

Forget talks, Dal students and profs want action

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

With drums, noise makers and a giant shoe, students at the National Day of Action made it clear that tuition increases must stop.

Between 200 and 300 students attended the protest held Tuesday, Jan. 27. The atmosphere was energetic as the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS)

rallied the troops and marched from King's College to the Provincial Legislature chanting, "Hey-hey, ho-ho, tuition fees have got to go".

Although Dalhousie students were not officially involved, many attended the protests.

Prior to the event, the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) released a statement saying they were not participating in, or endorsing, the

protest. But many Dalhousie students, instructors and faculty were there waving signs and shouting slogans.

Told about the DSU's decision not to support the protest, Ian Dares, a first-year Dalhousie student, was surprised.

"How does the DSU know what 10,000 students want?" he asked.

Bernice Martin, another Dalhousie student at the protest, agreed.

"I'd like to see where [the DSU] gets its polling information from," she said.

DSU vice-president academic/external, Kevin Lacey, explained the DSU's position.

"We at Dalhousie have worked hard this year to build a relationship with the government, so that students can be part of the process," he said.

"It is time to build bridges to the government, not barriers."

But some people feel that the DSU's membership in the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) — the CFS's main political rival — and Lacey's role as CASA's Atlantic regional

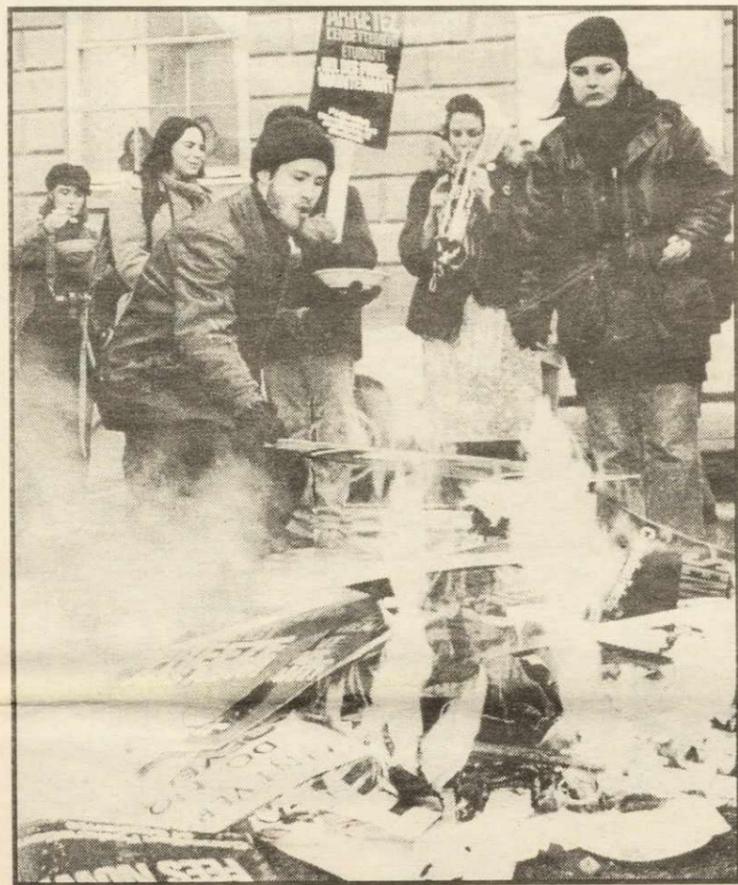
director, clouded the DSU's judgement regarding the protest.

Dalhousie Economics professor, Mike Bradfield, sees the protest as an important step towards change.

"You only get things from politicians by getting their attention. The only thing that gets their attention is the possibility that they will lose votes," Bradfield said.

Andrew Wainwright, an English professor at Dalhousie, was in attendance and said he supports the protest.

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Students participating in the National Day of Action protest fuel a fire in the driveway of the Provincial Legislature. (Photo by Matt Barrie)

Prof strike still a possibility

Negotiations down to the wire

BY KAVERI GUPTA AND SHELLEY ROBINSON

Negotiations between the University and professors' remain stalled as the final deadline for settlement draws near.

Jan. 30 is the last scheduled meeting between the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the Board of Governors. If an agreement is not reached on that day, a one-day conciliator will be brought in. And if the conciliation fails to bring about agreement the process for potential lock-outs and strikes is set in motion.

The negotiations, which hinge on professors' salaries and avoiding cuts to faculty positions, reached an impasse Jan. 19 following the DFA's rejection of the Board's latest

financial offer.

Dr. Ismet Urgusal, president of the DFA, says the welfare of students is central to assessing the costs of a strike.

"Strike is an undesirable choice, [but] it may be necessary.

"The faculty don't want to strike because we care about the students...our main objective is to give a good education to them," he said. "We would hope...students realize our position and support us."

Urgusal says that competitive wages are needed to attract and retain good teaching staff, and that in the long run uncompetitive salaries are as much of a disruption to quality education as a strike would be.

"It's disgraceful that we are so dimly paid," he said. "Nova Scotian teachers are amongst the highest paid [now that they have reached their agreement] and Dalhousie professors

are among the lowest in Canada with comparable schools."

With talks coming to a close, Dr. Michael Cross, chief negotiator for the DFA, says the time available for settlement is "very down to the wire".

University spokesperson Michelle Gallant disagrees.

"It is absolutely premature to be talking about strike...both parties are working towards a settlement."

The DFA executive says it is waiting until all options of settlement are exhausted before setting a strike vote. Should an agreement fail to be reached, the association executive will meet Feb. 2 to discuss further action.

Gallant says talks so far have been productive, and she is pleased with their progress. Gallant refuses to address the possibility of talks breaking down.

"You're asking me to speculate and it's inappropriate to do that."

Acadia faculty, administration negotiate under pressure

BY MICHAEL NASH

WOLFVILLE (CUP) — Following an overwhelming rejection of the administration's latest offer by the Acadia University faculty, contract negotiations have resumed at a heightened pace.

On Jan. 20, 97 per cent of the 171 faculty members voting rejected the latest offer. And 95 per cent of 163 participating faculty members cast ballots in favour of setting a strike vote for Feb. 2 and 3, providing a tentative agreement is not reached by that time.

According to Jim Sacouman,

president of Acadia's Faculty Association, the tallies indicate "overwhelming support" for the faculty negotiating team and its executive.

Talks between faculty and representatives of the Board of Governors resumed Jan. 24, and are expected to continue until today. The sides had previously been at a standstill. A provincially-appointed conciliator was called in earlier this month to help the two sides reach an agreement, but left after just two days when the sides deadlocked over what was on the table for negotiations.

As with previous talks, no

details are being released to the media.

"All I can say is that talks are continuing, and that's information in itself," Sacouman said.

Acadia students have been frustrated with the lack of progress in contract negotiations, which started last fall. Earlier this month they staged a day-long sit-in at an administration building, and there have been calls for the resignations of both Sacouman and Acadia president Kelvin Olgilvie.

Acadia Student Union president Paul Black says he welcomes the resumed talks. And while he says he is concerned

about the tight time frame under which negotiations are taking place, he adds that the looming deadline could spur action.

"[It] may lend some urgency to the matter," Black said.

Acadia's president says it is important that the two sides are talking.

"The only way progress can occur is if the two teams are at the bargaining table and we will hope that progress can be made," Olgilvie said.

The two main issues of contention between faculty and administration are salaries and the language of the new contract.

The faculty is calling for a five

per cent raise retroactive to last November and for each of the next two years. The administration is only willing to give faculty the five per cent retroactive raise, with smaller increases in each of the next two years.

Faculty also say the wording of the new contract may radically alter some of the fundamental operations of the university, such as grievance procedures and tenure.

"The Board of Governors is attempting to eliminate Acadia's traditional collegial process of university governance and academic freedom," Sacouman stated in a press release last week.

