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Worker mobility problem

Money issue resolved

by Alan Adams

Sessions throughout Tuesday evening and into the early morning hours of Wednesday between the Minister of Labour and representatives of his department, CUPE officials and the Dalhousie negotiating team have resolved but one issue in the contract talks. The question of worker mobility remains as the last hurdle to end the 12 week old dispute.

According to Vice-President Vagianos, "we want management to be able to move people from one building to another, not shift to shift" as CUPE believes. He added that

"management wants the right to manage" and "to make savings in cleaning we think this makes sense." Vagianos explained that the "85c increase in the time frame asked for was settled", and included, "we are prepared to review our decision on sub-contracting out to Modern."

CUPE representative Al Cunningham stated the question of worker mobility is a new issue in his eyes. He explained placement and movement of CUPE cleaners "has been operating fine for the last two years" and sees no reason to change past

policy. He accused management of demanding "wide open measures" to deal with the cleaners.

The Minister of Labour, Kenneth Streach, said he could not comment on the situation with CUPE and Dal because of his position in the negotiations. Streach did say negotiations reached a head with the late night talks and the adjournment to him "indicates the lines of communication are still open." He added "hopefully things will be resolved in the very near future," but he couldn't give a date.

CUPE's day

by Gazette Staff

The day of protest for CUPE Local 1392 brought the university to a near standstill yesterday as over 800 CUPE supporters picketed the campus.

Picketers began to block university entrances at 7 a.m. and continued to patrol campus throughout the day. A mass rally was held on the steps of the Killam Library at 12:30. Students, faculty and various union members from across the province joined the workers in the rally, which attracted national media coverage.

Buddy MacEachern, NDP MLA for Cape Breton Centre, spoke to the crowd, promising to call on Nova Scotia Labour Minister Ken Streach to draw up legislation amending the Labour Relations Act to "make sure the precedent of legally striking workers having their work contracted out never happens again."

He also said, "I will personally introduce a bill to the legislature asking that the government of Nova Scotia do everything in its power to demand the immediate dismissal of Dr. Henry Hicks and Dr. Louis Vagianos, Vice-president (administration) for behaviour unbecoming the human ideals of the university in sub-contracting out the workers engaged in a legal strike."

If this is unsuccessful, MacEachern said he would suggest to the legislature that \$20,000 be taken from the salaries of Hicks and Vagianos. "I will go to the wall with this one for you!" he said.

Grace Hartman, national president of CUPE and an executive member of the CLC, said, "I usually stand on the steps of the provincial and federal legislature condemning the actions of the government. Now the universities are doing the same things."

In the face of cutbacks labour is coming under attack across the country, she said. "Government attacks are affecting students as well as organized labour. With university budgets being cut the government is calling for increased tuition."

"As CUPE president I can pledge that we will fight with 392 until this thing comes to

a successful conclusion," Hartman said.

After the speeches, the crowd marched to the Arts and Administration building, shouting "We want Hicks". Protesters stood outside President Hicks' office for twenty minutes, shouting "Hicks out — cleaners in" and clapping and stomping their feet as they waited for Hicks to come out. Vice-Presidents Vagianos, MacKay and MacLean guarded the door to the President's office. Hicks was at the Lieutenant Governor's residence for a Board of Governors' meeting. The marchers broke up, returned to their stations to continue picket duty.

The aim of the protest was to close down the university for a day. Although a complete shutdown proved impossible, deliveries were prevented except for a mail truck which broke through the lines in mid-morning. Classes in the Dunn building and the Life Sciences went on almost as usual, classes in the A and A had suffered from both student and faculty absenteeism while classes in the Arts Centre had about 20% attendance. The Weldon Law building was nearly empty. A spokesperson there said that about half of faculty were expected to come in during the day. Sociology, History and Economics departments faculty ranks were depleted while most science departments and the Political Science department were almost fully staffed. There were few

see centre for more protest pics.

faculty and students on the Carleton campus.

Picketers succeeded in keeping many students and most deliveries from crossing lines but Henry Hicks managed to make it to his office around 9:30. Picketers' attempts to keep him out were unsuccessful. "He said 'good morning' and kept on going," one observer said.

Other incidents involved individual attempts to cross the heavy picket line in front of the library, confrontations between car drivers and picketers blocking entrances and at least one known instance of car damage.

Labour role

Organized labour was out in force for yesterday's Day of Protest. Groups and individuals ranged from CUPE national president Grace Hartman to the North End Community Health Association. Others that lent their support were Dalhousie Faculty Association, Saint Mary's University Faculty Association, CUPW-Nova local, IBEW (electrical workers local 1133), Public Service Alliance of Canada, Union of Rubber Workers local 1028 (Pictou County), Halifax School Board Maintenance local 449, Acadia University students, Dockyard workers, Steelworkers from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia Technical College students, Dalhousie Staff Association, students from the college of Cape Breton, Gay Alliance for Equality, Coalition for Full Employment, and local breweries workers.

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Thursday

A general meeting for all members and other interested women will be held at A Woman's Place, 1225 Barrington Street, Halifax, on Thursday, January 25, at 7:30 p.m. A social hour will follow the one-hour business meeting. For further information, please contact A Woman's Place, 429-4063.

Monkey Talk, a Dartmouth Regional Library program for young adults, will be held on Thursday, January 25 at 8:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium. Dr. John Mates, of Dalhousie University, will speak on animal communication and a film will be shown on Washoe, the chimp who uses sign language. Phone 463-1742 for information.

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Economics Students will be hosting Professor Eric Kierans of McGill University on Thursday, January 25th. Topic will be "The Canadian Economy: where it is, how it got there and where it's going". The talk will be held in the Small Auditorium, 1st floor of the Killam Library and is open to all. It begins at 3:30.

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On January 25 The Psychologist and the Music Educator, opportunities in co-disciplinary research by Barbara D. Reid, Thomas Coram Research Unit, University of London, will be presented.

JAMES DEAN stars in **EAST OF EDEN** courtesy of the SERENDIPITY CINEMA SOCIETY on JANUARY 26 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in Room 2805, Life Sciences Centre, Dalhousie University. Admission is \$1.50 (\$1.00 for children) with membership. Membership is available at the door for 25c.

Friday

January 26, Friday, at 8:00 p.m. Talk on **Max Beckmann**, German Expressionist artist, by P.C. Laurette, assistant curator of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, in room 112, 6512 Coburg Road at LeMarchant. (AGNS) Discussion to follow. Refreshments.

The third session of a three-week orientation course will be held January 26 at 7:30 p.m. at A Woman's Place, 1225 Barrington Street. This course will acquaint women with the services and functions of the woman's centre and is open to any women wishing to be involved in its activities. Registration and information may be obtained by calling A Woman's Place, 429-4063.

Saturday

Come to the Nova Scotia Museum Project Room on Saturday, January 27, and learn how animals survive in winter. "Cold Weather Coats—for animals" is the morning's topic from 10:30-12:30. Drop in!

Sunday

A lecture on **Women in China** will be held January 28 on the second floor of the Red Herring Bookstore, 1625 Barrington Street. An examination of the role of women in Chinese society from an historical viewpoint and in the present. Some of the problems which still exist and the steps being taken for their resolution. Ruth Gamberg teaches in the Education Department at Dalhousie University. She visited China in 1973 and in 1975 and is the author of Red and expert—Education in the People's Republic of China.

Monday

Jan. 29, 8:00, Studio One Dal Arys Centre. **Check Off the Marriage Proposal**. Admission free. Directed by Ron Hicks.

The third session of the **Communications Skills course** will be held on Monday, January 29, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., at A Woman's Place, 1225 Barrington Street. For more information, contact A Woman's Place, 429-9063.

Tuesday

Dartmouth Regional Library will sponsor a slide show and introductory talk on **scuba diving** with Bill Dauphinee and Peter Banks on Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Woodlawn Mall Branch. Phone 463-1742 for more information.

The **Canadian Communist League** will sponsor a public meeting about Kampuchea (Cambodia) Tuesday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Auctioneer's Hall, 2882 Gottingen Street (corner Russell).

Tuesday, January 30 Radio at 8:03 presents "3 Houses on Radio", a rock music program by Lewis Humphreys.

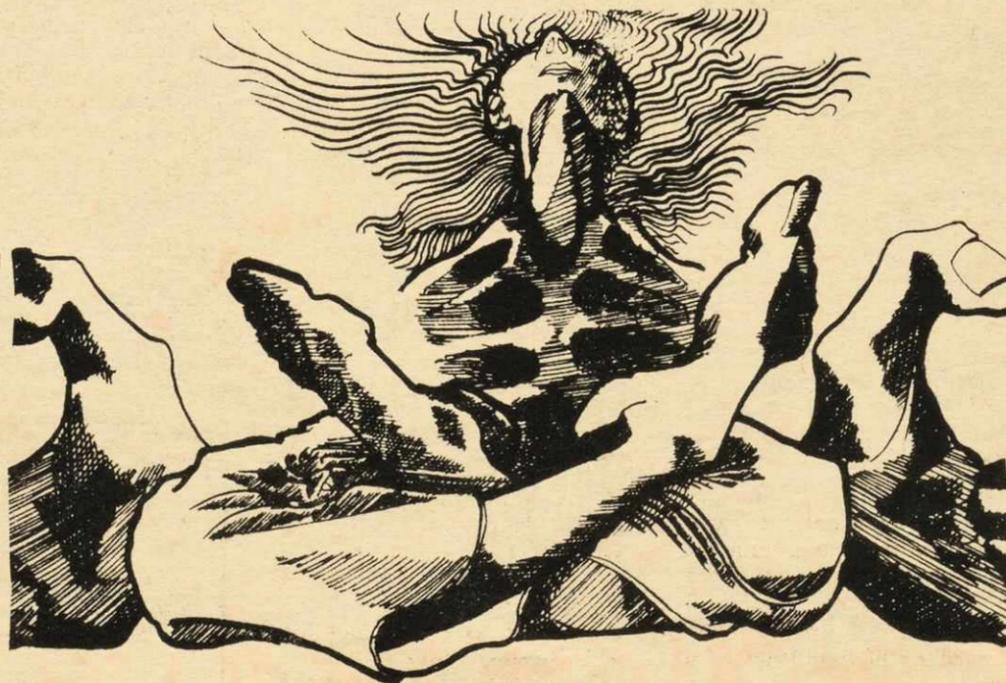
Wednesday

The third session of the **Women and Politics Course** will take place Wednesday, January 31, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. This session will deal with the relationship between the different levels of government. Fee \$10.00 or \$1.00 per session.

