jeremy Greenhouse proved that this is not always true. A gig opening for the Mahones and Irish Descendants at the McInnes Room, an appearance on *Breakfast Television* and a series of evening shows at the Thirsty Duck kept Greenhouse and his band busy.

Growing up in Southern Ontario and listening to his father play songs by legendary artists like Gordon Lightfoot and Bob Dylan, Greenhouse gained a strong musical background. He studied violin at McGill and then went on to earn his Masters in Musicology from the University of Victoria in British Columbia.

While in BC he developed an interest in folk and traditional music. Influenced by the work of artists such as Stan Rogers,

Greenhouse began to perform in local clubs. Before long he was in high demand, not only as a folk musician but also as a fiddler.

Since then, Greenhouse has performed with some of Canada's premiere folk artists, including the Stoaters and the Last Family. But now he's back to concentrating on his own music. He recently relocated to Minneapolis and is currently completing a cross-Canada tour.

Jeremy Greenhouse has released two CDs. His first, the folk-inspired *Things That You Believe*, came out in 1994. His latest album, *Unravelled*, was released in 1996 and garnered

rave reviews from RPM Magazine. *Unravelled* features appearances by some of Canada's most talented folk musicians, including J. Knutson, Michelle Campagne (Hart Rouge) and Geoff Kelly (Spirit of the West).

Greenhouse's live show features his guitar and vocal abilities with songs from both of his CDs as well as a lot of new material, and a few traditional fiddle tunes thrown in for good measure. With beautiful ballads, witty celtic-inspired drinking songs about the War of 1812 and lots of other creative, original material, he is not to be missed.



Cross-casting in *The Merchant of Venice*

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

Cross-casting is not entirely a new idea. Historically men have often played the female roles in Shakespeare's plays. But in Dal Theatre's production of *The Merchant of Venice* almost all male parts are played by women and almost all female parts are played by men.

While waiting for the play to begin, I read through the program notes expecting to see the usual things like a list of the cast and a summary of the story.

The cast was there but not the story summary.

Instead, the program was a description of old Shakespearean theatre productions in which the female parts were played by young boys. Flipping through the rest of my program, I read about topics such as "Cross-dressing in Shakespeare's Plays" and "Gender-bending in History".

But even that didn't prepare me for the first five minutes of the play. The actors started to appear on stage, and while I was trying to remember the play (having read it in grade 10), I was also trying to figure out the gender of the characters, and the actors. After a few confused minutes I managed to adjust and was ready to follow the story.

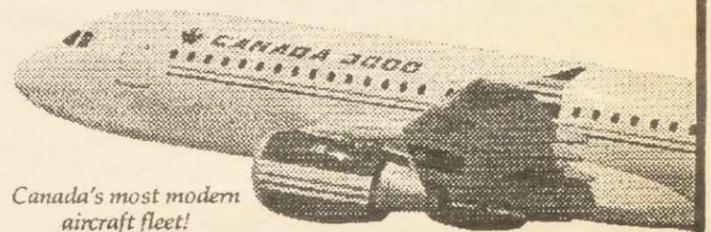
The Merchant of Venice quickly focuses on Bassanio (Sara Holmes) and Antonio (Konima Parkinson-Jones) discussing the money Bassanio owes Antonio. Bassanio needs some more money for a scheme involving a young wealthy woman. Antonio would like to help his friend but is having a cash flow problem — all his money is tied up in investments. That is where Shylock (Jessica Bastow) comes in, playing the Jewish businessman. The tension is high as Antonio and Shylock make a deal, and the play continues to centre around their story.

I really enjoyed this play even though the cross-casting was a new experience for me. The story is funny and exciting. Nerissa (Richard Davidson) and Portia (Matthew Kennedy) stole the show in spots. They had the audience roaring with their facial expressions and style.

Bastow was fantastic as Shylock, she played the role so well I don't think anyone left the theatre thinking very highly of her/his character.