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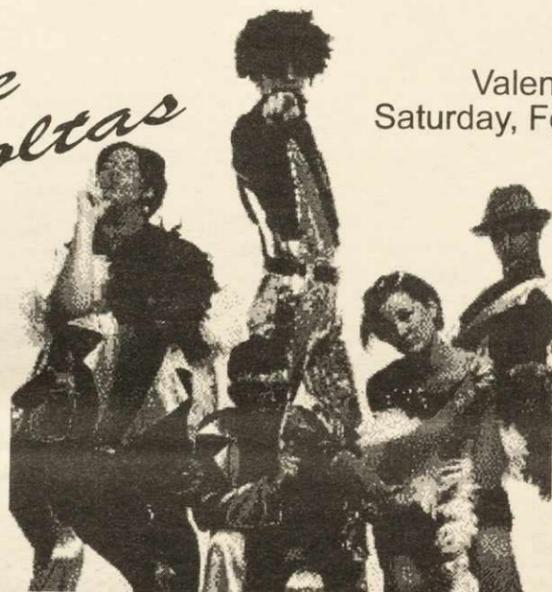
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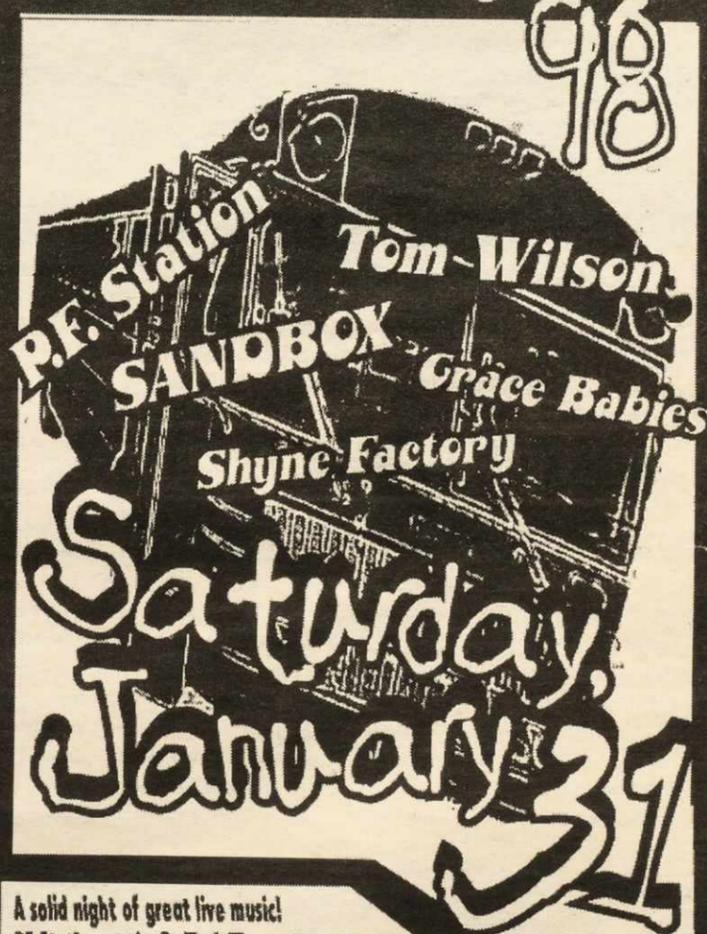
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U of T student with child porn faces possible jail term

BY LOREN ALBAN

TORONTO (CUP) — A third year University of Toronto engineering student may go to jail for downloading child pornography onto his university computer account.

The 21-year-old student, who downloaded over 300 pornographic images featuring children onto the university's engineering computer system, was in a Toronto court on Jan. 20 to be handed down his sentence.

He had already plead guilty to possession of child pornography after being arrested last March.

But when Judge Mary Hogan was faced with making a ruling — either 12 to 18 months in jail at the request of the Crown or a conditional sentence as suggested by the defence lawyer — she couldn't decide.

"There are some very serious issues here," she said after hearing over an hour of arguments from both sides. "Given the options that I have, I consider it very serious."

Pushing a jail sentence, Crown

attorney Jon Ball gave the judge her fill of images of child pornography downloaded by defendant Tony Crewe.

"Is there any point in my seeing any more?" she asked the Crown, breaking the silence in a near empty courtroom after viewing a few images from the laptop of witness Sgt. David Lorbetzkie.

Ball thought so. In addition to providing Hogan with electronic images and hard copies in a 59-page document, he also described a sampling of the 317 images.

"When I'm handling it, I feel like I'm handling a time bomb. It could explode at any moment," Ball said about the images which included young girls with semen on their faces performing fellatio on men, men penetrating young girls anally and vaginally, men penetrating boys anally and bondage scenes.

The one text document found in the student's computer account was the first chapter of *Daddy's Girl*, a story of sexual abuse of a girl at the hands of her step-father.

"There was no school work on the files that I could see," said Sgt.

Lorbetzkie. "These images you've seen are just about as bad as it gets."

In pushing for a jail term, Ball emphasized how child pornography can sometimes be used by pedophiles as either fuel for their sexual fantasies or to groom their

victims. And although Ball admitted that a doctor's assessment of Crewe shows that he is most aroused by sexual images involving adult women, he says there is still a danger element.

"The possession is extremely

dangerous to young children," Ball said.

The saga began last March after an employee at the engineering computer facilities alerted campus police about irregularities in the

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Student action raises eyebrows

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"As teachers, students are our concern and we need to support them in these types of actions."

Both professors took it upon themselves to e-mail and encourage their students to support the protest.

The Atlantic contingent of the protest was largely organized by Jessica Squires (Nova Scotia College of Art and Design) and Penny McCall Howard (King's College).

At the protest, Howard spoke about the importance of a university education.

"If they don't stop increasing tuition, students won't be able to contribute to society."

Squires was disappointed with the DSU's decision not to support the event.

"I don't think taking your frustrations out on a wall is a particularly effective thing to do," Squires said, referring to the "debt wall of protest" erected in the Student Union Building (SUB) lobby last week.

"[Protesting] is a tried, true and completely effective way to get your message across to the government," she said.

"Negotiations usually come down

to the lowest common denominator," agreed Martin.

Dalhousie pulled out of the CFS approximately two years ago. Presently the CFS has 400,000 members —

rest of the way to the legislature.

Once in front of the legislature, guest speakers spoke about student debt. 30 minutes later, the large mass had withered to less than 100 participants.

Among those remaining was NDP education critic Eileen O'Connell. Asked why she came, O'Connell said that student debt is an important issue to the NDP. She then went on to speak about the absence of the other political parties.

"It seems to indicate that education isn't the priority that it should be for this government," she said.

The CFS did not invite politicians to this protest because they tend to steal the spotlight.

But Squires says that if politicians really cared about students they would attend.

"Everyone knew about the protest, it would have been filtered down through the channels. If they choose to stay home, then that is their choice."

They had signs, they made noise, they got a lot of attention and they had a big shoe. They cooked bagels over a fire on the Province House driveway, which the fire department was called in to extinguish. And in addition to all that, they sent a message to government in Ottawa and Nova Scotia.



Photo by Matt Barrie

double that of CASA.

The parade began at King's, headed into the Dalhousie Quad area and briefly stopped in front of the SUB before continuing towards downtown Halifax.

When the students hit Spring Garden Rd., excitement rose and they took over the entire street, causing motorists to stop and wait. The police attempted to restore order, telling students to get back on the sidewalk, but students controlled the streets the

News in brief

Dal students assist McGill storm victims

The Dalhousie Student Union has taken an active role in assisting victims of the 1998 ice-storm that swept much of Quebec and Eastern Ontario earlier this month.

Many students living in Montreal lost most of their perishable food items as a direct result of lack of electricity.

"After speaking with some of our constituents from McGill University, we realized that if the shoe were on the other foot, we would appreciate any kind of help students from other schools could offer," said Bridgette McCaig, executive vice-president of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU). "We decided to collect household items in our student union building and send these items up to Montreal via the Red Cross."

McCaig adds that the generosity of Dalhousie students was evident last week after the DSU collected boxes of household items in a matter of hours.

Landmark Catering, the company that provides most of the food service in the Student Union Building, donated five cents per beverage on one particular day and the DSU sent an additional \$500 to the McGill Student Association.

"The DSU has sent out a challenge to all Canadian Universities, hoping that they will follow suit and donate money and/or household items to the schools who have been through this disaster."

Dal among top 5 on endowment list

Dalhousie University receives the fifth largest amount of money in endowment funds amongst the Canadian Universities.

Vice-president finance and administration Bryan Mason recently released a paper that outlined Dalhousie's economic standing relating to the endowment funds. Toronto, UBC, McGill and Alberta are the only other Canadian universities that receive more money than Dalhousie from their endowment funds.

Endowments are financial gifts that are donated to the university by individuals or corporations. Although this sounds very impressive, it is important to realize that Dalhousie only spends what it earns off these investments. Dalhousie must also adhere to the contributors request for the purpose of the money.