General Notices

HALCON 2, the second Halifax Science Fiction Convention, is to be held at Saint Mary's University, Halifax on the weekend of **March 9-11, 1979**. Halcon SF Society President Bob Atkinson announced today. The **Guest of Honour** will be **Ben Bova**, award-winning SF author and editor of **Omni** magazine, perhaps the most prestigious science fiction magazine ever published. **Toastmasters** are **Spider and Jeannie Robinson**, Halifax SF writers who, in the past three years, have won almost every award in the field including the **Nebula** (the prize chosen by fellow authors) and the **Hugo** (the international fan organization award). Both Mr. Bova and the Robinsons have popular works published in North America and abroad.

Many events are scheduled for the weekend at Saint Mary's, including public lectures, panels, workshops, war games groups, films, music, dance and an informal banquet. This will be the largest SF gathering ever held in Eastern Canada and promises to be quite an interesting weekend. Advance registration is highly recommended, and more information can be obtained by phoning 469-3759 weeknights between 7 and 8 p.m., or by asking at Odyssey 2000 on Barrington Street.



Negotiations continue

DFA membership dissatisfied

by Eric Simpson

Dr. Michael Cross, vice-president and chief negotiator of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, said members of the DFA exhibited their solidarity by rejecting the university administration's offer of 9.5 per cent salary increase. The offer, made in December before negotiations between the university and the DFA had officially begun, was not accepted because the union

membership wanted to protect part-time members and librarians. The offer would have given a 9.5 per cent increase to full-time faculty but represented only a seven per cent increase when spread over the entire membership.

The decision exhibited the DFA's faith in the collective bargaining process and its desire of minority, Cross said. He also added that since the DFA has not received a

salary increase since July 1977, the members have lost an estimated 15 per cent of their salaries to inflation.

Negotiations towards the faculty union's first collective agreement have been slow. Only two clauses have been agreed upon after seven three-hour negotiating sessions. They outline the purpose of the union and its recognition as the official faculty trade union. The first two negotiating sessions dealt with bargaining guidelines. The administration reserved the

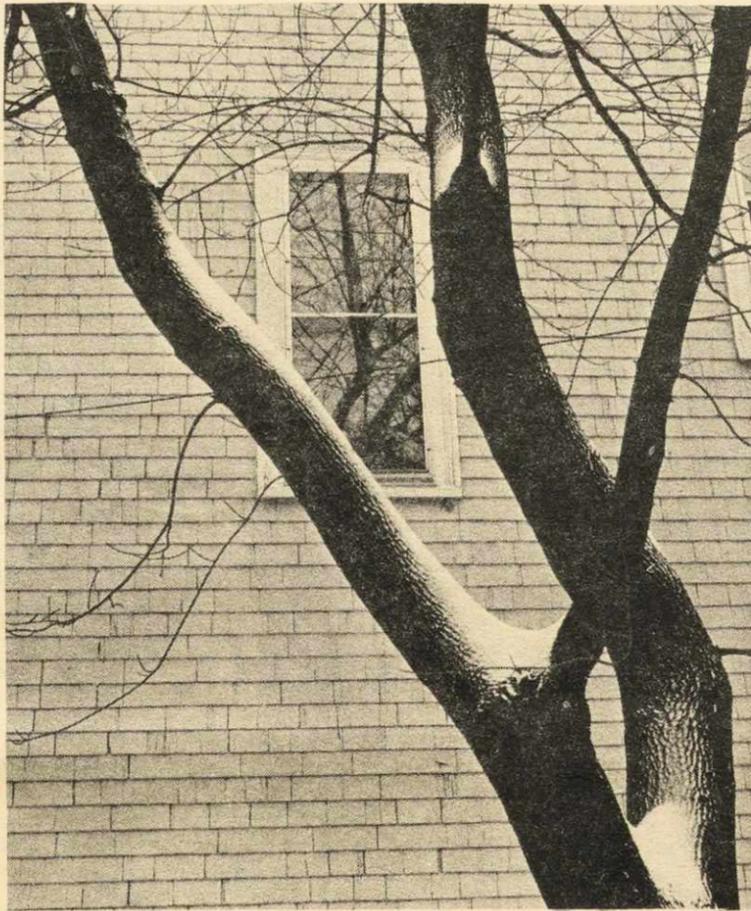
right to communicate with the DFA membership, and the DFA insisted on its right to discuss negotiations with the press. Twelve of 24 clauses have been introduced, but each clause is accepted individually and is not binding until the whole contract is approved.

Cross said he was not pleased with the progress in negotiations but added he was not surprised things were moving slowly. "Patience is an important asset for a

negotiator," he said.

University vice-president Andrew MacKay said "We are feeling our way", and added that "slow but reasonable progress" was being made. Both men agreed the contract would take anywhere from six months to one year to settle.

Dalhousie president Henry Hicks said the system of university government allowed considerable flexibility and added he was not convinced unions were applicable to the academic community.



Photo/Justin Hall

Males ignorant

Status of women report examined

by Elissa Barnard

The Dalhousie Women's Faculty Organization (DWFO) is deeply concerned about discrimination against full-time women faculty, documented at Dalhousie in the first report of the Committee on the Status of Women.

At a meeting, January 22, DWFO decided to contact university president Henry Hicks in the near future to determine what kind of action the administration plans to take on the report's recommendations.

All the findings indicate something should be done, DWFO president Toni Laidlaw said in an interview. The recommendations are reasonable, she said. They include establishing a committee to study salaries and correct differences, as well as compensating for past losses, setting up procedures to ensure the consideration of qualified

female candidates for high academic and administrative positions, formalizing tenure and promotional procedures, and creating an administrative position only responsible to the president to deal with all matters concerning women on the campus.

Hicks was quoted in the University News that past losses in salary will not be compensated, although salary discrepancies will be corrected in 1979. He also said he does not favor a special agency to promote women.

DWFO, which requested the study in the spring of 1976, was not surprised with the results. The report only verified what the women always suspected, Laidlaw said, that women full-time faculty are paid less than their male counterparts, are concentrated in the lower ranks, stay longer in each rank before promotion, and are fewer in

number than the male faculty.

Now the organization is deciding on plans to make the public and other groups at Dalhousie aware that this discrimination exists and that efforts should be made to fight it.

Male faculty, who usually don't think about such issues, must be educated to their importance, Laidlaw said. The DWFO will be soliciting their support.

Dalhousie is the last major university in Canada to do such a study, Laidlaw said. After a similar one at York University more than \$100,000 in salary adjustments were paid to the full-time staff.

DWFO also decided to push the implementation of Phase II of the study on part-time women faculty. The present report calls for the Status of Women committee to be reconstituted within 30 days of the president accepting the report. Up to now, Laidlaw has heard nothing from Hicks.

CBIE stats are a surprise

by Valerie Mansour
Canadian University Press

There is no evidence available to show that differential fees are causing a decline in enrollment of overseas students, according to Max von Zur-Muehlen of Statistics Canada. Zur-Muehlen was speaking at the annual conference of the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) held here January 21-23.

Although official statistics have not been released, the number of foreign students at major institutions have stabilized. Zur-Muehlen however feels that admittance standards are having more impact than the level of fees.

Elizabeth Paterson of the International Student Centre at the University of Toronto said her statistics show that numbers have actually increased this year. "We have an increase in every department", she said. "Foreign students appear to have money."

Gary Krivy of the University of Calgary said that the universities are being blamed for differential fees because

they allowed droves of foreign students in a few years ago. He said that numbers at Calgary are now decreasing. "In 1976 over 10% of our students were foreign. In a few years only 2 to 3% will be foreign. But I don't think it's connected to differential fees. It seems stringent on English language requirements."

Differential fees were implemented in Alberta and Ontario in 1977 and in Quebec in 1978.

"Unfortunately the stats are letting the government off the hook", Paterson said. When you see the total number increasing, people think things are OK."

"Things seem to be going in a direction no one is happy with but can't do anything about."

One conference delegate pointed out that it was necessary to take a look at where the overseas students were coming from. "We're still not dealing with the problems of developing countries," he said.

John McBride, executive

director of the CBIE, said the organization is on the record as being against differential fees. "But so far any lobbying efforts have been unsuccessful," he said. "Now that differential fees are in Alberta, Ontario, and Quebec, the game is over. We'll make a presentation urging Nova Scotia not to implement differential fees, but I'm afraid we're going to see them right across the country soon."

"Governments simply feel fed up paying for foreign students."

"Our line now is if overseas students are going to pay more they should be treated better," he said.

DAGS to incorporate

by Alan Adams

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) has decided to incorporate as a separate body under the Societies Act of the Province of Nova Scotia. DAGS decision came at an executive meeting last Tuesday night.

By incorporating under the act DAGS will "still be a

member of the student union" and will have "protection of our real property" said President Bill White. He added that he can't foresee any problems with council concerning their decision.

Student Union President Mike Power stated he is "willing to sit down and talk about it" with DAGS representatives. He added that Council would have to see what DAGS means by incorporating, either becoming an autonomous body at Dal or entering into a cost-sharing agreement with Council. He added he "thinks it opens a new phase in graduate-student council relations."

DAGS also passed a motion to notify the Student Union that they are planning to re-negotiate their 1976 contract when it terminates in May.



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Letters

Students' health status low?

To the Gazette,

I am writing in response to your article in last week's paper regarding Dalhousie's Drug Plan. Being chairman of the Health Plan Committee I feel it is necessary to offer an explanation as to reasons for delays, and other problems.

In order for Mr. Ingles to cover students he must first receive a computer print-out from the university which gives a list of all registered students. Unfortunately, this list is not printed until late October, early November, because of inaccuracies in earlier printing. Subsequent monthly print-outs are sent. Students registering late, or awaiting loans to pay registration fees were not included on the initial list. Also, graduate students on fellowships and/or scholarships were not included. This former deletion was discovered early and the student's names were added, but not until November. Finally, part-time students who do not pay student fees are not included. One obvious reason for delay is due to the postal strike, which created a backlog of claims.

In regards to other universities dropping out of the Ingles & Co. Health Plan, it is our understanding that Acadia dropped out, as, being a much smaller university, they could not afford to support it.

The reason council passed acceptance of the Health Plan

so quickly was not so much due to the executive's recommendations, as the need for prompt and proper health coverage which could not be provided until an agreement had been reached with an insurance company.

We are presently preparing for next year's health plan, and as we now know many of the problems, we can anticipate them before many of them occur.

One final comment—at this time, insurance companies are reluctant to insure university students at a reasonable rate because, apparently, their health status is below that of the general public!! Please think about that.

Sincerely,
Elva Hammarstrand



Yay
Yay
Gazette!

To the Gazette:

In regard to the January 18 issue of the Gazette, I have only one comment. . . That's ENTERTAINMENT!
Keep up the good work!
Mary Dixon.