One of the interesting quirks of the production was the use of modern technology despite the historical time period, including characters with bank card keys for opening the boxes of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and a state-of-the-art electronic neck-cuff for the prisoner.

Overall, it was an extremely enjoyable production. If you are looking for a night of fun and entertainment I would recommend watching these inspiring and soon to be professional actors work the stage.



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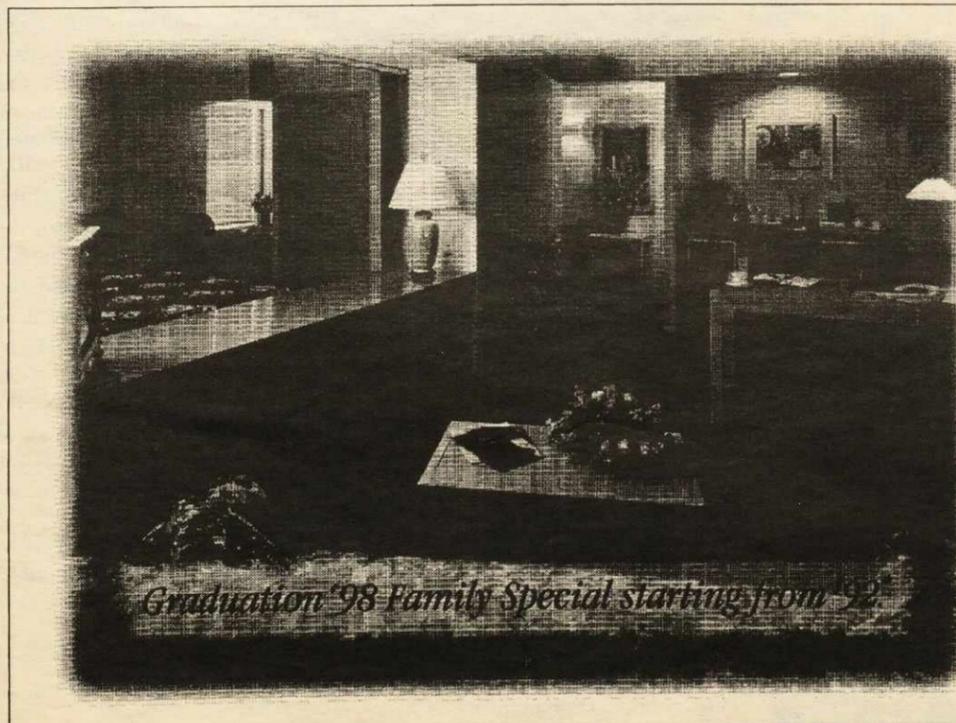
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In the wake of Presidential scandal

Primary Colors fun, fair

BY KARAN SHETTY

Any serious conversation on US government these days inevitably devolves into lurid gossip about "presidential kneepads" or "the angle of the dangle". Unfortunately I have to tread where everyone else is sick of going, since Bill Clinton and his little peccadilloes are at the heart of Mike Nichols' new film, *Primary Colors*.

Primary Colors, if you haven't heard by now, is a thinly veiled satire of all the pre-election fervour surrounding Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. It is based on the best-selling book by an anonymous author who was later revealed to be *Newsweek* columnist Joe Klein. I only read the first 100-or-so pages of the book before watching the movie, since viewing a film after reading the novel it is based on always makes the film less enjoyable. One inevitably starts comparing the film and the novel which isn't really fair considering the fact that literature is a much more artistically refined form of art. A film should be judged on its own merit and only in

comparison with other films. Anyway, enough with the editorializing...

Primary Colors is one of those slick Hollywood productions which plays more like a well-oiled machine than a movie, but that doesn't mean it isn't any fun. While the book's charm lay in its verisimilitude through its attention to detail, the movie's focus on the story aspect is what makes it work.