In total, Dalhousie has 735 separate endowments that total \$183.6-million with the five Killam endowments comprising the largest portion at 45 per cent (\$82.5-million).

The total figure of the endowment then comes in under \$9-million, student support receiving the largest percentage of that money (more than a third). Nevertheless, according to Bryan Mason, "It is a very great asset for such a modestly-sized University."

CKDU kicks-off funding drive

Dalhousie's radio station kicks off its annual funding drive this Friday, Jan. 30 with a free concert for Dal students.

CKDU will begin its annual funding drive with a concert in the lobby of the Student Union Building from 1 to 5 p.m. The event will include a mixture of live bands and djs. Moon Socket, Buck 65 and the Shysters will perform in between sets by djs Nick Nonsense and Brendan James. CKDU is hoping to raise \$50,000 at this year's drive. To show your support, call the pledge line at 494-2779.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DSU CONSTITUTION

NOTICE OF MOTION(1)

Be It Resolved That: Effective May 1, 1998, Section 2, By-Law IV, Sub-Section 2 be changed to read the following:

2. The Council shall include the following people, who must be members of the Union paying the Union fee applicable to full-time students at the time of their election and during their term in Office, and who shall be elected by the membership:

- a) the President;
- b) the Executive Vice-President;
- c) the Vice-President Internal;
- d) the Vice-President Student Advocacy;
- e) the Vice-President Community Affairs;
- f) two (2) student members of the Board of Governors;
- g) three (3) student Senate representatives.

Moved by: Christopher Adams

Seconded by: Bridgette McCaig

NOTICE OF MOTION(2)

Be It Resolved That: Effective May 1, 1998, Section 2, By-Law V, Sub-Section 1 be changed to read:

1. The Executive shall consist of:

- a) the Officers;
- b) the Vice-President Student Advocacy;
- c) the Vice-President Internal;
- and d) the Vice-President Community Affairs.

Moved by: Christopher Adams

Seconded by: Bridgette McCaig

NOTICE OF MOTION(3)

Be It Resolved That: Effective May 1, 1998, By-Law V, Section 8, Article (a) be changed from 'shall be 3 members' to 'shall be 4 members'.

Moved by: Christopher Adams

Seconded by: Bridgette McCaig

NOTICE OF MOTION(4)

Be It Resolved That: Effective May 1, 1998, Section 2, By-Law III, Sub-Section 4 and 5 be changed to read:

4. The Executive Vice-President shall be the deputy chief executive officer of the Union and shall be charged particularly with the responsibility for the overall operation of the Student Union Building and its services.

5. Without restricting the generality of section 4 above, the Executive Vice-President shall:

- (a) Chair the Malcolm Honour Awards Committee;
- (b) be a non-voting member of all special events committees;
- (c) Chair the SUB Operations Committee;
- (d) Chair the Recruitment Committee;
- (e) be responsible particularly for the implementation and observance of the Faculty Graduating Class regulation;
- (f) annually, in consultation with the executive and the Executive Administrator, review and if necessary revise the terms of reference of full-time staff members of the Union;
- (g) represent the Union on the Alumni Board of Directors;
- (h) perform such other duties as the Council may from time to time determine; and
- (i) submit a final report to council no later than April 15th in the year she/he completes their term.

Moved by: Christopher Adams

Seconded by: Bridgette McCaig

NOTICE OF MOTION(5)

Be It Resolved That: Effective May 1, 1998, Section 2, By-Law XIII, Sub-Section 4, Article (b) be changed to read the following:

(b) each Executive member will take responsibility for certain portfolios:

- (i) Sub-Ops Policy - Executive Vice-President
- (ii) Financial Policy - Treasurer
- (iii) Issues Policy - President
- (iv) Academic and External Policy - Vice-President Student Advocacy
- (v) Community Affairs Policy - Vice-President Community Affairs
- (vi) Communications Policy - Vice-President Internal

Moved by: Christopher Adams

Seconded by: Bridgette McCaig

NOTICE OF MOTION(6)

Be It Resolved That: wherever the words 'General Manager' appear in the DSU Constitution, they be replaced by the words 'Executive Administrator'.

Moved by: Christopher Adams

Seconded by: Bridgette McCaig

NOTICE OF MOTION(7)

Be It Resolved That: Effective May 1, 1998, Section 2, By-Law IV, Sub-Section 17 and 18 be repealed.

Moved by: Christopher Adams

Seconded by: Bridgette McCaig

For Information:

17) Councillors shall have an email account and it is the responsibility of the Vice-President Internal to help Councillors become familiar using resources available on the Internet.

18) All Councillors shall submit a photo, or make arrangements to have a photo taken by DSU Photo. Photos of Councillors shall be placed on the DSU Web Site and shall be posted on a bulletin board in the Student Union Building.

The following are the proposed terms of reference for the VP positions:

Responsibilities of Vice-Presidents

1. This Regulation shall be referred to as the "Responsibilities of Vice-Presidents."

2. The Vice-President Student Advocacy shall:

- (a) be responsible to the Council for the development and formulation of policy on academic matters;
- (b) Chair the Academic/External Affairs Committee;
- (c) sit ex-officio on Senate as a representative of the Student Union;
- (d) sit as the Union's representative on the following Senate committees:
 - (i) Senate Academic Priorities and Budget Committee
 - (ii) Senate Committee on Academic Administration
- (e) when required, represent the Union on various administrative, Faculty, and Senate committees;
- (f) be responsible to Council for the development and formulation of policy on External matters;
- (g) at the pleasure of Council, act as a delegate at all conferences of External organizations of which the Union is a member;
- (h) be responsible for the distribution and dissemination of information provided by affiliated External organizations of which the Union is a member;
- (i) represent the interests and policies of the Union and its membership during policy formulation by External organizations of which the Union is a member;
- (j) submit a final report to council no later than April 15th of the year she/he completes their term.

3. The Vice-President Community Affairs shall:

- (a) be responsible to the Council for the development and formulation of policy on community relations;
- (b) Chair the Community Affairs Committee;
- (c) act as a liaison between the Union and various community organizations and volunteer groups concerned with the development of a better community in the metropolitan area;
- (d) encourage the participation of members of the Union in the activities of these organizations;
- (e) be responsible for the operation of the Clown Troupe, Tiger Pride and Varsity Activities;
- (f) be responsible for organizing an annual charity event;
- (g) be responsible for organizing the Union's Annual Student Appreciation Night;
- (h) be responsible for the activities organized by the Union, such as Council may from time to time determine;
- (i) act as the Dalhousie Shinerama Campaign Co-Director;
- (j) be responsible for organizing the University's annual Homecoming and Winter Carnival Celebrations, and the Charity Ball;
- (k) submit a final report to council no later than April 15th of the year she/he completes their term.

4. The Vice-President Internal shall:

- a) Be responsible to Council for the development and formulation of policy on communication matters;
- b) Be responsible for facilitating communication between members of the Union, including but not limited to all DSU departments, the Council, the Executive, student societies, clubs and organizations recognized by the Union, and committees of the Union and the general student body;
- c) Be responsible for overseeing, coordinating, and promoting the following communication activities of the Union on a regular basis:
 - i) DSU bulletin boards, in conjunction with SUB Ops;
 - ii) electronic sign board;
 - iii) distribution of promotion materials (such as posters);
 - iv) public service announcements;
 - v) Union advertising in student media;
 - vi) society mailouts and e-mails;
- d) Sit on Academic/External Affairs Committee, Course Evaluation Committee, and the Community Affairs Committee;
- e) Be a non-voting member of the Grants Committee;
- f) Be responsible for the Recognition of Organizations Regulation;

- g) Act as the main liaison between the Student Union and societies, and assist the Union's societies in coordinating their activities in a reliable and productive manner;
- h) Sit as Vice-Chair on the Daltech Board; i) Chair the Lower Campus Lounge Society and the Communications Committee;
- j) Hold office hours on the Studley and Sextant Campuses of the University;
- k) Assist the President and VP Student Advocacy in the formulation of Academic Policy.
- l) Submit a final report to council no later than April 15 of the year he/she completes their term.

5. In addition to those duties specified in this Regulation, the Vice-President and Coordinators shall perform such other duties as are specified in the By-Laws and Regulations or are determined from time to time by the President, Executive, or the Council.

6. The Vice-Presidents shall each receive an honorarium pursuant to the Financial Regulation.

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McGill to weigh the option of privatization

BY SONIA VERMA

MONTREAL (CUP) — A radical proposal to privatize McGill University by raising tuition fees to \$10,000 and slashing enrollment was among options discussed by the university's highest governing body to deal with their growing deficit.