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Neutrality serves needs

To the Gazette,

The Board of Directors of the Dalhousie Student Union, Inc., (Council) has decided to remain neutral on the strike issue, in our view, because taking a stand would seriously hamper the operations of the SUB. Keeping the building open is the priority; as it provides a place to study, relax, dine, drink, and otherwise provides a forum for social gathering and discussion for students and others. It also provides a place for striking workers to have a cup of coffee and to generally discuss the strike with students. Furthermore, the Strike Support Committee has been able to meet regularly, and the build-

ing has also served as a centre for information distribution. All this and more, right down to the weekly publication of the GAZETTE, has been made possible by Council's neutrality stand. The SUB is the only building on campus to be recognized by both sides as being neutral, and therefore serves the purpose of providing people with a place in which to express their opinions.

It should also be noted that Councilors must respect the wishes expressed by their constituents. A case in point is the Howe Hall Residence Council, which months ago passed a neutrality motion as the only reasonable response

to the unique and incredibly difficult conditions they have endured as a consequence of the strike. At the time, both the Student Council and the Howe Hall Council urged both sides to go back to the bargaining table.

Under the circumstances, Council actions have been both reasonable and practical methods of dealing with the situation. The first concern of Council is the needs of the students, and the decisions made so far have respected those needs.

Sincerely,
John Murphy, Treasurer
Dick Matthews, Howe Hall Rep.

Neutrality impossible for students

To the Gazette:

I would appreciate it if you would allow me to use the space in your letters column to address the students that you serve.

The students that I would really like to communicate with are those who have chosen to remain 'neutral' in

the present labour dispute at Dalhousie. I would like to ask them a few questions.

First of all I would ask them just what they are doing at University? What is the purpose of a University Education? Is a University not a place where individuals will gain more information about

the world around them? A place where people's ability to think critically becomes sharper? A place where people can, or at least be encouraged to, question what is happening around them? Is a University not a place where individuals will acquire the tools necessary to determine their own future?

Gaining information and thinking critically about that information is, needless to say, applicable to the current situation on your campus. The information you have is that there are people employed by your University who are trying to keep their heads above water while earning a wage. Many of them are unable to do so on what they earn. In addition to not providing them

Anyone interested in sitting on the **SUB Operations Committee** of Student Council please attend the Council meeting on Sunday, 28 January, beginning at 7:00 pm. Two positions are open.

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Quindon on Quebec

by E. Ray Simpson

The federal government's policy on bilingualism and biculturalism is a political irritant in English Canada and politically irrelevant in Quebec according to Herbert Quindon, professor of Sociology at Concordia University in Montreal.

In a lecture at Dalhousie last Thursday, Quindon said that it was a "nobel illusion" to think that bilingualism had succeeded.

Quindon, former president of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association and co-author of *Modernization and the Canadian State*, said the language issue in Canada should be dealt with on a "territorial basis". People who want to protect their French culture will have to live in Quebec, Quindon added.

The Dunton-Laurendeau Commission report on bilingualism was sentencing French-speaking Canadians outside of Quebec to a "slow death rather than a fast death"

by refusing to recognize territoriality in respect to language, he remarked.

The price that French-speaking Canadians will have to pay for staying outside of Quebec will be poverty and the inevitable loss of their language, Quindon stated.

He said that the "belt" of bilingual population in Moncton was getting smaller and doomed to extinction.

Quindon, a recognized authority on the history and evolution of Quebec society, told the small audience the bonds that tied French-speaking Quebecers to their language were collapsing as a result of the transformation of Quebec society from a conservative, rural-oriented Church-controlled society to a more liberal, urban-oriented, state dominated society.

On the topic of special status, Quindon felt that Quebec should be treated like any other province. In order to preserve the Canadian state, he said it would be necessary

to bring about a "reconfederation" of the country.

When asked if he would consider himself an "independantiste", Quindon replied that he would count himself among the 60% of Quebecers who were neither in support of nor opposed to the concept of independence.

Quindon predicted that a referendum would call for a "mandate" to negotiate sovereignty-association with the

federal government and added that he believed the vote would go either way.

Quindon, who has taught both Pierre Vallières and Charles Gagnon—two well-known left-wing Quebec separatists—at Concordia University, said he had welcomed the opportunity to have EXFLQ members such as Jacques Lanctot in his course.

Remarking on the presence of one-time dissenters in

advisory positions with the provincial government, Quindon remarked that "confrontation and dissention does not necessarily hurt a person's career, indeed it can be useful."

He added that the most vitriolic attack on Canadian nationalism ever written was a book by Pierre Trudeau entitled "Nouvelle Trahison des Clercs" (New Treason of the Intellectuals).



Construction worker on LeMarchant Street complains vehemently about picketers moving his barricade to University Avenue.

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for students

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with the means of living in a manner which anyone has a right to expect, Your University has said to them "now we don't want to talk to you". Now, what conclusion does that bring you to? It has brought me to the conclusion that Dalhousie University is being grossly unfair to their employees and sadly enough they seem to enjoy playing with the lives of the workers. Have you seriously questioned this situation?

If you have seriously examined the situation, then why have you chosen to remain 'neutral'? In the present dispute there is no such thing as remaining neutral. By your very silence you are condoning the disgusting treatment of workers at the hands of Dalhousie! Is that how you are gaining the tools necessary to determine your own future? Is that how you are going to take charge when your time comes around? Whether or not you like the idea there is going to be a large number of you that will become members of a union. At that time, when you are a member of a group that is being played with and being treated unjustly, you will discover first hand what it feels like to ask for help and see people standing silent.

I certainly hope that you respond in a more positive fashion when you are asked to respond to the government announcements about funding. Even as students you are being toyed with by an unfeeling power. It is only when you join together with other people and stand united that you can change or determine your own future.

I urge you to view this current struggle not as something to be looked at from

afar, but rather as something that you have a direct interest in. Do not remain neutral any longer. These people need your help. Go out and actively support your striking workers. Show them what you have learned!

Mike MacDonald
N.U.S. Central Committee for N.S.

No news is good news

To the Gazette

How long will you keep pretending that the *Gazette* is a daily newspaper and dressing everything you print as hot news? If you want to talk about, say, the drug plan, you get some official to make a long statement, which is, I suppose, news because statements do not take much time. Then you will probably quote another official who will say almost but not quite the same thing, thereby padding out the issue and very professionally confusing your readers. Why not write an article of the kind found in weekly journals, setting out a candid account of the matter in logical order?

Since in the nature of things there is hardly ever any news in the *Gazette*, you have no right or reason to insist on newsroom style. By insisting on it, you forbid your contributors ever to speak their minds, and force them to approach the editor as pupils. You even use it as an excuse to alter copy *ad libitum*. In short, newsroom style, the corner-of-the-mouth, don't-look-at-me style of those who deal with raw, almost meaningless facts, has been turned into a mystification.

If you dropped this hocus-

pocus, then *Gazette* could become a forum. And by that I do not mean an open line for expressions of all kinds of opinion; I mean a clearing house for informed articles by people of a certain range of opinion.

Yours Truly,
Ron Norman

Editor's note: The Gazette is always interested in publishing informed articles or news stories in readable style. We do not think of the paper as The Daily Planet.

offer, which was a good one. Good work, Mr. C.—just what do you get out of it? And who do you think you're fooling? Sooner or later Local 1392 will realize they've been taken for a ride.

And congratulations, *Gazette*—you've done it again!
E. Hominick

Editor's note: Please clarify "a potpourri of biased and misleading statements."

Money mistakes

To the Gazette:

One small correction must be made with respect to the projected losses of the Student Union due to the strike; the loss, as with any other loss, will be financed out of the accumulated net worth of the

Student Union (\$54,047), which was erroneously reported as a budget surplus of the previous year. In fact, a deficit of \$5,638 was incurred last year, and this was also financed through net worth.

Also, the projected loss is composed of a variety of factors, including room rentals, entertainment, etc., as well as bar services and food services. Actually, there are very few revenue producing areas of the Student Union which have not been seriously affected by the strike, whereas fixed costs have, of course, not been affected.

One of the hardest hit areas, however, has been in the Student Union's ability to provide some form of employment for its members. Bar Services, SUB Staff and Programming have had to cut employment simply because there is no work.

Sincerely,
John W. Murphy
Treasurer,
Dalhousie Student Union

Rag rages on

To the Gazette:

I find it somewhat amusing (but sad) the amount of coverage and support given the C.U.P.E. strike by the *Gazette*. As usual the weekly rag has found something for which to get on the bandwagon. A close examination of the situation reveals a potpourri of biased and misleading statements from all strike-supporting sources, all attempting to hide the royal "fleeing" the Local has received. Al Cunningham has played Local 1392 for patsies, feeding false information, preventing any real progress in contract negotiations, inflaming the situation further, and not giving the cleaners a chance to vote on the last

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Ross report

Recommends higher tuition

OTTAWA (CUP)—A consultants' report which surveyed mostly administrators may lead to tuition fees at Ontario universities being based on 20 per cent of universities' costs.

The P.S. Ross report, released Jan. 20, suggested basing tuition on 20 per cent of costs as one option for a new fee structure. Currently, tuition is about 15 per cent of costs.

Although the report made no explicit recommendations, the 20 per cent figure was the most favoured and a "tacit recommendation", according to University of Toronto student vice-president Mike Hornick.

If tuition had been based on 20 per cent of costs in 1977-78, tuition for Ontario medical students would have been \$3800 per year, and an average of \$1622 for grad students. If the formula were applied to next year's undergraduate fees, they would be \$876 per year, \$150 more than next year's projected figure.

The Ontario Federation of Students condemned the report, saying it was a "trial balloon for regular yearly tuition increases at the discretion of universities that could put higher education out of the reach of those of moderate means."

"We are concerned about the tendency to move towards tuition fees that are set by the universities and geared to program costs. Such a program would nickel-and-dime lower-income students right out of school."

The report said there was "no consensus" among the students, faculty and administrators it surveyed on levels of

tuition fees, although no one wanted fees to be more than 25 per cent of costs.

However, the "most typical" answer said 20 per cent of costs would be acceptable, it said.

Nearly half of the respondents wanted greater differentiation in tuition among programs, although 44 per cent of students (22 per cent overall) wanted less differentiation.

The Ontario government commissioned the report last fall to determine attitudes towards the current fee structure and suggest options for a new structure. It is expected to use the results when it

considers the tuition structure for 1980-81 next fall.

The report was based on interviews with 39 students, 33 faculty, and 220 administrators at 16 colleges and universities. Three-quarters of those surveyed were administrators.

It is also noted that "in many cases, faculty and lower-level administrators were ill-informed about the circumstances surrounding tuition fee policy and practice."

The report effectively rejected no tuition as an option, saying that only 18 per cent of those surveyed favoured it, although 52 per cent of students were in favour.