The story is told through the eyes of Henry Burton (played by British stage actor Adrian Lester), a young black campaign worker whose grandfather was a famous civil rights leader. Henry gets sucked into the sleazy world of campaign politics and becomes the closest aide to Jack Stanton (John Travolta), a governor from a backwater southern state. He believes that Stanton actually stands for something and is a throwback to the days when those who ran for office had strong moral convictions. As the election progresses, though, Henry can't help but see a seamier side of the Governor while trying to conceal aspects of his private life: affairs, draft-dodging, illegitimate children and even a jail term.

The film is quite good at

presenting Stanton as morally ambiguous. He's not just a philanderer with a heart of gold but a guy who has some real problems. At the end Henry is left to decide whether or not Stanton's energy and charisma outweigh his moral weaknesses.

The film is a little shaky at the beginning while trying to establish the storyline but once it gets going it's a pleasure to sit back and watch a group of veteran actors, which also includes Emma Thompson, Kathy Bates and Billy Bob Thornton, slip into their roles.

Will this film sully Clinton's already tarnished image? It really depends on how you personally interpret it. The film, to its credit, doesn't sanitize all its character's faults like most other Hollywood movies have the tendency to do (take *The People Vs. Larry Flynt* for example). Seeing the "First Lady" weep after learning of one of her husband's affairs or watching "the President" have a heart-to-heart discussion with the guy behind the counter at a donut shop are poignant reminders of how the human element is often lost after the media manipulates all the facts.



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Christian rockers on the divine path...to success

BY KAREN PARKER

In the few years they have been together, Halifax's Sow & Reap have won a provincial Battle of the Bands, opened for a nationally known band at the McInnes Room and released a CD. Not bad for a group of young men who describe their sound as "contemporary Christian rock".

The band, comprised of five recent high school graduates from the Halifax area, came into being about two years ago when a group of friends decided to

combine their common backgrounds in Christianity and music.

Since then, they have made a name for themselves playing

and released last June. It has sold well in both Christian and secular music stores in the Halifax area.

When asked if they plan to release another CD, Bergman says that Sow & Reap has enough material for a new project, but they would first like to pursue a contemporary Christian record contract before releasing another album.

One of the group's more recent accomplishments was securing a gig at the McInnes Room this past November, where



churches, coffee houses and schools in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

But band member Mark Bergman says that the band would not limit themselves to the above-mentioned types of venues. Their main goal is to let as many people as possible hear their message, and they have no aversion to playing a bar or other such venue if it means they might reach a wider audience.

Sow & Reap's success reached new heights last April when they participated in the provincial Battle of the Bands competition in Dartmouth. They competed against 25 other bands from across Nova Scotia and came away with a first place finish.

Their win was one of the factors which encouraged the band to record their debut CD last summer. The disc, *The Harvest*, was recorded locally

they opened for Hocus Pick, one of Canada's most popular Christian bands.

At the end of April Sow & Reap will be returning to Dalhousie for another show. It will be at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, and this time they're the headliners. The group has taken on the financial and organizational responsibilities for the event, which will benefit a local ministry called ARK, which provides food, clothing and support to homeless and needy people in the Halifax area.

Tickets for Sow & Reap's Apr. 24 show are \$10 and can be purchased through the Rebecca Cohn Box Office (494-3820). Concert-goers are also asked to bring a used pair of shoes, which will be donated to ARK.

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Wrestlemania XIV doesn't live up to the hype

BY PHIL
"THE DARTMOUTH
DEMON" LEWIS

Wrestlemania XIV began with a mockery of the American national anthem that left me happy it was their anthem being crucified. "The Star

were victorious in a 15-tag team battle royal to determine title contender-ship at the WWF's next pay per view event. Hopefully, Sunny's more than active lifestyle will breathe some new vigor into these wrestling dinosaurs.

Ken Shamrock brought the crowd to a crazed frenzy as he beat the arrogant Rocky Miavia into submission for the Intercontinental Title. Unfortunately, the title escaped Shamrock as he was too far into his "zone" to break the hold and the referee reversed his decision.