Discussions at the Board of Governors' meeting later this month will serve as a follow up to a meeting where McGill principal, Bernard Shapiro presented a report that sparked much debate over the university's

fiscal future.

Shapiro presented four options in an attempt to wrestle down McGill's accumulated operating deficit of over \$60-million while generating revenue in the face of a province-wide tuition freeze.

Included among Shapiro's strategies are the lowering of admission standards, bringing in more students, and the reduction of expenses by allowing staff, professors and student resources to deplete.

But it is Shapiro's last two suggestions which have sparked the most controversy.

One strategy involves

increasing revenue through a substantial tuition hike that would bring it up to the national average of \$3,200 and expanding McGill's \$500-million endowment fund to sustain faculty levels and secure resources.

Under another option, 5,000 students would pay \$10,000 a year to attend a privately-funded university.

There are approximately 30,000 students currently attending McGill.

Pierre Belanger, vice-principal of research and graduate studies, says there is definitely a positive

side to privatization.

"The advantages are very clear," he said. "It gets you away from the government's funding...[since they] can turn the tap on and off at will."

But Shapiro says that, for now, privatization isn't a reasonable goal.

"The notion itself could be imagined. The

question is, is it suitable or is it possible," he said. "My sense is that it would be too much of a break from the status quo."

This is not the first time the president has put a proposal for McGill's privatization on the table for discussion.

In September 1995, he released a discussion paper on the university's future which included a 25-point restructuring plan. The plan called for "substantially higher tuition fees," lower enrollment and "a more decentralized McGill in which only faculties capable of generating the revenues required to sustain them would be supported."

That sparked students to issue a response in their own discussion paper.

In it, they argued that academic innovation, accessibility, and curriculum diversity are integral to a high-quality education. These would all be severely jeopardized in a private setting, the report stated.

Shapiro acknowledges that the present option to privatize is

closely modeled after his earlier model, adding that vigorous opposition leveled two years ago makes the option unlikely.

But Matthew Bergbusch, president of McGill's graduate student union, says there is an alarming trend in the administration's response to collapsing

provincial grants — a consistent move towards privatization in the face of student opposition.

"The situation is dealt with by the administration where excellence is defined as the capacity to be economically self-supporting," he said. "We would maintain that a university that is not diverse or accessible is not an excellent university. A university where tuition fees rise is not an excellent university."

Bergbusch says he is also critical of the option which allows for the substantial tuition increase to \$3,200.

"We are completely opposed to raising tuition fees, even marginally," he said.

Tara Newell, president of the undergraduate student union, agrees.

"We're really being given no option here," she said. "The options are portrayed as being very bleak."

The principal framed the discussion that way and all of the options are about increasing tuition."

"A university where tuition fees rise is not an excellent university"

Memorial fundraising efforts on fire

BY KIP BONNELL

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Memorial University is close to reaching the \$25-million target set for its largest fundraising endeavour ever, but it's getting there with the help of what some say is tainted money.

Imasco Ltd. of Canada has given Memorial's Opportunity Fund a gift of \$200,000. The parent company of well-known firms such as Shoppers Drug Mart and Hardee's restaurants, the Imasco business empire also includes Imperial Tobacco, producer of the DuMaurier and Player's cigarette brands.

With a market share of almost two-thirds, Imperial Tobacco is the largest manufacturer of cigarettes and tobacco products in Canada.

And for some people, tobacco money is dirty money.

"We all know the dangers of smoking and we all know what age group the tobacco industry targets — young people," said Eric LeGresley, a member of the Ottawa-based lobby group, Non-Smokers Rights Association.

"By accepting this money, Memorial is contributing to a climate of acceptability of these corporations."

Tobacco companies have been coming under increased public scrutiny in the wake of a number of alarming revelations. On Jan. 16, documents came to the media's attention which revealed that Toronto-based

RJR-Macdonald Inc.

commissioned market

research on teenagers

between 1979 and

1987. And on the

Jan. 20 episode of the

Fifth Estate, it was

reported that both

RJR-Macdonald and

Imperial Tobacco

were complicit in the

smuggling of

cigarettes into

Ontario.

Imasco's

contribution

to \$50-million.

May says the university is not about to make a "value judgement" when it comes to Imasco's association with the tobacco industry.

"There are many things people have objection to," he said. "Smoking is no different...I don't think I should substitute a personal standard of morality and refuse a sum of money that could do some good."

Imasco has made donations to a number of Canadian universities, ranging from \$500 to \$1.2-million. This has most recently caused concern at the University of Toronto, which has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations from the company.

And U of T's president, Robert Prichard, is a member of Imasco's Board of Directors. Medical faculty at the university have called on him in the past to resign his directorship.

The issue of donations from tobacco companies was first raised when Memorial's Opportunity Fund was launched in March of last year.

At that time John Crosbie, Memorial's chancellor, said it didn't matter where any money came from.

"We don't care where the donations come from as long as we get a donation," the former federal cabinet minister said. "Money is money and if there is a donation to be had and somebody wants to make a donation, then I don't see why we wouldn't accept their money."

With files from

David Cochrane and the *Varsity*

to the fund,

confirmed by

company spokesperson

Diane Gatineau, was

news to Memorial

president Art May. But

he was quick to point

out the benefits of

such a large gift.

"We're glad to have the

money," he said. "This means we

can put it to use with things like

scholarships and academic

endowments."

Money from the Opportunity

Fund will go towards

scholarships, a new student centre

and an athletic facility at

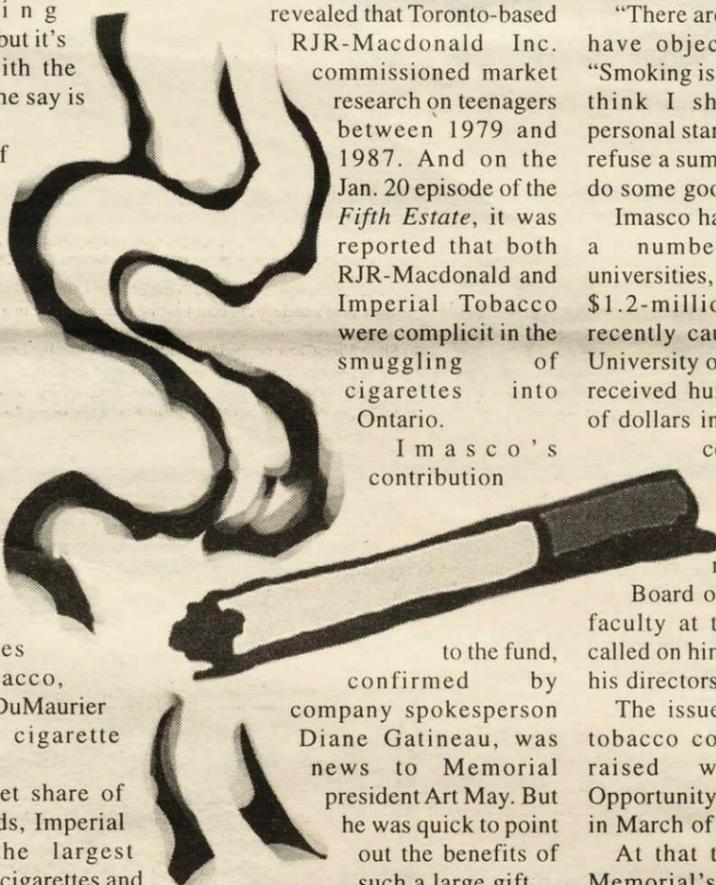
Memorial. The Newfoundland

government has agreed to match

all campaign contributions on a

dollar-for-dollar basis, which

would potentially push the total



Electronic "possession"

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student's account.

"Something happened to make someone trip over it," said Phil Poulas, a systems administrator at the faculty of engineering's computing facilities.

He said staff routinely clear the system's hard drive when it gets filled up.

"They stand out if they have 10 times the amount of memory use."

Under Canada's criminal code, it is legal to view child pornography, but not to possess it. Downloading images off of the Internet onto a hard drive or floppy disk constitutes possession.

Crewe, who also copied the files onto a disk, plead guilty and was granted bail on the condition that he not use computers.

But matters were confounded in mid-December when one of his friends alerted police about eight files she had just found on her computer. Both in violation of his bail terms and against the law, the defendant admitted that he downloaded these child pornographic images in August.

"You have to go search for it," said Sgt. Lorbetskie about the

images from the Child Pedophilia: Boy Sex Internet news group.