In Ontario

Support staff strike

TORONTO (CUP)—Support staff at Ontario's 22 colleges walked out Wednesday, after a number of rotating strikes, and an unsuccessful attempt to mediate by the Ontario government.

The decision to strike was made after a six-hour meeting between the two parties January 10, according to Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) press officer Peter Slee.

The union has been without a contract since the end of August.

Earlier this month, the union voted 3-1 in favour of taking strike action to back their demands if negotiations failed. They are asking for a 2.7 per cent wage increase from the time their last contract expired on December 31, 1978, and an additional 7.7 per cent from January 1 to the

end of August.

The colleges have offered 2.7 per cent to March 31 and six per cent for the remainder.

The high strike vote is indicative of worker dissatisfaction with the colleges' wage offer, according to OPSEU officials.

Meanwhile, support from student and faculty groups is growing. Representatives of five student councils who met January 7 agreed to send letters to Ontario education minister Bette Stephenson urging her to accept the union's position.

Teacher associations at Algonquin and Centennial colleges have also formally expressed support with OPSEU, and the teachers' union at Lampton College will donate a percentage of their salaries to the union's strike fund.

false identification

Press prosecuted

TORONTO (CUP)—An article exposing the poor controls on Ontario's age of majority cards has left two Ontario student journalists facing charges.

Janice Bell and Cathy Perry, editor and news editor of the *Oblique Times* at Seneca College, have been charged by the Liquor Licensing Board of Ontario with obtaining government documents by fraudulent means.

In December, Perry (18) obtained an age of majority card using Bell's identification. The cards, which show that the bearer is at least 19, are the only legal identification in Ontario to prove a person can be served alcohol.

Perry immediately returned the card, and wrote a news story on the incident for the December 7 issue of the paper.

"It was an experiment for the paper. We wanted to see how easy it was to get them, and show that the system wasn't working as it should be."

On December 15, the police informed Perry she was charged under a section of the Ontario Liquor Licence Act which states "no person shall use false identification to obtain government documents". Bell was charged with supplying false identification.

The maximum penalty for each conviction is \$10,000 or one year in jail.

According to police constable Frank Peck, the LLBO had wanted to press 14 different charges, starting with fraud.

A reliable source informed the *Oblique Times* that the two staffers were being used as "examples". They are the first to be charged under the section, and brought to court.

It was also revealed that, if the LLBO is successful in its case against Bell and Perry, two more student journalists—from *The Press* at Brock University in St. Catherine's—could be charged.

The two *Press* staffers used the same identification to obtain two age of majority cards December 8, and then turned the cards over to a Liberal MPP. On December 11, the MPP confronted Ontario Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Frank Drea with the cards in the Ontario legislature.

Drea then turned the matter over to the police. *Press* editor Joe Ferri said he expected the results of Bell's and Perry's case will decide whether the two *Press* staffers will be charged.

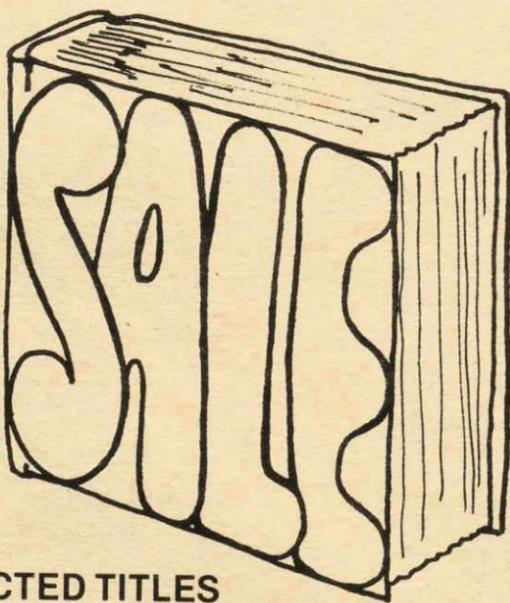
According to Bell, she and Perry were told when they returned the card that the police would not be involved, although they were urged to contact an official in the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. They did not contact the official because the length of time necessary would not have allowed them to run the story before Christmas.

Perry said she thought the two probably would not have been charged if the paper had not run the story.

She expected they would receive a summons shortly.

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CUP briefs

B.C. labour federation angry

NELSON, B.C. (CUP)—The British Columbia Federation of Labour is sponsoring nine rallies across the province in reaction to the provincial government legislating striking Selkirk support staff back to work.

Bill 46, the West Kootenay School's collective bargaining assistance act, sent 259 support staff back to work in the area's public schools and at Selkirk College after a six-week strike-lockout.

Mickey Kinakin, head of Local 1341 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees which represents support staff at Selkirk College, said no agreement was reached on any contract terms.

Revenue Canada foul-up

TORONTO (CUP)—A foul-up by Revenue Canada will mean delays for university and college students filing their income tax forms this spring, and has left campus registrars across the country fuming.

The department has instituted a new form, the T22-02, for students wishing to receive their education deduction (\$50 for every month in which they were in full-time attendance at a post-secondary school).

Unlike previous years, when a student's word was accepted, Revenue Canada is requiring the institutions to fill out and issue the forms to each and every student.

However, it won't have enough forms ready in time for some institutions to process them any way but manually. For large institutions like Dalhousie University, this could mean university staff would have to fill out some 7,500 forms.

No discriminatory scholarships

WINNIPEG (CUP)—In a move which may have serious consequences for the university and affirmative action programs, the University of Manitoba Senate decided January 16 not to administer discriminatory scholarships and fellowships in future.

Under the new plan approved by the Senate, the university accepted the "principle (that) the university in future not administer any scholarships or fellowships that discriminate on the basis of race, creed, colour, ethnic or national origin, sex, age, or political belief."

The new policy was originally raised in 1977, when a scholarship was offered from the estate of the late D.V. Rhodenizer. Senate, at that time, postponed administering the scholarship as it was established exclusively for male graduate English students.

The bell tolls

OTTAWA (CUP)—The declining importance of liberal arts has killed a college.

St. Patrick's College, an affiliate of Carleton University, was ordered closed January 12 by the Carleton Senate, because of declining enrolments and recent financial difficulties.

The college, started in 1931, gave strictly liberal arts courses. According to a report prepared by Carleton's Dean of Arts, James Downey, it had ceased to be a "viable institution."

Faculty cut of 600

OTTAWA (CUP)—Ontario universities risk losing up to 600 faculty positions next year because of the inadequate increase in provincial government operating grants, according to the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA).

In a statement sent to Ontario education minister Bette Stephenson in mid-January, OCUFA said the government's five per cent increase in operating grants will fall short of the actual needs of universities by about \$32 million for 1979-80.

If restrictive government funding leaves universities with an inadequate pool of scientific talent, second-rate equipment and outdated libraries, Canada stands to lose a credible research and development program OCUFA chairperson David Onman said.

'Look Ma, no English!'

SAN FRANCISCO (ZNS-CUP)—Here's an item from the department of bureaucratize: A research firm has told the State Board of Education in North Carolina that—in the firm's words—"the conceptual framework for this evaluation posits a set of determinants of implementation which explains variations in the level of implementation of the comprehensive project."

This sentence was contained in a report on how schools should try to combat illiteracy.

Half of graduates employed

GUELPH (CUP)—Just over half of last year's University of Guelph's 1349 graduating students managed to find any sort of permanent employment since their graduation.

The results of a survey compiled by the university's Career Planning and Placement Centre also showed that a quarter of those working were earning under \$150 a week.

Of those without jobs, 17 per cent went on to continue their education, 13 per cent went on to graduate or professional programs, and 3.5 per cent were into other training programs.



Greenpeacers hit sealing

by Susan Williams

Greenpeacers take note. Population increases and a standard method of slaughter have made Canada's sealing industry in the seventies "the best managed marine resource in Canada and possibly the world," according to the exhibition in "Seals and Sealing" which is now showing at the Nova Scotia Museum.

On tour from the National Museum of Natural Science in Ottawa, the exhibition provides useful information to Canadians annoyed by the Greenpeace Foundation or perhaps now threatened by America's Fund for Animals. The latter organization is currently promoting a boycott of the Canadian tourism industry in the United States to protest the Newfoundland seal hunt.

The museum's displays trace Newfoundland's sealing industry from a tedious on-shore operation in the 1700's to a modern process involving ultra-violet aerial photography that determines seal populations and establishes quotas.

Both the nineteenth century over-exploitation for seal pelts and oil and the twentieth century mass killings by in-

experienced hunters are presented. However, the killing of seals today is described as no more cruel than that of cows and pigs in city slaughter houses.

The exhibition explains the cycle by which food becomes more abundant and seals become healthier. It is also indicated that the birth rate increases when the seal population is low.

Missing from the exhibition, however, is an explanation of the seals' importance to the Newfoundland economy and a justification of the somewhat wasteful use of seal products.

Displays show that, in 1976, novelty items made from seal pelts, such as belts and key chains, accounted for 40 per cent of the sealing revenue. Seal meat, which Newfoundlanders soon hope to make an international delicacy, accounted for 14 per cent.

As seals are not unique to

Newfoundland, the exhibition also presents the Arctic's sealing culture and the sealing industry of the east coast.

Nova Scotia's coastline is inhabited by grey, hooded and harp seals, as well as a few walrus, also members of the seal family. A fossilized walrus skull is on display which was found on Sable Island in 1875 and is presumed to be 25 million years old.

In Nova Scotia a bounty was recently placed on grey seals because of damage caused to lobster traps, fish traps and gill nets of fishermen.

Also included in the exhibition are weapons and tools used in sealing and historical photographs dating from the 1890's, of the men, ships and hunts.

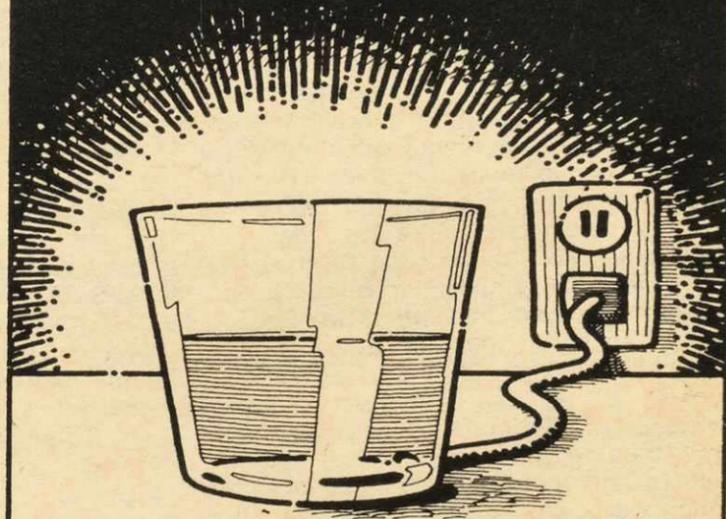
Canadians should welcome this chance to learn about the animal which is giving their country a name.