A mixed tag team match saw Marvellous Marc Mero and former

these two. Hunter's bodyguard Chyna gave Owen a low blow where the sun don't shine to score the win, and we never really got to see a fight.

Undeniably, the highpoint of the card was the tag team title bout between the New Age Outlaws and the Hardcore Legends. Promoted as the first ever "Dumpster Match", the goal was to throw both of the opponents in a dumpster and slam the lid shut. The Hardcore Legends scored the upset when Chainsaw Charlie was able to knock both Outlaws onto a forklift and hoist them into a second dumpster backstage. Don't get too excited though, the consensus of the wrestling web sites is this title reign will be short lived.

The Undertaker fought his "brother" Kane (formerly Isaac Yankem DDS and the second Diesel) in a slobberknocker that didn't quite live up to expectations. The Undertaker staged an amazing entrance, walking past druids holding stakes lit on fire. When the match began, though, it was obvious that these

experiencing from his ailing back.

Mike Tyson surprised everyone a few weeks back when he officially joined Michael's clique Degeneration X. Tyson was supposed to be the outside enforcer and referee. The odds appeared to be against Austin when the outside enforcer was blatantly rooting for Michaels. But when the official referee got knocked out, Tyson quickly stepped in to count the one, two, three for the new WWF

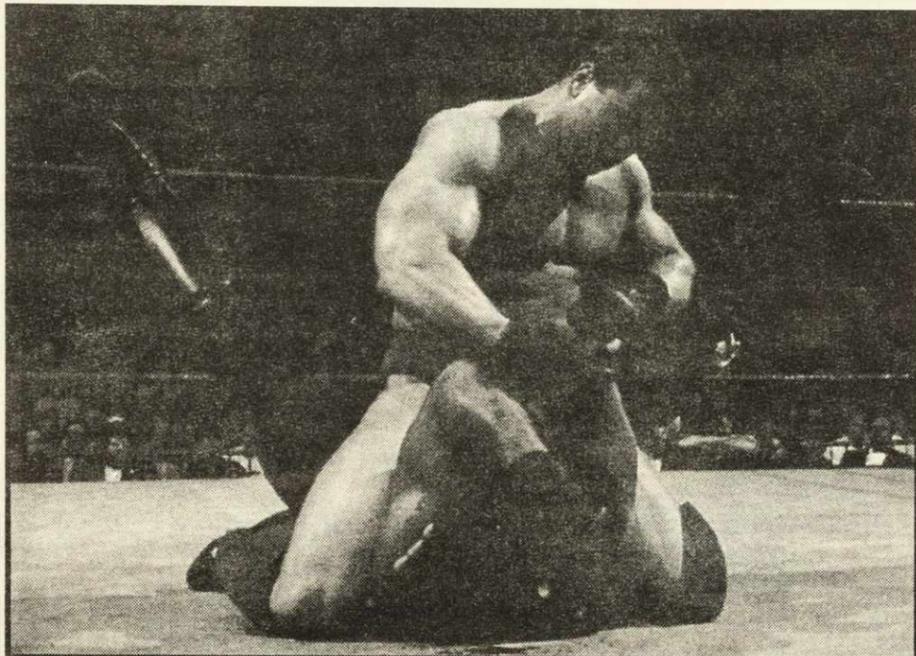
Champion, Stone Cold Steve Austin. While I was robbed of seeing Tyson get a stunner from Stone Cold it was a thrill to see Tyson knock out

mediocre event that didn't match the hype built around it for the last two months. I expect Michaels to take some time off for his back now that he doesn't have the title to defend.