It is this lapse over which the judge expressed unease.

"What about August?" the judge asked the defence lawyer pushing against a jail term. "The picture you paint is he's intelligent, curious. Okay, once. But it ought to have been a shock to any intelligent university student who was exploring everything out here."

Still, the defence lawyer emphasized the student's intelligence and downplayed the potential for danger.

"You're dealing here with a 21-year-old, a third-year engineering student," the defence lawyer said, adding that he performed very well on his Christmas exams.

"There is no evidence of any inclination on his part to realize these fantasies," he added, pointing to his medical assessment and biometric test. "There is not sufficient danger to the community, with his promising education, to impose incarceration."

The maximum sentence in a possession case is 18 months.

With files from Sarah Schmidt

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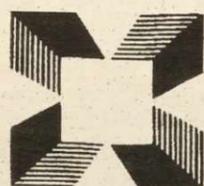


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DSU General Elections

DSU President

The President is the chief executive officer of the Union. This person sits on the Senate, Board of Governors, Faculty & School Councils and all committees of the Union. The President issues policies and enforces the DSU Constitution including its By-Laws, Regulations and Act of Incorporation. He/she is the official voice of the Union representing the student body as a whole.

CURRENT

DSU Executive Vice President

The Executive VP is responsible for overseeing all DSU services and the operation of the SUB. They chair the SUB Operations, Honor Awards, Lower Campus Lounge and Recruitment committees, as well as sitting on the Grants and Special Events committees. The Executive VP oversees registration and acts as a liaison with Dalhousie societies.

DSU Vice President Community Affairs

The VP of Community Affairs is responsible for promoting and developing community relations. This person develops, organizes and promotes charity events, clubs, societies, and special activities for the DSU. They are also responsible for maintaining communication between the Union, the student body and the community.

DSU Vice President Academic/External

The VP Academic/External is responsible for the formulation of policy on academic and external matters. This person acts as a liaison with faculty, external organizations and government for students. They also chair the Academic/External Affairs Committee and represent the Union on the Faculty Committee and Senate.

Senate Representatives (3 Positions)

Represents the student body in matters concerning academic policies and priorities at Dalhousie. They participate in the academic, financial and physical planning of the University as student Senate Reps.

PROPOSED

DSU Executive Vice President

The proposed Executive VP will focus on the management of the Union and its services. They will maintain the portfolio of the current position with the exception of society responsibilities and will no longer sit on the Grants and Lower Campus Lounge committees.

DSU Vice President Community Affairs

The proposed VP Community Affairs will maintain the current portfolio with the exception of DSU Communication Policy.

DSU VP Student Advocacy

The proposed VP Student Advocacy will take on the portfolio of the VP Academic/External. They will represent and actively lobby for student interests within the university and during policy making of external organizations.

DSU VP Internal

The VP Internal will be responsible for DSU Communication Policy and act as the liaison between DalTech, student societies and the Union. This person will be responsible for all communications in the SUB, as well as between Council, the Executive, student societies, clubs, committees and the student body. They will also chair the Lower Campus Lounge Society, be Vice-chair of the DalTech Board and sit on the Grants Committee.

Board of Governors Representatives (2 Positions)

Represents the student body in Board matters such as responsible fiscal administration of the university, community interests and public politics.

GENERAL MEETING

The proposed positions are to be ratified by a General Meeting open to all Dalhousie students. This meeting will be held Thursday, February 12th at 5:00pm in the Green Room of the Dalhousie SUB.

NOMINATION WEEK

February 16th to February 20th. Nomination forms can be picked up that week in the DSU Council office on the second floor of the SUB and at the DalTech Student Union, Office #J126 in the F.H. Sexton Gymnasium.

WHO CAN RUN?

The positions are open to all Dalhousie and DalTech students, full-time and part-time, graduate and undergraduate.

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March 3rd to March 10th

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They may be reached through the DSU Council office.

UVic teaching assistants launch unionization drive

BY MARY VALLIS

VICTORIA (CUP) — Teaching assistants at another Canadian university have launched a unionization drive in the wake of painful cutbacks.

Earlier this month, signing cards were distributed to teaching assistants at the University of Victoria — the first step towards unionizing an estimated 900 academic workers on the campus with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

Under the B.C. Labour Code, organizers have to collect signatures from 55 per cent of the university's TAs before they can be considered for certification by the province's Labour Relations Board. An application can then be made to CUPE.

"So far, we've had a fairly positive

response from people," said drive organizer, Jodi Jensen.

Teaching assistants at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario recently launched a unionization drive of their own, fearing the impact of budget cuts in their province.

And TAs and part-time instructors at Dalhousie are unionized, but are calling for a strike vote to protest low wages.

Jensen says the union drive at UVic is the result of recent cutbacks in jobs and wages, which have intensified long-standing dissatisfaction among TAs.

UVic teaching assistants have seen teaching hours, office hours and lab sections evaporate in the wake of campus-wide cuts, and as a result have seen their wages drop by as much as 20 per cent.

In the chemistry department, for example, the TA work-term has been cut to 14 weeks from 17. And the number of TA positions in the biology department has dropped from 43 to 33.

Because of cuts like these, Peter Lane, a member of CUPE who is also involved in the drive, says the organizing effort is getting support from non-traditional areas.

"When TA unions have organized on other campuses, they've tended to be really successful in arts and met with apprehension in sciences," Lane said. But at UVic, science students have been among the most vocal in favour of organizing.

There is no minimum pay level for TAs at UVic. The average wage is \$16 per hour (though wages are calculated at a salary amount for the semester).

Jensen says the average wage at the University of British Columbia, where teaching assistants are unionized, is \$25 an hour.

Simon Holgate, vice president of the graduate student union, says teaching assistants across campus are concerned with arbitrary decisions being made about their jobs without formal input from the TAs themselves.

A survey commissioned by the student union last fall found that more than 85 per cent of respondents were in favor of a collective bargaining structure.

"It's time to negotiate a real contract," said Laurel Clouston, a chemistry graduate student and TA.

"There's a long history of

dissatisfaction on campus," Jensen said.

"[Teaching assistants] haven't been able to resolve problems and they keep recurring."

It has been difficult to organize the TAs on campus, she adds, because they have such short job terms and high turnover rates.

UVic vice president of academics Penny Coddling would not comment on the unionization drive.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees represents TAs on 20 campuses across Canada. Jensen says UVic, with the exception of Alberta schools, is one of the only large universities in Canada where TAs aren't unionized.

Memorial investigation finds prof abused student

BY DAVID COCHRANE

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — A Memorial University professor has been suspended for one month without pay after a university investigation found that he harassed and slandered one of his students.

But Aziz Rahman of the engineering department has appealed the decision and the matter will be heard by an arbitrator before the suspension can be carried out.

A formal complaint was filed against Rahman in August 1996 by Rokonzaman, an engineering graduate student. Rokonzaman, or Rokon as he is known, accused Rahman of "exploiting his academic, personal and professional life" since 1995 while serving as the student's graduate advisor.

"I was humiliated and I suffered tremendous psychological damage over that," Rokon said.

Rokon came to Canada from Bangladesh in 1993 with the help of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). He was also on paid leave from the Bangladesh Institute of Technology, where he works as a lecturer.

Shortly after Rokon submitted his master's thesis in the spring of 1995, he says Rahman asked him to paint his house. Rokon refused, citing a medical condition and saying it was improper for a professor to ask students to do domestic work. Rokon says Rahman wouldn't take no for an answer and pressured the graduate student to do chores.

"I realized that as long as I was his graduate student, I would be plagued with a perpetual fear of having to perform domestic chores for him," Rokon wrote in his notice of complaint.

Rokon also accused Rahman of arbitrarily changing the thesis topic he had prepared for his PhD program, as well as providing inaccurate and defamatory information in progress reports to the development agency.

He also said Rahman gave false information to local police when Rokon was being investigated for allegations of spousal abuse during 1996 and 1997.

Rokon was later acquitted of all

"I [was] plagued with a perpetual fear of having to perform domestic chores for him,"

charges.

Rokon's initial request for a full investigation of his complaint was initially denied by Greg Kealey, the dean of graduate studies.

In a letter to Rokon, Kealey said some of Rahman's actions "left themselves open to interpretation" but that he could not find enough confirmation of the complaints to warrant a formal investigation.