Media stinks

WASHINGTON (ZNS-CUP)—Nearly 1,000 pages of FBI documents released under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act have revealed that the Bureau secretly operated an extensive counter-intelligence program to infiltrate and discredit the alternative and underground media during the 1960s and early 70s.

One of the more unusual FBI memos seriously proposed a plan to spray alternative newspapers with a chemical stench. The memo, written by the FBI office in Newark, New Jersey, said: "A very small amount of this chemical disburbs a most offensive odour, and its potency is such that a large amount of papers could be treated in a matter of seconds." The memo added that the smell "could be prepared in the FBI laboratory for use in an aerosol-type dispenser." Other memos indicated that J. Edgar Hoover may have killed this plan before it was implemented.

A shot in the dark



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Everyone agrees that if Canada is to have an independent economic future it must be able to generate its own research and development, instead of relying on that developed by other countries. This fall former Science and Technology Minister Judd Buchanan made a lot of promises on how this was going to improve. Recent announcements have shown this has not happened. Instead, a potential area of long term Canadian development is being undercut by nearsighted and directionless cutbacks.

by Lou MacPhail
of the Ontario
for Canadian University Press

The dismissal of eighty-five researchers from the Department of National Health and Welfare in Ottawa "reflects a disastrous lack of forward planning by the federal government and completely contradicts the government's commitment to boost investment in Canadian research and development," according to Dr. Serge Federoff, Chairman of the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies.

The Society feels Canadian science was again victimized by the federal government when figures recently released by the Professional Institute of the Public Service showed that at least eighty-five professional researchers in the Department of National Health and Welfare in the Ottawa Region alone, will lose their jobs next April.

Dr. Federoff said "the government's action comes at a time when scientific research in Canada is already suffering from a long-standing neglect by the government and that these latest cutbacks can only result in a complete loss of confidence by the scientific community."

The eighty-five researchers who had been working in the fields of biology, chemistry, nursing, medicine, scientific research and scientific regulation, have been declared "surplus". Only twenty-one of them will be reassigned to lower or non-research positions.

A total of 660 Ottawa Region National Health and Welfare employees will lose their jobs in the spring of this year as part of the government's \$2.5 billion dollar expenditure cutback which was announced last September.

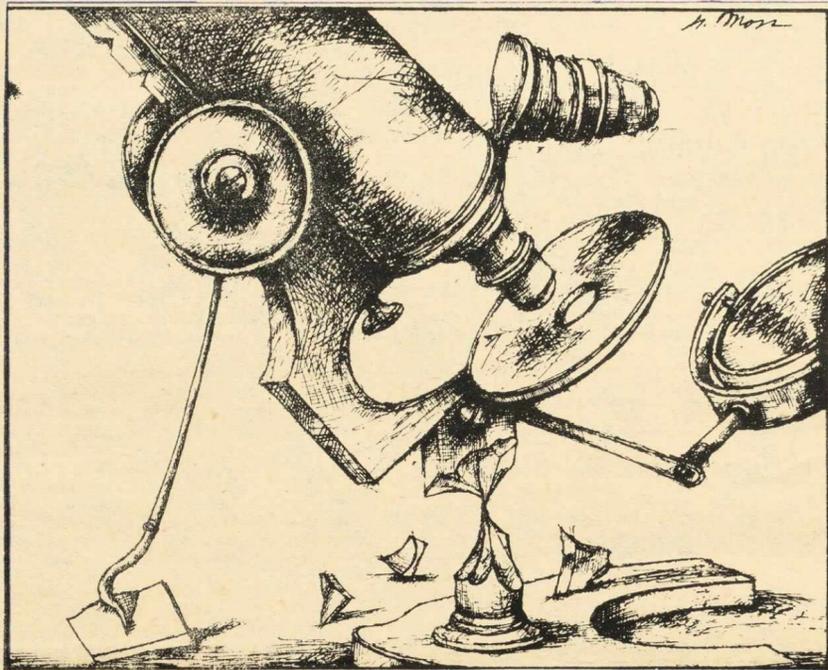
Other departments suffering massive science and technology cutbacks include Fisheries, Agriculture, Communications, Atomic Energy Canada Ltd. and Statistics Canada.

When Ministers met on November 8, 1978 at the first Federal-Provincial Conference on Industrial Research and Development they agreed that Canada's low investment in industrial research and development was seriously affecting price stability, employment, productivity, total output and other medium and long-term economic objectives. They also agreed that every effort should be made to ensure a higher level of support for research and development and innovation in Canada through encouragement and stimulation of the private sector.

They felt that tax incentives, made with special consideration to the promotion and strengthening of research intensive industries and the encouragement of small firms, were an 'essential tool' for the growth of research and development in the private sector.

Authorities from the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies think tax incentives will do nothing, or very little, to encourage research and development in Canada. Research intensive industries are, for the most part, owned by foreign multinationals who have already estab-

Cutbacks hit Canadian research



BY GEOFFREY MOSS

lished intensive research programs in other countries and have little interest in Canada.

The low priority placed on Canadian research and development by foreign parent companies was illustrated in the results of a recent *Toronto Star* survey.

Ford Motor Company, which ranks first in Canada in terms of dollar sales, and had a 1975 research and development budget of \$1,170 million said most of their money was spent on programs in the U.S., Britain and Germany. They do some research and development in Canada but there are no figures available.

General Motors ranks second in Canada and spent \$1,451 million on research and development in 1977, but they did not have any figures for a Canadian program "partly because we are still trying to find out how Ottawa defines research and development."

Chrysler and Honeywell said that they don't do any research and development in Canada. Union Carbide and Kodak admitted to minute amounts of research in Canada, but said that most of their work was done at the parent companies in the U.S.

On the other hand, the rest of the private sector is in greater need of the direct assistance the federal government is cutting back on, and the tax incentives are of little value to them.

In a brief from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada responding to the Ministry of State for Science and Technology's (MOSST) discussion paper 'Measures to Strengthen and Encourage Research and Development in Canada', it was stated that "None of the functions of the modern university can be enriched if immediate, short-term goals of national interest become the preponderant motive for the research activities of these institutions. . . the primary potential of

university research for society must be regarded as a long-term capability through the creation of knowledge and the training of future generations of researchers."

"An important national concern is the maintenance and strengthening of the universities' ability and capacity for basic research. The universities remain the primary resource in Canada for basic research and they cannot be adequately supported if all new funds are to be tied to mission-oriented research, even under ideal cooperative relations among government, industry and universities."

"Canadian universities, in contributing to mission-oriented research through contracts with the Department of Supply and Services, have demonstrated unique research capabilities. It is regrettable that they can only be involved on a basis secondary to the industrial sector under the federal government's 'contracting out' policy which gives preference to industry.

So that society may derive more benefit from university-based capabilities, the Association recommends that a separate university 'contracting out' policy be developed."

"We agree with the MOSST discussion paper that most research positions in future years will be in the industrial and business sectors. We cannot, however, support the conclusion that, for graduates to have an industrial orientation, their training should increasingly be in applied research related to areas of national concern. . . Basic research training, if of high quality, gives to the student experience that is as applicable to research in the industrial sector as it is to further basic research in the university. . . Universities will only be able to fulfil their role in the training of research manpower for industry if they themselves have a continuous infusion of young scholars into their faculty ranks."

"The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada is concerned that this new investment by the government in research and development may be wasted if the existing basic research programmes in universities are allowed to deteriorate further."

The federal budget and Canadian Industrial Research and Development program as increased the scientific research allowance for companies doing research and development by an additional 50 per cent deduction from income in respect of "qualified expenditures" in excess of a specified base period amount.

In addition to the 150 per cent scientific research allowance, the investment tax credit for research and development introduced in the March 31, 1977 budget, has been extended indefinitely.

Investment after November 16, 1978 for scientific research by Canadian-controlled private corporations will qualify for a credit of twenty-five per cent, but only for which the corporation is entitled to the small business deduction as defined in the Income Tax Act.

The Canadian Federation of Biological Societies says that "While last April's budget and the current one will give an estimated \$0 million in indirect research and development assistance to the industrial sector, this should be measured against the much larger direct cash reductions of federally-funded research in university and in-house laboratories. According to the MOSST document dated November 1, 1978, these cutbacks to science programmes will total \$39.5 million in 1979 and \$165.8 million in 1979-80."

John K. Marczyk, Executive Secretary for Science Policy, feels that the detrimental effect of the direct cutbacks made by the government will by far outweigh any positive effects the proposed tax incentives program would have on improving research and development in Canada.

"The federal government is trying to move out as fast as possible. It's saying let's go ahead and do things, but at the same time it's taking away the opportunities," he said.

Issues arising from meetings which Dr. Federoff felt could form the basis of future policy activities are as follows:

The development of industrial research and development will depend on change to a climate conducive to innovations, easy access to graduate academics and good prospects for capital investment.

New industries in the country most likely will develop through the initiatives of individual entrepreneurs, rather than the expansion of multinationals. The workable interphase at present exists between universities and industry needs encouragement for future development.

In these considerations, regional distribution cannot be forgotten. Balance between provincial and federal government research funding must be carefully considered and co-ordinated. A federal-provincial conference dealing with these matters should be encouraged. The scientific community and the universities should be represented.

Two point five per cent of the G.N.P. is the amount per developed countries are spending on research and development. It should be a reasonable goal for Canada to achieve.

An analysis of the government's target of spending 5 per cent of G.N.P. on research and development concluded that "to reach this target within five years, industrial research and development will have to increase at an annual rate of 27 per cent, government research and development at 10 per cent and university research and development at 30 per cent."



Cleaners day



Vice-president (administration) Louis Vagianos during yesterday's Day of Protest. Chanting demonstrators stayed in the A&A building for almost an hour, after the noon-hour rally.



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Paper discriminates

GAE protests

The Supreme Court of Canada is to rule shortly on a suit brought by the Gay Alliance Toward Equality of Vancouver and the British Columbia Human Rights Commission against the **Vancouver Sun**. The Sun is charged with discrimination in refusing to

publish a classified ad for the gay organization's newsletter. The case will have important consequences for the 70% of Canadian daily newspapers which refuse to carry advertisements for gay groups.

A decision is also expected soon from the Canadian Radio

-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) on the corporate license renewal of CBC Radio, which has a policy of rejecting all public service announcements (PSAs) from homosexual organizations.

Robin Metcalfe, a spokes-

person for the Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE), says, "An attempt is being made to stifle the efforts of gay people to communicate with each other and with the broader community. Rights taken for granted by most Canadians are being systematically denied the gay minority."