On a final note, it's been a pleasure serving as your guide to the wonderful world of professional wrestling for the past year. Any questions regarding the WWF or professional wrestling in general can be sent to the Dartmouth Demon at the Gazette (gazette@is2.dal.ca). But don't piss me off with stupid, idiotic questions, or else I'll put you in the sharpshooter and nail your ass to the wall. If you don't know what



Shawn Michaels hams it up with adoring fans. (WWF Raw Magazine)



Ken Shamrock kicks a little ass. (WWF Raw Magazine)

Spangled Banner" was never meant to be performed by a grunge band. Considering the event grossed over \$1-million dollars for the night, the World Wrestling Federation could have spent five dollars to get my little brother to sing.

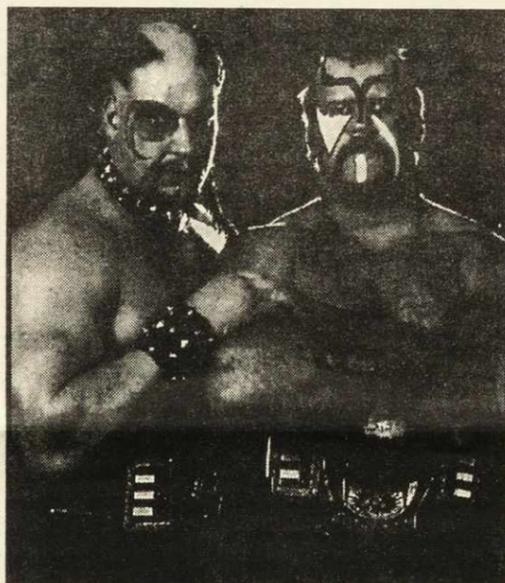
From there, the event was pretty damn boring. We saw the triumphant return of the Legion of Doom to the squared circle, with their new manager Sunny in tow. Sunny, who is nothing more than the WWF's answer to Baywatch, once held the title for the most pictorial downloads on the internet. The Legion of Doom

Guess Jeans model Sable mix it up with the Halloween-freak-show called Goldust and Luna. What looked like the low point on the card actually turned into a cat-fight that left everyone howling. Sable showed that she was more than just a pretty face as she used her husband's TKO move to finish off Luna.

I've been a huge fan of the Harts over the years. I was highly anticipating the Owen Hart and Hunter Hearst Helmsley match for the European belt. The fight ended up turning into one of the screwball matches I have come to expect from

two had their limitations in regards to technical wrestling. And so we watched, waiting for something, anything...

The main event between Stone Cold Steve Austin and Shawn Michaels attracted hundreds of media personnel. Continuing the trend for the night, the match failed to reach its true potential. The lacklustre nature of this match can be blamed on bad timing as both of these men were injured before they entered the ring. While attempting simple maneuvers Michaels was unable to mask the sheer pain he was



WWF pretty boys Legion of Doom pose for the camera. (WWF Raw Magazine)

Overall *Wrestlemania XIV* was a sharpshooter is, it would be idiotic of you to ask.

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SPORTS

Major League Baseball preview: part one

BY DANIEL CLARK

As fans try to remember how baseball was before the days of strikes, ten-million-dollar salaries and spitting second basemen, Major League Baseball (MLB) has decided to dilute the product further by adding two new teams.

The **Tampa Bay Devil Rays** and the **Arizona Diamondbacks** will be trying to emulate the instant success of last season's **Florida Marlins** and recent **Colorado Rockies'** teams. In their attempts to do so, all the fans can expect is mediocre play, the four-million-dollar .250 hitter, and skyrocketing ticket prices. Welcome back to Major League Baseball (MLB).

American League East

The American League East features four of baseball's biggest payrolls and one expansion team. This makes the division highly exciting and extremely unpredictable. More so than any other time, an appearance in October's action will be based largely on how the teams come together, and who can stay healthy. Either way, it is almost certain that the wild-card team will come from this division.

The **New York Yankees** have to be an early favourite. George Steinbrenner's millions have bought him exciting young talent and reliable veterans. This, combined with some inspired trading, have given the Bronx Bombers a roster including Paul O'Neill, Andy Pettitte, Tino Martinez, Chilli Davis, and Derek Jeter. Joe Torre needs to keep a tight rein on his team, protecting them from their mercurial boss. If he does, the Yanks could go all the way.