Not satisfied with Kealey's response, Rokon wrote to Jaap Tuinman, Memorial's vice-president academic, and asked him to pursue the matter. Last summer Tuinman asked Christine Fagan, a local lawyer, to do an independent investigation of Rokon's complaints.

In November Tuinman wrote to Rokon to tell him Rahman had been suspended for mistreating the student. Tuinman specifically pointed to Rahman's asking Rokon to paint his house, tampering with the student's PhD program, providing incorrect information about Rokon's immigration status, making inaccurate

and inflammatory statements to the police and making gratuitous, incorrect and damaging statements about Rokon in reports to the development agency.

"I concluded that Dr. Rahman's attempts to discredit and harm you were a serious abuse of his position as a professor and constituted totally unacceptable conduct," Tuinman wrote in the Nov. 27 letter.

Rahman is refusing to comment on the allegations until after the matter goes to arbitration. He is, however, maintaining his innocence and says he will be cleared of any wrong-doing.

"I have never experienced in my lifetime this sort of a story," Rahman said in an interview. "But it is a part of life working in a university such as Memorial."

"I have done nothing wrong. Nothing."

Rokon, of course, disagrees. He says the professor got off easy and should have been suspended for at least a year or even lost his job. He adds that if Rahman doesn't receive a harsher punishment he may take the issue to court. The grad student says he is also considering a civil case against Rahman to get compensation for the damage he says has been done to his reputation.

"I'm not happy with that outcome," Rokon said. "I have gone through this process and I have suffered humiliation and embarrassment."

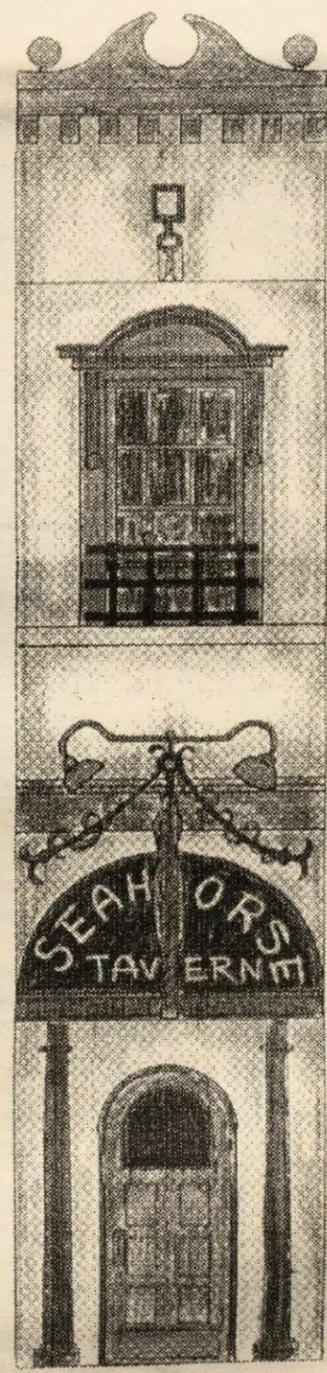
Rahman has appealed his suspension and the case will go to two separate arbitration hearings. At the first hearing, scheduled for mid-February, Rahman will challenge Tuinman's right to appoint Fagan, a person from outside the university, to do a fact-finding study of an internal complaint. The second hearing, scheduled for March, will challenge the suspension itself.

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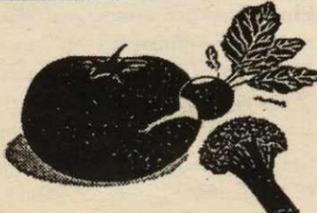
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A series of seemingly unrelated events have taken place over the last two weeks which we will reveal were part of a grand pantomime planned and orchestrated by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

The CFS recently staged their *National Day of Action*, supposedly to protest high tuition fees. But theirs is a sinister agenda, centered around the spread of subversive and misleading information.

The CFS is a media agency contracted out by high-paying, high-powered customers to generate publicity around a variety of non-issues, distracting the public from the truth. They use diversionary catch-phrases like "tuition fees", "student debt", and "spending cutbacks" to distract a naive yet well-intentioned public from crucial issues like the Super Bowl, Clinton sex scandals, the Team Canada trade mission, the Pope's visit to Cuba, Iraq, Ted Turner, and Canadian bank mergers.

At the risk of great personal harm, it is our intention to expose the bizarre connections between these people and events, and the conspiracies which have kept them from you.

Super Bowl XXXII is a good place to start.

During the Pope's visit to Cuba, some of Nike's top-ranking executives paid a visit to the pontiff. Apparently the Vatican bets heavily on the event, and the Pope informed Nike that God was definitely a Denver fan.

The company had to react quickly, adjusting the planned outcome of the game to fit His wishes.

At the end of the four-hour commercial, an appreciative John Elway said, "I'd like to thank Nike, or...I mean God...along with my beautiful wife and children."

While this may sound fantastic, there is more.

Many thought the Team Canada trade mission to South America was a diplomatic venture rooted in the promotion of commerce and trade. But Nova Scotia Premier Russell MacLellan and his high-powered band of hoods were flying to Chile for other reasons. At the request of the CEOs of the Royal Bank and the Bank of Montreal (both members of the trade mission) the caravan took crates of Canadian-grown ginseng with them to trade for South American cocaine.

The cocaine was reportedly instrumental in allowing the CEOs of the two banks to hammer out their merger proposal in under a month.

"There was no way I was gonna pop those cheap Wake Up pills," said one strung-out banker.

But there's more where the Royal Bank is concerned. Coupled with Bill Clinton, they solicited the help of former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky, to create a sex scandal.

The bank's motives were simple; to divert attention away from a possibly controversial merger. However, Clinton's motives are more complex.

During his tenure as President, one thing has annoyed Clinton more than any other; the terrible TV ratings for each State of the Union Address.

Bill wanted better ratings so that he could stir the pot on the Iraq issue. Both Bill and Saddam were having trouble justifying increased military expenditures so both are eager to rekindle hostilities.

Another player in this dastardly scheme is media mogul Ted Turner. Turner has been more than happy to publicize the Lewinsky issue, and in turn the State of the Union Address — as long as it means renewed hostilities with Iraq. Turner knows that CNN's ratings were never higher than during the Gulf War (which CNN also helped stage).

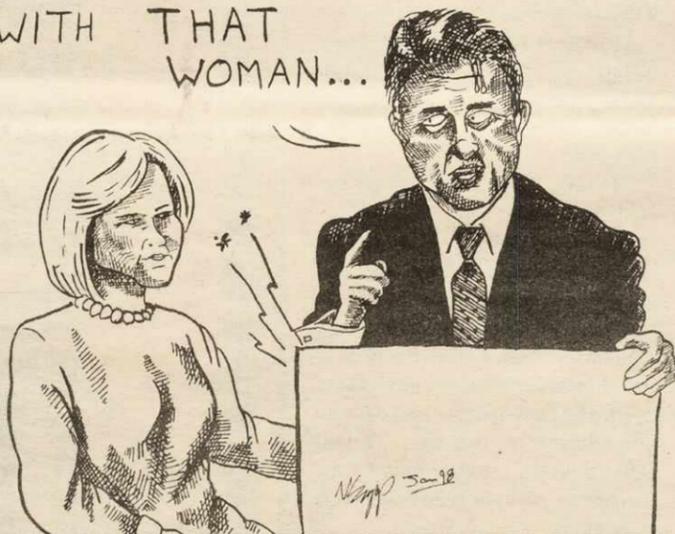
In a side deal with Turner, Saddam promised to "take care of" film director Barry Levinson as retaliation for Levinson's latest movie, *Wag the Dog*. Turner felt the film revealed too many of the TV-news industry's secrets.

These revelations may be overwhelming and even incomprehensible, but fear not; the producers of the upcoming *X-Files* movie are scrambling to work them all into a revised plot (the CFS is planning a nation-wide celluloid sabotage to protect their version of the truth).

Until the movie hits the theatres, we're going to have to make do with our own versions of the truth.

JOHN CULLEN AND
ANDREW SIMPSON

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Letters

Survival of sexual harassment in the workplace

To the editors,

In a recent article, "New allegations of harassment in security", Susan Brousseau, the sexual harassment advisor at Dalhousie, is quoted by reporter Mark Reynolds as saying, "the university wants an environment free from sexual harassment".

Noble words.

In its own established principles, Dalhousie does not tolerate any form of sexual harassment and yet the principles established to guide this institution were in fact designed to be separate from the actual procedures pursuant to the Sexual Harassment Policy. In effect, Dalhousie provides a policy and a procedure but little else.