"Without communications, there can be no organized community. Without an organized community, we have no defense against attacks upon ourselves or our community," he added.

GAE will sponsor a public demonstration and a public meeting next week to protest censorship. An information picket will be held from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30 in front of the offices of Canada Customs at 1557 Hollis Street. The public

meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Turret Gay Community Centre, 1588 Barrington Street, 3rd floor.

A special feature of the picket will be a theatrical performance illustrating the response of gay people to censorship. The public meeting will include speakers from several organizations, among them Mariana Valverde of the **Body Politic**, a gay magazine from Toronto which is facing charges of distributing "obscene" material.

The charges and the police raid on the magazine's offices have been denounced by Mayor John Sewell of Toronto, the Canadian Periodical Publishers Association, the American Sociological Association and other groups, as well as having been the subject of demonstrations in San Francisco, New York, Boston and London, England.

The Atlantic Region of Canadian University Press requires a fieldworker for August 1979 until March 1980. Requirements include travelling to member newspapers in the Atlantic working with student journalists. Some original reporting will also be important. For further information, contact Canadian University Press in Halifax at 422-6855.

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Journalists organize

by Ron Stang

What are the attributes one needs to be an investigative reporter?

"Common sense, ability to work, determination and balls," was the opinion of one delegate at the founding convention of the Centre for Investigative Journalism, held last weekend in Montreal.

More than 300 journalists from across the country attended the conference, the first of its kind in Canada. They were brought together by their desire for more investigative news reporting, something they agree was greatly lacking in Canadian press, radio and television.

Another delegate said the greatest personal trait needed to be an investigative reporter was ego. Only with ego and the desire to have one's story appear on the front page would a reporter be motivated to do good investigative research.

A third delegate disagreed. It isn't ego that's important, he said, "but an understanding of social inequality and the power relationships in society. These, coupled with the ability to relate that information to people."

There were about as many different opinions about what it takes to be a good investigative reporter as there was about the meaning of the term "investigative journalism" itself.

One delegate thought the term pretentious. Calling a reporter "investigative," he said, tends to glamorize that person rather than look at the substance of his reporting for what it's worth. "There is no such thing as investigative reporting," he said. "What

we call investigative is only everyday reporting done in a more in-depth way." The fact there has been an arbitrary distinction made between investigative reporting and other reporting in recent years only shows the general state of reporting in print and broadcast media is not very good, he said.

Morton Mintz, a columnist for the Washington Post and the author of the books "America Incorporated" and "Power Incorporated" told delegates that all too often what passes for investigative reporting is the "scoop" and not the story itself. He said some reporters revel in being able to scoop their competition by getting the news story first regardless of how trivial that story may be. "Personally, I find that (attitude) very difficult to defend," he said.

Mintz said news should be judged not solely on its novelty but on the merits of the story itself, how what's being reported affects the lives of the people reading or hearing it.

A theme which kept recurring during the conference's three days of sessions was concern over the recent trend among professional news organizations toward "soft journalism." In the past few years an ever greater number of newspapers, radio and television stations have been altering their news formats, downplaying "bad news" items like crime and corruption. Relying on market research surveys which indicate the public is tired of such news, the media, fearing a loss of readership, has responded by "brightening" the news. One example of this is the increased em-

phasis put upon various forms of "lifestyle" reporting. This could be anything from articles advising the best way to redecorate the home to celebrity gossip columns.

Many delegates at the conference said they worried that the trend toward "soft", "light" or, as some call it, "happy news", is coming at the expense of investigative reporting into such traditional "bad news" issues like politics and social problems.



As a delegate in one session argued, "soft journalism" is little more than pap for the masses. According to CBC reporter Arthur Lewis, even the increased attention given over to such lifestyle articles such as "where to get the best buy" columns for consumers is only superficial reporting at best. The only thing this kind of reporting is doing, he said, is making people better



consumers. "It only tells us where we can get the best buy. It doesn't question what consumerism is all about," he said.

The discussion about the trend toward soft journalism brought up another question. Given the fact readership surveys show the public is tired of negative news, many delegates wondered if there was a future for investigative reporting.

Gerry McAuliffe, a former reporter with the Globe and Mail who wrote a series of articles about police corruption in Toronto three years ago, said that after his series appeared the Globe's circulation dropped by 3500.

However, Steve Lovelady, assistant managing editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer and the head of that paper's Pulitzer prize winning investigative reporting team, said the Inquirer's experience has been that readers are still interested in reading investigative articles into such issues as government and corporate corruption. Lovelady maintained that people will continue to read such stories so long as they have some bearing on their own lives.

Likewise, Brian McKenna, a producer of the CBC's Fifth Estate, said viewer surveys show that his program's biggest audiences are always those for programs in which there are major investigative stories. "In fact," he said, "the more difficult the story is to understand, the more com-

plex it is, the bigger the audience."

If nothing else, the conference showed there were many journalists in Canada extremely interested in investigative reporting. Conference organizers were overwhelmed by the number of people who found their way to Montreal for the conference. Originally they had expected about 100 delegates and had planned accommodation and meeting space accordingly. When it was apparent a great many more were arriving, organizers scrambled to find extra hotel rooms, billets and larger halls in which to conduct conference sessions. All totalled, over 300 people attended.

Not only were delegates enthusiastic about setting up an organization devoted to promoting the cause of investigative reporting in Canada but they agreed it was an historic occasion for Canadian journalism generally. The country has no national organization of professional journalists. Until this time journalists have been isolated from one another with few, if any, vehicles for exchanging views and promoting their work. After last weekend, that situation no longer exists. Resolutions at the final day's plenary session set up the Centre for Investigative Journalism, a non-profit organization having the mandate to bring Canadian journalists together on a regular basis and promote their common interest.

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by Sheena Masson

From between the bed curtains the wave of a clenched fist goes unnoticed by a lawyer who prepares the last will. However it does produce paroxysms of rage in the group gathered around the death bed. This in turn delights the audience who are

not watching a horror show but the comic opera **Gianni Schicchi** performed by the Dal Opera Workshop.

The clenched fist belongs to Gianni Schicchi (John MacDonald) who hides in the bed of the newly departed Buoso Donati. Donati has left his fortune to a monastery and

his relatives are distraught. Gianni Schicchi, a shrewd local, offers to replace the dead man and dictate to the lawyer a new will dividing the properties among the present group. He reminds them of the penalty for their crime—exile and amputation of the fingers and they together sing

a fingerless farewell to Florence.

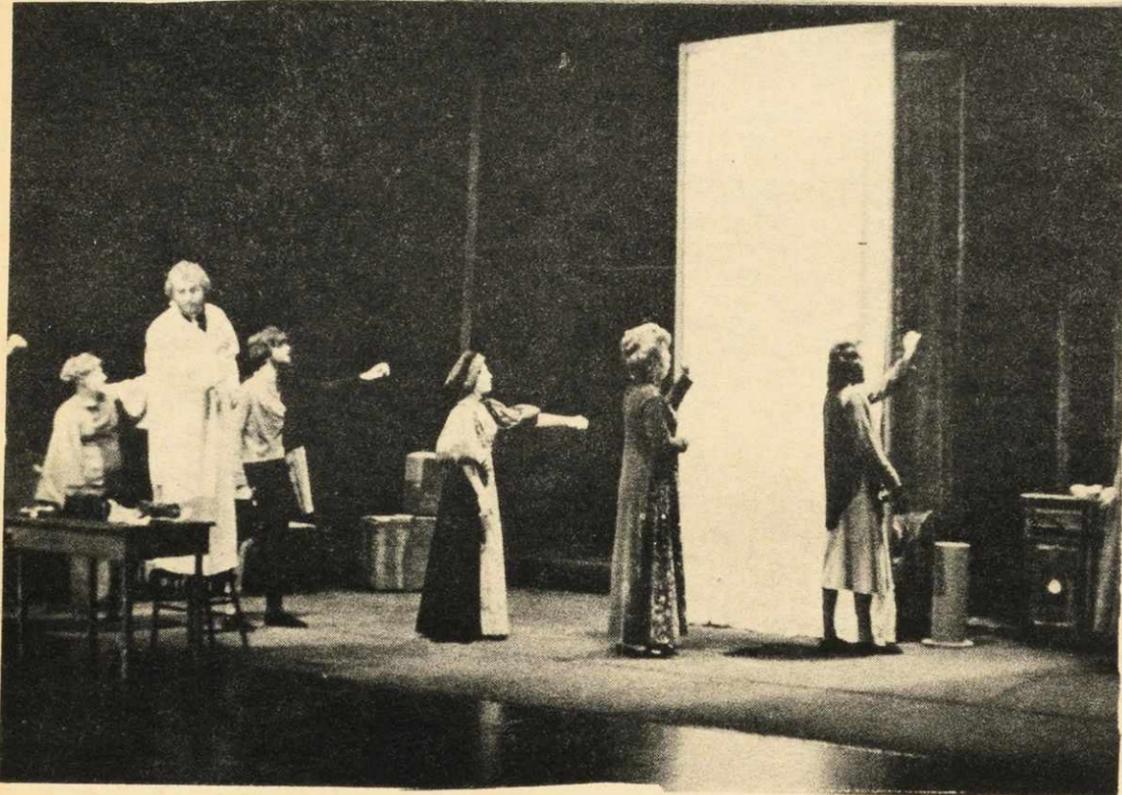
The lawyer is summoned and Gianni Schicchi, in a nasal whine, wills the bulk of Donati's fortune to himself. The clenched fist or fingerless hand which appears periodically keeps the relatives silent until the lawyer has gone. They then take a rude farewell while gathering up every movable object in Gianni Schicchi's new home.

The cast is required to sing throughout all this comic carrying on. Opera is a demanding art form and the Opera Workshop handled Puccini's score well. The group of fifteen performers consisted mainly of music students but also included a doctor, a french teacher and a music teacher. The Workshop is an open credit course although most of the class has had considerable training in opera. For the last three years, they have presented about two

operas a year.

Jefferson Morris, who teaches the class and directed **Gianni Schicchi**, feels that opera is the perfect form of artistic endeavor. "If done right," he said, "opera can beat any play or concert because it combines all the arts. I think everybody in the opera believed that."

The opera was produced in cooperation with the Theatre Department. Lynne Morris designed a simple but convincing set and David Overton gave much of his time to assist with the acting. Prof. Morris feels that it was a gratifying experience for all and says they plan another opera next term but have not decided which one. With a limited cast, it is necessary to fit the opera to the available voices. Despite these limitations, as well as financial burdens, Prof. Morris believes opera can really "take fire" in the Maritimes.



The cast of **Gianni Schicchi** wave a fingerless farewell to Florence.