The **Toronto Blue Jays** have the pitching to take them to the playoffs. Roger Clemens, Pat Hentgen, Randy Myers, and Juan Guzman will dominate any hitting battery. The

problem with Toronto is anemic run production. The Jays have acquired former Oakland great Jose Canseco, and are hoping for an injury-free year for 1996's surprise sensation Ed Sprague. New manager Tim Johnson has his work cut out for him to try and mould a team from the uncertainty which has seen Cito Gaston, Paul Beeston, and Pat Gillick leave management in the last three years.

The **Baltimore Orioles** will be hot in the hunt for the wild-card spot. However, the O's have lost managing great Davey Johnson and their closer, Randy Myers. Replacement Ray Miller is going to have to redesign the bullpen to keep it solid. Jimmy Key, Mike Mussina and Scott Erickson are still the heart of this team, providing a great starting rotation, but it will be aging Cal Ripken, Roberto Alomar, Raphael Palmeiro and Brady Anderson who will decide how Baltimore spends Halloween.

Spoiler role in the East will go to the **Boston Red Sox**. They acquired Expos pitching sensation Pedro Martinez, making him the 75-million-dollar man, and still have Rookie of the Year Nomar Garciaparra and big Mo Vaughn. Despite the potential to win 85-90 games this season, count on manager Jimmy Williams to mess it up like he did in Toronto ten years ago. Williams has worked under one of the best managers in baseball, Bobby Cox, for nearly 15 years and has learned nothing. Boston will be dangerous when they dump Williams.

The **Tampa Bay Devil Rays** are a study in how not to use your VISA card. With a \$25 million payroll, the Rays have acquired every career sliding veteran in the majors. In the past, the **Blue Jays** and the **Expos** have shown how to build solid expansion clubs by investing in young talent and an expansive scouting network. The Rays, however, want to take a page from

Florida's books by spending money, but are unwilling to enter the \$50-60 million payroll area. So the sun-worshippers will have to delight in troublemakers Fred McGriff, Wilson Alvarez and Roberto Hernandez

American League Central

The Central will be the division everybody wants to visit but will shake their heads when they leave. They look like a sweep site but this division will find a way to split series.

Mostly driven by scrappy small market teams, there is only one powerhouse. Still, there is enough talent here to give the pitching in the east and the sluggers in the west a

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The Dalhousie women's hockey team failed to defend their Nova Scotia Women's Hockey League title this past weekend. They fell 3-1 to the Halifax Breakers in Sunday's final after defeating AUA Champions SMU in preliminary action. Please see next week's issue for the full story. (Photo by Lisa Verge)

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Dalhousie men's varsity hockey team will be holding their annual awards dinner to celebrate Tiger hockey. The event will take place on Friday, April 3 at 6:30pm at the University Club.



This year's guest speaker will be Earl Jessiman who is a former player and coach of the Dalhousie Tigers. Mr. Jessiman also coached in the WHL and AHL, and is a successful financial consultant with Midland Walwyn Capital Inc..

Tickets can be purchased at the Dalhousie Hockey office, from Dal hockey players or from the Committee. Prices are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years.

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headache.

Who wouldn't have laughed ten years ago if someone described the **Cleveland Indians** as future perennial contenders? They are the only team in the Central with a chance at heading for the playoffs. After their disappointing loss to the Marlins in the big show last year, don't expect them to make it past the first round. The Tribe has acquired some new faces in Travis Fryman, Ben McDonald, Ron Villone, Steve Karsay and Dwight Gooden. And one old one — Kenny Lofton, the keeper of his own discontent. However, the loss of Marquis Grissom, Jeff Juden and Dave Justice will keep them from winning baseball's top crown.