Under these circumstances it is little wonder that most instances of sexual harassment go unreported. Of those instances of sexual harassment actually reported to the university, 90 per cent will never reach mediation or any kind of formal hearing. The fact is, that on average, less than one case per year will ever see mediation or formal hearing through Dalhousie's Sexual Harassment Policy.

Though not atypical, this university's track record in governing sexual harassment is abominable and raises serious questions about whether the institution is fulfilling its legal responsibility to provide an environment and service free of sexual harassment. Susan Brousseau's department did not handle the case of Joy Day, a security guard forced to leave her job after allegedly being subjected to sexual harassment in the workplace.

Being that Dalhousie's Sexual Harassment Policy, according to the Board of Governors, takes a backseat to all collective agreements, Joy Day was obliged to address her concerns of sexual harassment to her union (the International Union of Operating Engineers) whose local here was noticeably absent in issuing a letter of support for the "Plan of Positive Action; the Report of the Presidential Advisory committee on Sexual Harassment".

It should also be pointed out that in refusing to address employees complaints citing issues of jurisdiction, the Board of Governors is turning away employees to bargaining units, whose collective agreements are inconsistent with Dalhousie's sexual harassment policy and furthermore that the rules of natural justice and collective agreement discipline procedures provide protection for the accused. But there are no parallel rights for the complainants (i.e. the right to be kept informed of proceedings).

Zero tolerance, indeed.

It's a shame really that Dalhousie University could not make a buck off enforcing the sexual harassment policy the way it does for establishing policy on the recycling of pop cans. We might see some concrete action, then, in the meantime Dalhousie and bargaining units such as IUOE will

continue to dodge those bullets of liability and cover their own asses when they should have been covering Joy Day's.

CRAIG HINGLEY
IUOE Member

Support, not silence

To the editors,

I am responding to the article by Daniel Clark, "The Leper Without Leprosy" in the Dalhousie Gazette on January 15, 1998. I was touched by the frankness and genuine emotion his writing conveyed.

I am not a fat person, so I have not had to experience the lack of kindness or consideration that Dan Clark describes. Even so, I agree with many of his statements. I too have noticed that our North American society has become educated and tolerant of minorities and various forms of disability (for lack of a better word), but not so toward fat people.

I too witness people smirking, scoffing or joking sarcastically about fat people. I know that fat people are ostracized. They are certainly fair game for those who write the awful sitcoms that litter the television schedule. It is shameful. I have two teenaged children, neither of whom are fat, but we have talked about prevailing attitudes toward fat people on many occasions and they are certainly aware of the prejudice.

Surely it is not so difficult to be more sensitive about this issue. Is there any person, anywhere, who has grown up without agonizing over some aspect of his/her appearance, and feeling that whatever the defect was, it practically constituted a fatal flaw? Why do we assume fat people are oblivious both to their appearance and being snubbed.

If fat people are targets for mean-spirited jokes simply because their characteristic is so visible, what does that say about our level of sophistication as humans? I do not, nor expect would Dan Clark, object to humour which may poke fun at all sorts of human traits, but is at its best when it springs from good will and a discernable depth of understanding.

We can use many factors to isolate ourselves from others — weight, age, colour, gender, religion, wealth. The fact that most of these attempts at exclusivity are ultimately futile and self-demeaning does not really help a young man looking for a full, rich life and finding himself locked out. It may be cold comfort to Dan Clark to know that a thin, middle-aged woman hopes for better times and closer friends for him, but better to offer my support than to remain silent.

DEBORA POLLOCK POST

Pharmacy responds

To the editors,

The students at the College of Pharmacy are concerned with a statement appearing on Jan. 15, 1998 in the Gazette entitled "Pharmacy Program Strapped for Cash". The following statement "The money is slated to replace retiring faculty and to offset the costs of the college's new

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Christopher Adams on collective bargaining

An open letter to all Dalhousie Students

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the Dalhousie Student Union's perspective on university and staff contract negotiations.

In 1993, the Nova Scotia Government froze wages for private sector workers. This wage freeze also affected all of Dalhousie's employees. Subsequently, the government rolled back the salaries of these employees by 3 per cent.

On Nov. 1, 1997 the university's contracts with its employees expired. The three collective bargaining units, or unions, on the campus, which had agreements with the university, then went into negotiations with the university administration (the Board of Governors). The fourth bargaining unit on campus, representing teaching assistants and part-time staff has been unable to reach its first collective agreement with the university.

The four collective bargaining units on campus:

- Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA), representing faculty, librarians and counselors;
- The Dalhousie Staff Association (DSA), a section of the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union, representing the University support staff;
- The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), representing the mechanics,

carpenters, cleaning staff etc.;

- Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), representing teaching assistants and part-time staff.

What is going on?

- The teaching assistants and the part-time staff have not reconvened to discuss the issues with the university since the summer. They are presently at an impasse.
- The IUOE and the DSA have just recently begun negotiations with the University.
- The Faculty Association is still in negotiations with the University.

What do the bargaining units want?

Discussion is focused on issues such as tenure, part-time replacement staff, grievance, workloads, and promotions. Issues having the largest focus relate to faculty and staff complement, and salary. The university has offered all of the unions a two percent pay increase for each of the next two years. All of the unions are looking for more substantive salary increases.

Where can it go from here?

Two steps will occur if the university and union groups are unable to reach a deal. The first step is for a party to ask the Nova Scotia Minister of Labour to appoint a conciliator to help find a compromise. The conciliator will attempt to help the parties reach agreement and if no agreement is

reached will file a report with the Minister of Labour. Once the conciliator's report is filed the union may call a strike vote. After certain time limits have elapsed either the union may go on strike, or the university can lock the employees out.

Before the union goes on strike it will call a strike vote. A successful strike vote does not necessarily mean the union will go on strike; rather the vote result becomes a tool to further pressure the administration into reaching an agreement. Even so, the union cannot strike until after arbitration is found to be fruitless.

What does this mean for students?

Students will be affected regardless of the outcome of the discussions. Should a strike ensue with any of the unions, (although I should point out no party wants or expects a strike) the university may be forced to cancel classes. If all the parties reach an agreement then students may very well be faced with the possibility of either increased tuition or cuts to services. The possibility of increased tuition is discussed in the recently released Budget Advisory Committee Report to the president, which outlines the financial position of the university. The report suggests that even a two-percent increase in salaries for this year and next (which, as mentioned, is the university's opening offer) would create a serious budget shortfall.

student body you can be assured that the DSU will act in the best interest of all Dalhousie students. I would appreciate hearing any comments you have in regards to this situation, or any other matter. If you would like to receive direct updates, please email dsuvpca@dal.ca to be included on the DSU e-mail list.

I would appreciate you sharing this letter with other Dalhousie students so more students can be kept informed on the contract negotiations.

CHRISTOPHER ADAMS
DSU president

Correction:

In the Jan. 22 issue of *The Gazette* in the story entitled "Banner system is good to go — for now" it states that "[Dalhousie Registrar Gudrun] Curri says Dal didn't investigate other universities' experiences with the [Banner] system because they would have been largely irrelevant."

Curri, in fact, did do an on-site visit to the Banner system at the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

LETTERS CONTINUED

curriculum", implies that the College of Pharmacy requires this additional funding due to the cost of running a brand new Problem-Based Learning (PBL) curriculum.

This is not entirely true as the college's old curriculum was already chronically underfunded as noted later in the article. We would like it to be known that regardless of which curriculum is used, the College of Pharmacy requires additional funds in order to maintain its program.

Thank you very much for the time and effort put into this issue.

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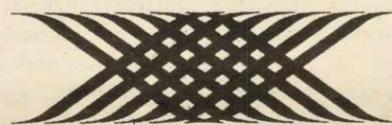
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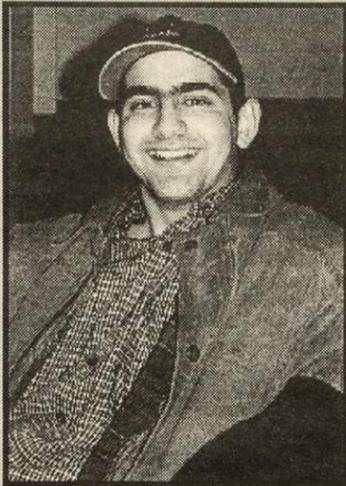
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Interviews by Natalie MacLellan, Photos by Katie Teed.

What are your views on abortion?