The folly of setting absolute standards in art

by Glen Walton

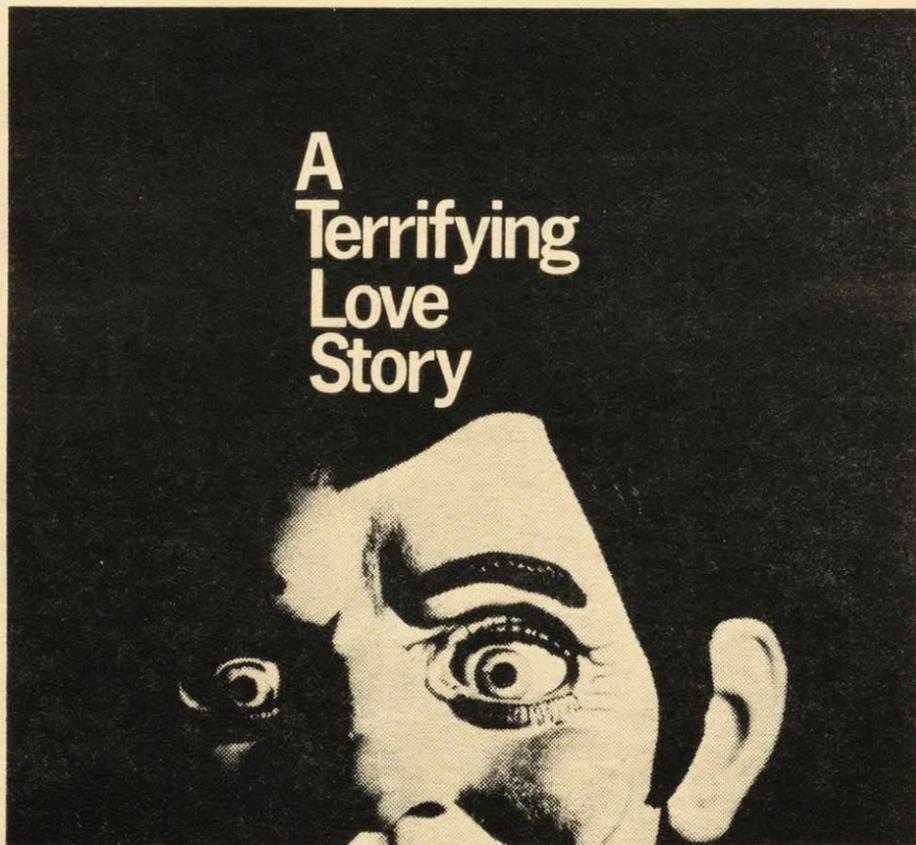
The artist in a sometimes hostile society was the theme of a talk and several films about the German Expressionist movement held last week at St. Mary's.

Robert Dietz, curator of the St. Mary's Art Gallery, pointed out that those who claim they already "know what they like" when viewing art; actually only "like what they know." This attitude, said Dietz,

helps to explain the hostility to the group **Die Bruecke**, which existed in Dresden for a few years before the First World War, and included such artists as Emil Nolde, Ernst-Ludwig Kirchner, and Erich Heckel.

The Expressionist movement was partly a reaction to the excesses and injustices of

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Sykes and Jacques deliver evening of typical British.

Sykes carries on

by Eric Simpson

Eric Sykes was greeted with warm applause when he first staggered on to the stage at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium for the comedy-variety show "A Hatful of Sykes". The fact that the applause had not abated when the curtain fell was a tribute to the consummate ability of this seasoned comic actor.

The evening was filled with typical British humour—wry and dry—and the audience, obviously Sykes admirers, enjoyed every minute of it.

Eric Sykes and Hattie Jacques, stars of "Sykes", the BBC's longest running domestic comedy series, did not show any signs of tedium. On the contrary, they exhibited a fresh rapport with each other and with the audience. Sykes endeared himself to the audience with repeated ad lib lines and direct, cutting banter which incorporated references to local affairs. In between remarks about John Neville and Stephenville, Newfoundland, Sykes showed an uncanny aptitude for inspiring enthusiasm from all those present—the mark of a truly experienced professional.

Certainly Sykes is no budding amateur. Although his face shows signs of age he is

still spry and full of vigor. This is an accomplishment in itself considering that Sykes began his career in 1947 with Frankie Howard before he moved on to write comedy for the "Goonies" show and star in the popular "What's My Line" series and the famous film "Those Magnificent Young Men in Their Flying Machines". Sykes began his own television serial in 1959.

Hattie Jacques, Sykes' rotund TV sister and "straight lady", began her career in 1947 and has appeared in 16 "Carry On" films as well as the Canadian television show "The Pig and Whistle".

"A Hatful of Sykes" follows the lines of a "Sykes" TV show as Eric falls in and out of trouble and Hattie and Eric's close friend Constable Corky Turnbull (Derek Gulyer) alternately help and hinder him. Eric returns from an army reunion to discover he has become engaged to an attractive young lady—without realizing what he has done. The remainder of the show is spent in an attempt to extricate him from his predicament.

Eric shows great compassion for his pet goldfish—actually a dead carrot—and he

enjoys talking to the boiler in the basement but he still has trouble convincing his fiancée that he is slightly 'ga-ga'. However on the day of the marriage, dressed in a grey morning coat and looking like "Whistler's mother in drag", he learns that he has been deceived—his fiancée (April Walker) has become engaged to him in order to win a wager with her real beau (Nigel Hamilton).

There were two interludes during the show that deserve particular mention. The showing of an excerpt from the classic Sykes film "The Plank" was an innovative idea that introduced a different medium and gave the audience a glimpse of Sykes in his younger days. A short musical diversion was supplied by Corky as he rattled and banged a virtuoso performance out of a washboard and bells.

In the final analysis it was an evening of enjoyable entertainment in the old school style. Sykes and Company had people laughing along with them and isn't that the ultimate goal of comedy—to excite people to riotous laughter and help them appreciate the humour in life.

'Work and Wages'

Filming the unemployed

by Ron Stang

"A lot of people are going to move out and they're not going to come back. They've been good citizens, bought houses and now they feel they've got nothing."

"There's no work in Halifax. You're forced out of your job. I'm not a lazy man. I want work."

"Without a job, what are you supposed to do in the meantime, eat air? How am I supposed to pay my rent with air?"

These are some of the comments made by former workers of the Halifax Shipyards, laid off when Hawker-Siddeley closed down its waterfront operation last year.

All the statements reflect a general cynicism and bitterness not only toward Hawker-Siddeley but to the prospect of finding other employment in Halifax. Such are the views typical of unemployed people interviewed in a videotape production of the Halifax Video Theatre entitled "Work and Wages—Halifax 1978."

The videotape, along with another entitled "Charlie Murray", an interview with former Nova Scotia fisherman organizer Charlie Murray who was interned in a federal government concentration camp for his labor and political activities during the Second World War, were shown at a public screening in Halifax last week.

The videotape "Work and Wages—Halifax 1978" pro-

vides an overview of the current unemployment situation in Halifax. Besides interviews with the unemployed discussing the difficulties they have either surviving without work or finding new jobs, it also chronicles the formation and activities of the Halifax Coalition for Full Employment, an organization set up early last year to pressure the government to create more jobs.

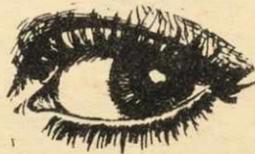
The videotape also has on-the-scene coverage of a recent labor struggle, last fall's strike by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW). Among other events, it shows the raid on local CUPW headquarters by the RCMP after the federal government declared the strike illegal and ordered the union back to work.

The two producers of the videotapes, Tom Berger and Bill McKeggan, said in an interview with *The Gazette*, their purpose in making the film was to use a grassroots approach to examine the problem of unemployment. They said they wanted "to have ordinary people discussing what being unemployed means to them rather than have experts dispense cold statistics." Berger and McKeggan said they hope this approach will make the videotape appealing to others who are unemployed.

Berger and McKeggan said they hope "Work and Wages—

Halifax 1978" as well as "Charlie Murray" will be shown to local labor and community groups.

Those interested in seeing either or both of these videotape productions should contact the Halifax Video Theatre at 426-5935. There is no rental charge.



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a burgeoning technological and industrial society. Using bright colors and distortion of nature to express the inner truth of its subject, it was, from its inception, to be understood in a social-political context. Its concern for the poor and suffering, and its unorthodox treatment of its material, led to its rejection by the complacent bourgeoisie of traditional art circles who were only interested, in Dietz's words, in "Peggy's Cove pictures."

The experience of German expressionist painters is particularly unsettling: in the 30's the Nazis branded their work as being "degenerate" and had it publicly burned. Nolde, forbidden to paint, kept a small calendar in his

vest pocket, and using water-colors (oils would give him away by their smell) secretly created what he called his "unpainted pictures." Others fared worse: Kirchner lost over 2,000 works to the flames, and the artist himself, already over 60, was recruited in the waning days of World War II to fight the allied

armies. He landed in a French prison camp where he eventually died heartbroken about his destroyed works. His fate is eloquent testimony to the folly of setting up absolute standards in art and other forms of human expression, and allowing the State to determine what we see and read.