The **Detroit Tigers**, who have spent the last few years languishing in the basement of the AL East, could breathe new life in the Central. They won't challenge for first, nor will they have a hope at the wild-card, but look for them to finish about 5-6 back from Cleveland. Buddy Bell is a good teaching manager and, with a young team like this, look for the Tigers to win 80-85. With Justin Thompson starting and with a Doug Brocail-Todd Jones one-two punch to close, there is a solid pitching core. Speedy Brian Hunter and powerful Tony Clark will provide the offence.

Chicago's long-vaunted **White Sox** are in the midst of rebuilding. While they have a good core including Frank Thomas, Robin Ventura, Albert Belle and Jaime Havarro, the payroll has been chopped by \$19-million and the pitching is a mess. Havarro will be the team ace, but Jason Bere and James Baldwin are too unreliable. Matt Karchner replaced Roberto Hernandez fairly well but he's practically alone in the bullpen. Ray Durham may be the most exciting thing in Chi-town this year. Sorry, Oprah.

The **Kansas City Royals** are suffering from serious ownership doubts. While they will provide solid day-in day-out play, there is nothing spectacular here. Jeff Conine and Hal Morris have been brought in to join former Texas slugger Dean Palmer. Kevin Appier, who has been one of baseball's best pitchers for five years, is having arm troubles

which he just reagravated. Tim Belcher is solid too, and he's backed up by Jeff Montgomery, but the rest of the bullpen is a mess. One bright spot is Jermaine Dye, who has the potential to be a real power threat in the AL.

The **Minnesota Twins** have a philosophy of building teams for one-year stints at greatness. Such teams won the World Series in both 1987 and 1991. They require the Twins to get as bad as is humanly possible and then rebuild with a solid core of veterans and some brilliant youngsters. However, since the retirement of Kirby Puckett, the Twins have been unable to climb from the cellar. Paul Molitor might have provided Puckett's leadership, but he's 42 and destined to retire at the end of the year. Brad Radke is the only other highlight on this team, a solid pitcher who should win 17 games this year. Otherwise 'there will be no joy in Minneapolis in 1998'.

American League West

The West was made famous in the 80s for pioneering a style of football offense which made the San Francisco 49ers potential contenders. Baseball GMs have

tried to do the same with limited results. Although the Oakland A's were a force in the late eighties, no West Coast team has been to the World Series since them in 1990. Big offense isn't always enough.

The **Seattle Mariners** are in trouble. While they will undoubtedly win the West this year, their future is looking bleak. They still have tons of power with David Segui replacing Paul Sorrento, and sliding into the slugger core of Ken Griffey Jr., Alex Rodriguez, Edgar Martinez and Jay Buhner. Joey Cora is still amazing having hit .360 last season. The problems are pitching woes. The Big Unit, Randy Johnson, looks to be leaving at the end of the season, and Jaime Moyer and Jeff Fassero are reasonably strong. The M's have one of the most pathetic bullpens in the majors. Despite Canadian Paul Spoljaric and Mike Timlin and returning closer Heathcliff Slocumb, when the Mariner's bullpen comes a-calling, the opposition goes a-hitting. They won't make it past the first round of the playoffs unless they play Cleveland.

Texas has always prided itself on being ever-present, a style which will make the **Rangers** infuriating this year.

The lawmen still have their core of big-hitting, hard-throwing veterans including Ivan Rodriguez, Juan Gonzalez, Rusty Greer and John Wetteland. They have also added some promising arms in Aaron Sele and Matt Perisho. For once, Texas will have a decent shortstop in Kevin Elster. Johnny Oates, who suffered through his first losing season, in 1997, since he was a rookie manager, will have the opportunity to be more aggressive on the basepaths and not have to wait for a 400-foot Juan Gonzalez gift.