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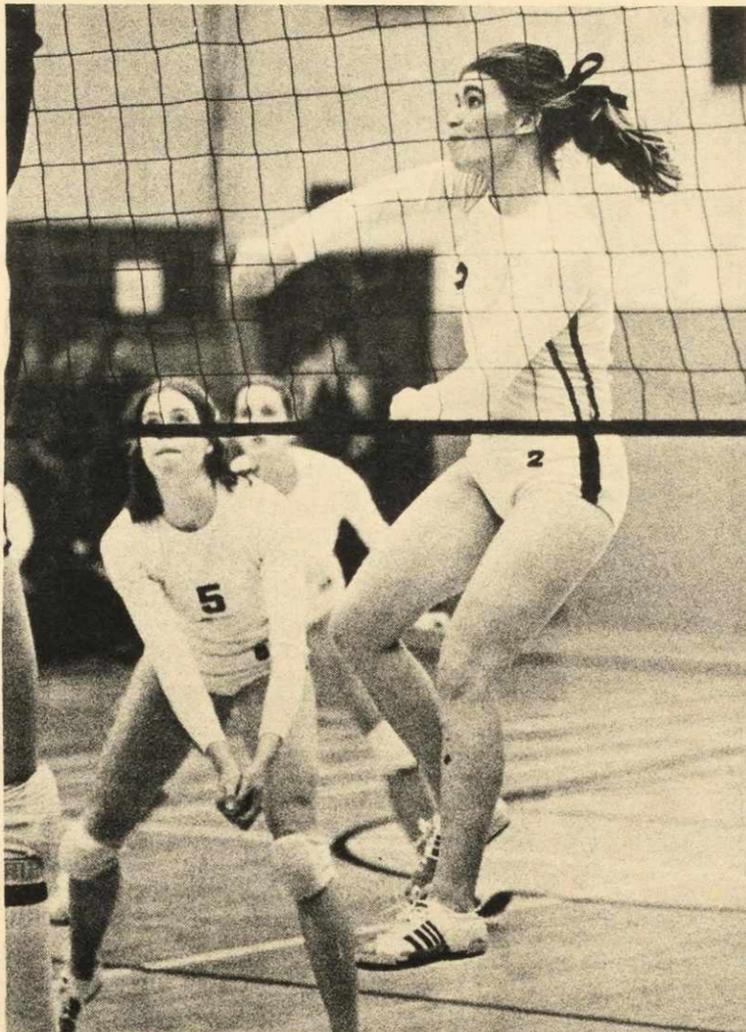
Tigers wallop SMU

by Judi Rice

The old cliché which states that teams are tougher at home was proven true to form by the St. F. X. team and disproven by the Dalhousie women Tigers in two AUAA basketball contests this past week. In the first match-up the Dal Tigers travelled to St. F. X. on Tuesday for the second meeting between the two teams this season. The Dal squad were obviously "flat" following their disappointing loss to UNB on the week-end and just couldn't put their powerful act together, the result being a 53-45 loss at the hands of the Xettes. This victory was "sweet" for coach MacGrath as it was only the second time in 8 years that St. F. X. has been able to defeat the Dal Tigers.

Following the loss of St. F. X., Coach Savoy must have had some pretty effective words for the Tigers as they were ready and waiting for their cross town rivals the SMU Belles on Friday in SMU's home territory. The Tigers came out flying and from the beginning it was evident the Belles would be the victims of a "fired-up", hustling Dal team. Dalhousie held true to form as captain Anne Lindsay fired up 20 points, with Veterans Carol Rosenthal (19 points), Jill Tasker (14 points), Anne Murray (13 points), accounting for the major scoring punch on the way to an 89-47 shellacking of the Belles.

Not only were the Tigers "hot-handed", shooting 55% from the floor, but, a tenacious defence kept the Belles off guard throughout the entire game.



Norma Hogg

Makes all-stars

by Kent Ritchie

The Dalhousie Women's Volleyball team travelled to University of Waterloo to compete in the 12 Annual Waterloo Invitational which took place January 11-14.

Although the team was unsuccessful in its bid to reach the semi-finals, they demonstrated that they are able to give the best in the country a run for their money. With a little more consistency and experience, the injury-riddled Tigers could have journeyed home with the silverware.

However with the experience of this tournament behind them, the Dal club which now holds down second spot in the AUAA conference with a 6-2 record, will be gunning for the title against U de Moncton (6-0) in the near future.

A highlight of the Waterloo tournament was the selection of Norma Hogg to the second All-Star team. During the tournament, Norma showed exceptional team leadership both on and off the court and strong play to merit her selection to the "dream team".

Coach MacGregor, although disappointed with not making the semi-finals, praises the players, especially the younger players, for the experience they exhibited throughout the event.

The purpose of this column is to give recognition to various Dalhousie athletes who have made outstanding contributions to their respective teams. The athletes are chosen by means of a selection committee under the direction of the Dalhousie Athletic Department.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK (Jan. 15 - Jan. 21)

KEN BICKERTON [Hockey]

Goaltender Ken Bickerton led the surging Tigers to three important wins last week, consolidating their hold on 2nd place in the AUAA Hockey League. He allowed a total of 5 goals while stopping 99 shots during those games. His brilliant play kept the team in the hunt for first place currently held by SMU Huskies who the Tigers play on Wednesday, January 24 at 8 p.m. in the Metro Centre. Bickerton, hails from Sydney and is a 3rd year Arts student.

SUSAN COX [Volleyball]

Twenty year old Charlottetown native Susan Cox, who is a 3rd year student in the School of Nursing, is last week's female athlete of the week. On Wednesday, her powerful spiking was the key to the Tigers 3-1 victory over Acadia, while on Friday, although losing 3-1 to the undefeated UNB Red Bloomers, her solid 2 way performance kept the games close. Susan is a hard hitting spiker/server and a fine defensive blocker.

Dalhousie loses on the road

This past weekend the Dal Tigers' Women's Volleyball Team hosted UNB on Friday night in their first encounter of the year. The results were anything but predictable.

It was expected that the home team would have little difficulty in disposing of the New Brunswick team in three straight games.

In the first game, UNB proved they had come to play hard, losing a tough 16-14 game to Dal. However, by playing a strategic game of getting the ball over the net and letting the other team make the mistakes, they were able to fight back.

In the second game, after surrendering a 10-5 lead to the Tigers, the Reds got tough and by showing great agility around the net roared back to a 15-10 victory, tying the match at one game apiece.

Continuing to show a lack of finesse, but steady play, the visitors held Dal at bay, winning the next two games 16-14, 15-13, to score the match 3 games to one. This brought the UNB record to 6-2, while Dal has a slate of 7-3.

Perhaps the Dal team was a little over-confident entering the match. Although the UNB squad had a record of 5-2, they had not yet met the top two teams in the league, namely U de M and Dalhousie. However, they proved to be less weak than suspected and managed to take over 2nd place.

The next home game for the Tigers is Thursday, February 1 at 7 p.m. against Acadia.

Dal wins two

by Chuck Piercey

Dalhousie's Hockey Tigers skated to two convincing wins on the road last week, and gained sole possession of second place, four points behind league leading S.M.U. Huskies. On Wednesday, January 17, the Tigers were in Antigonish and scored three unanswered goals in the third period to defeat the St. F.X. X-Men 5-2. Netting the puck for Dal were Peter Aldrich, Paul MacLean, Earl Theriault, Earl Jessiman, and Dan Weir.

The following Saturday, Dal's feline fighters were in Wolfville for an afternoon romp with the Acadia Axemen. It proved to be a fairly one-sided affair with the Tigers out-muscling and out-scoring the valley squad 8-1. Earl Theriault, who continues his team leading scoring spree, fired two markers. Louis Lavoie duplicated the feat with two blistering drives from the point. Single Dal goals came from the sticks of Ali McDonald, Earl Jessiman, Linus Fraser and Paul MacLean.

This week, the Tigers will have met the S.M.U. Huskies by press time, however, fans should be sure to see the game Saturday evening, when Dal plays St. F.X. at the Halifax Forum, 7:00 p.m.

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Dal swamps Acadia

Dalhousie's men's swimming and diving team dominated the UNB hosted Conference Invitational meet at Fredericton over the weekend. Dalhousie, with 187 points finished well ahead of the defending A.U.A.A. champion UNB Beavers, 99 and the Axemen of Acadia 78.

Biophysics doctoral student John van Buuren again led the field with four individual victories. He established a new A.U.A.A. record of 2:09.60 in winning the 200 metres butterfly; a new Dalhousie record in the 200 individual medley of 2:13.2 and also won the 100 Back and 100 Back in a back to back performance. Freshman Brian Jessop was the 'iron man' of the Dal squad with three wins in the 400 IM, 200 Backstroke and 400 Freestyle in which he improved upon his own Dal record with a 4:16.3 clocking to outduel U.N.B. star Dave Banks. Jessop further confirmed his versatility following van Buuren home in the 200 IM. Sprinter Ron Stegen was another Dal victor taking the blue ribbon 100 m Free event. Richard Hall-Jones, defending titlist in this event took second spot and also placed in both the 50 and 200 Free events. Freestyler Dan Berrigan placed well in the 200 Free and could figure prominently when the outcome of the freestyle events is determined in the A.U.A.A. championship meet in two weeks time in

Newfoundland. Giving Dal even further depth is Tom Schiebelhut who placed in the top three in the 1500 free, 400 IM and 200 Breast.

Dalhousie relay quartets won all three relay events and set new School records in both the 400 Medley and 400 Freestyle relays with Geoff Camp, David Sweett, John van Buuren and Ron Stegen combining successfully in the former and Stegen, Steve Megaffin, Hall-Jones and van Buuren in the latter.

Top female performer was Dal's Sue Mason who took the 800 and 200 Freestyle events, however illness prevented her further participation in the meet. Breaststroker Wendi Lacusta confirmed her form, setting a new Dal record in the 200 Breaststroke and placing third in the 100 m event. Other place getters included promising performances by Freestylers Lissy Rogers, Krista Daley, Lorraine Booth and Fiona Cribb whilst Janie Flynn showed consistent form in IM (individual medley), Back and Butterfly competition. Dal women finished a strong third behind Acadia and UNB and should move up to challenge these teams at the A.U.A.A.'s.

This weekend Dal concludes its A.U.A.A. dual meet league program hosting Mt. A. and Memorial at Centennial Pool at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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Dalorama

by Michael Cormier

Rules

Find the word which best suits the clue. The word begins with the letter above the clue you are dealing with. The number after each clue gives the number of letters in the word. When you get the word, try to find it in the box of letters. Circle the letters in the word. After all words have been found the quiz word will remain.

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 - People die to have this operation performed (7)
 - Jack, maggot, pie and Polish (5)
 - These ants have trouble marching (4)
- B-
 - There was plenty tea at this party (6)
- C-
 - Ribbon of rock (13)
- D-
 - Life is a prerequisite for this event (5)
- E-
 - A nestling hawk (4)
 - A breath-taking job (11)
 - Graveyard graffiti (7)
 - These sandwiches are very snappy (7)
- F-
 - A nice boat for carrying cars (5)
- G-
 - Black and white and read all over? (7)
- H-
 - They have civic pride (5)
 - Marine steering wheel (4)
- I-
 - All in the family (6)
 - Greek goddess of the rainbow (4)
- J-
 - Illegal cigarette (5)
- K-
 - One way ticket holder (8)
 - Lollipop cop (5)
- L-
 - What banks do (4)
- M-
 - This river has four l's (11)
 - Doctors do not wear these suits (11)
 - The chocolate bar that is out of this world (4)
- N-
 - A stitch in time saves this (4)
- P-
 - You cannot eat off this table (8)
 - These towels do not need to be washed (5)
 - Hair raising experience (7)
 - What a half-ton truck is (6)
- R-
 - A stereo may have one but a football team has several (9)
 - Biology, star, phone and beacon (5)
- S-
 - Calcium carbonate icicle (10)
 - The ability to hang in there (7)
 - The ninth month of the civil year (5)
- T-
 - Fowl broth (10)
 - A drummer could certainly play with this (6)
- V-
 - What marriage is (13)
- Y-
 - Almost a year (3)



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What you should do for your study break (9)