There are times when teams should invest money in a full-time hospital staff instead of players. The **Anaheim Angels** have proven why health insurance is a must in the US. In 1997, six starters underwent surgery including star center fielder Jim Edmonds. Chuck Finley spent six weeks in a cast, and all of the following underwent surgery: Todd Greene, Dave Hollins, Gary DiSarcina, Randy Velarde, Darin Erstad, and the biggest man in baseball, Cecil Fielder. The Angels have all the tools to contend, a great pitching staff, a solid defensive core, and a consistent offense. All they need is Apollo to smile down on them and they'll be fine.

The **Oakland Athletics** will spend

another year in the basement of the AL West. Management must be pining for the days that Rickey Henderson, Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire and Geronimo Berroa gave new reason to fear green and yellow. The A's are pursuing a new style as they redesign the worst pitching staff in the AL. They've added Kenny Rogers (not the Gambler) and Tom Candiotti to the promising young arm of Jimmy Haynes. They have completely rebuilt their bullpen with Mike Fetters as their first promising closer since Dennis Eckersley. Jason Giambi and Scott Spiezo will make up the infield core for the foreseeable future. Mike Blowers is an offensive threat and can guard the hot corner. Shane Mack will anchor the outfield that may or may not include fading star Rickey Henderson.

The playoff picture is fairly secure. The **New York Yankees**, **Cleveland Indians**, and **Seattle Mariners** will win their respective divisions. The **Toronto Blue Jays**, **Baltimore Orioles**, and **Boston Red Sox** will be fighting over the wildcard spot. Teams that could play spoiler include the **Texas Rangers**, **Anaheim Angels** and maybe the **Detroit Tigers**.

MANAGER WANTED...

The Dalhousie men's varsity hockey team is looking for an energetic student-manager to assist with the day-to-day operation of the team.

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People for Animal Welfare will meet at 4pm in the SUB. Call 494-6662 for more info and location.

The Dal Spanish Society meets at 4pm in the Spanish Department, LeMarchant Street. All students of Spanish are welcome to attend.

Interested in a career in information technology? The Halifax YWCA's Women Works: Complete Computer Concepts programs have seats available beginning in August. To learn more about the program come to the information session tonight from 6-8pm, at the YWCA of Halifax at 1239 Barrington St. For more info call 423-6162.

Friday, April 3

Women's Health Collective will meet at 3:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 494-6662.

Benefit Concert at the Oasis — Canada World Youth will be holding the benefit. Performers include Wooderson, Chris Colepaugh & Cosmic Crew, Papa Grand and Jamie Sparks, as well as other surprises. The show starts at 9pm. For tickets and info call 422-1782.

Saturday, April 4

Dal Magic Association meets from 12-6pm in room 318, SUB. Everyone welcome. For more info call Steve at 494-3407.

First Aid and Emergency CPR course offered at the YWCA of Halifax, 1239 Barrington St. cost is \$45 + HST. Space is limited so please pre-register. For more info call 423-6162.

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Sunday, April 5

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Special Palm Sunday Service—St. Matthew's United Church, Barrington at Spring Garden will be hosting a Worship Service: Celebrating Life-Living with AIDS. Service starts at 11:00am. For more info call 423-9209.

Monday, April 6

The Bluenose Chess Club will meet at 7pm, room 307, SUB. E-mail jfraser@is2.dal.ca for more info.

Humans Against Homophobia will be meeting at 6pm, room 316, SUB. People of all sexual orientation and all walks of life are welcome.

Tai Chi classes for beginners will be held from 5-6pm in the King's College Fitness Centre. For more info call Sandra Nichols at 857-9531.

Tuesday, April 7

Women's Health Issues, a collective of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 492-6662.

Eco-Action, a working group of the NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the 2nd floor lounge, SUB. All are welcome. Call 494-6662 for more info.

Wednesday, April 8

Taoist Tai Chi will be held by the Ward 5 Centre at 1:30pm. There is a \$2 drop-in fee. To register call Susan Nordin at 454-7003.

Burma Support Network, a working group of NSPIRG, holds regular meetings at 5:30pm in the second floor lounge, SUB. For more info call 494-6662.

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