"I'm Catholic. I'm supposed to be against it, I guess. But it depends on the circumstances."
Andrew Swinemer, 1st year, BA, Dartmouth



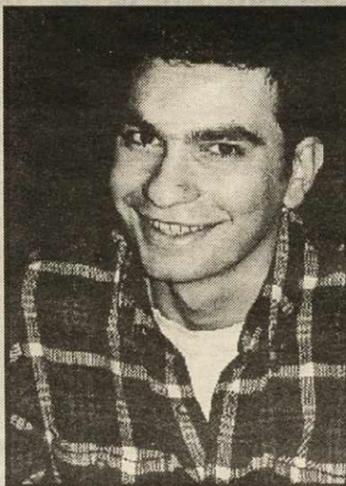
"I'm not sure. I can see both sides clearly. It's situation specific I think."
Jay Dimmer, MSVU, Political Science



"I think it should be permitted by law, but I don't support it. It's not something that I personally agree with, but it should be the individual's choice."
Janet Porter, 2nd year, BA, Dartmouth



"I think that it's up to the person; whoever wants to do it. I don't think it's right or wrong."
Bente McLaughlin, 1st year, BA, Sackville



"I think that abortion should be permitted, but not as a contraceptive. I don't think that women should think 'If I get pregnant I'll just have an abortion and it'll be OK'."
Mario Saab, 1st year, Engineering, Gatineau, PQ



"I think that it's everybody's choice. I'm not really sure about when the cut-off date should be... but I think that it should probably be very early. I personally don't think that I could have an abortion. But if it's not legal it's going to lead to a lot of people having illegal abortions and that's really dangerous."
Leanna Rutherford, 2nd year, Psychology, Dartmouth



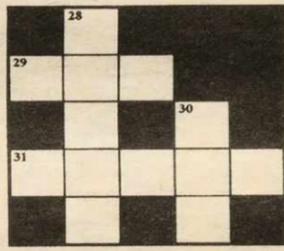
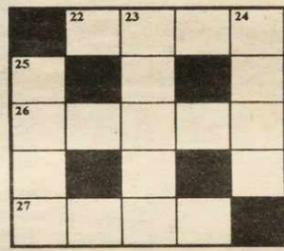
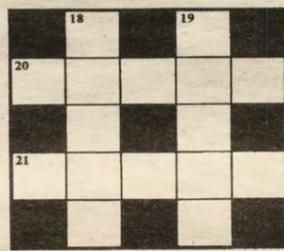
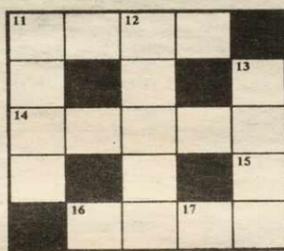
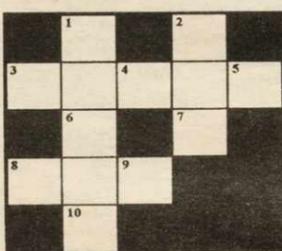
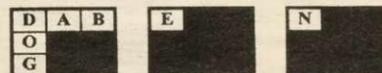
"I'm against abortion because there's a kid alive in there, and I believe that it's a life, and it has no choice. If you are an adult and take the responsibility to have sex, I think you are adult enough to take care of that baby. You should have thought about that before."
Antoine Jarjoura, 2nd year, Math, Halifax



"Where I come from... I'm a Muslim and its 'no' for abortion. My view on abortion is that... if we know for sure that the kid is going to be somehow handicapped or mutilated or something why give life to someone who's only going to suffer."
Khalid Dugmag, 3rd year, Commerce, Palestine

3D Crossword Puzzle # 8 — by Eric Fielding

A 3D crossword grid has words across, down, and deep.
 In the example DAB is across, DOG is down, and DEN is deep:



Across

- 3. What A Salamander Might Do After Losing A Limb? (5)
- 8. ___ Room (3)
- 11. Star Trek Speed Unit (4)
- 14. Harness Horse (5)
- 16. Times Or Divisions Of History (4)
- 20. Street Urchin (5)
- 21. What Brass Is To Copper And Zinc (5)

- 22. Level (4)
- 26. Not Level (5)
- 27. Broad Silk Ribbon (4)
- 29. Partner Of Deg And Grad (3)
- 31. ___erism: The Transposition Of "My First Thought" To "My Thirst Fought" (5)

Down

- 1. Not As Many (5)

- 2. ___ Room (3)
- 11. Erase (4)
- 12. Kitchen Utensil (5)
- 13. Middle Earth Bad Guys (4)
- 18. Thin Bodied Relatives Of Coots And Gallinules (5)
- 19. Farm Buildings (5)
- 23. Optional Wedding Attire (5)
- 24. ___ Bene (4)
- 25. Blade, Skull, And Paddle (4)
- 28. Hoarse (5)

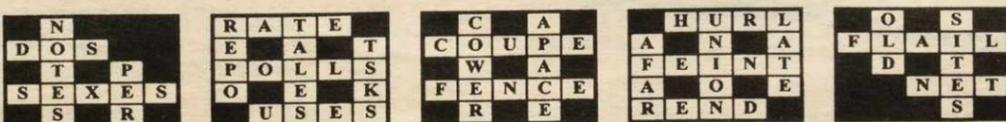
- 30. Asian Bean (3)

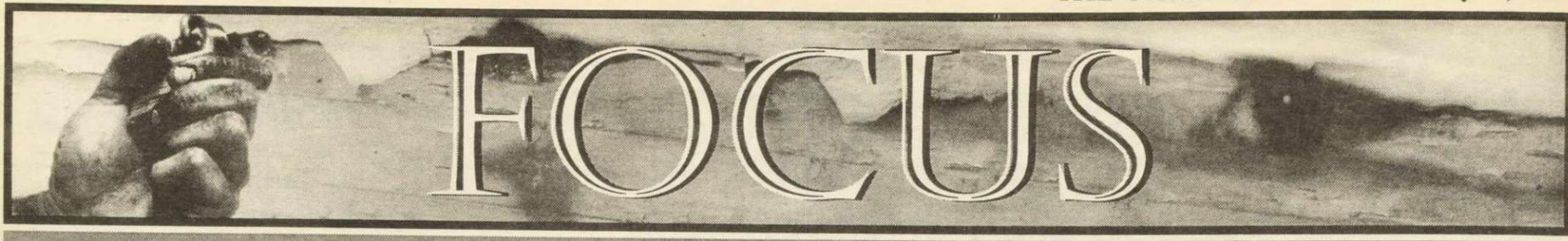
Deep

- 1. Traveler (5)
- 2. Part Of A Church (4)
- 3. Stringency (5)
- 4. Zeroed In On (4)
- 5. Prefix For Rail Or Plane (4)
- 6. Serves Food (5)
- 7. Makes Known (5)
- 8. Sterns Of Ships (5)

- 9. Bass Member Of The Violin Family (5)
- 10. Make Known Again (5)
- 15. Colour Of Bluegrass (4)
- 17. Colour Of The Grass Variety Of 18 DOWN (5)

Answers To 3D Crossword Puzzle # 7:





FEATURE

A decade later Abortion remains a contentious issue

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

Diane Smith is 20 years old. She has a pretty good job, a new apartment and lots of friends who think she's just like they are — looking for her place in the world and having a good time doing it. They don't know that when Diane sees a pregnant woman, she wants to run in the other direction.

They don't know that Diane had an abortion last fall.

"It was different, finding out I was pregnant," she said. "And then going back down to the doctor's office and her actually giving me the option of the abortion. It was [an option] I had never thought about — never thought I would have to think about.

"It took me a day to say 'Yeah, I want it' but it took me a whole week to actually figure out that that's what I was going to do. I'd go back and I'd say 'No I can't do this, I can't do this...I'll go home and I'll live with my parents and it'll be fine. I'll go through with it or I'll give it up for adoption'...but my family wasn't [willing] to do that."

So after discussing it with her family, Diane decided to get an abortion.

"I went and I had my ultrasound done to find out how many weeks [along] I was. I couldn't look at the screen. Looking at the screen would have been like 'OK, that's mine. I'm not doing this anymore.'

"[The doctor] was telling me how big it was, and stuff I just didn't want to hear at that time. She was saying how many inches it was — it was 4 inches. I was close to 8 weeks along."

Ten years ago, on Jan. 28, the Supreme Court of Canada made non-therapeutic abortions legal in Canada.

Before that Diane probably wouldn't have been able to get an abortion. It was legal only in a hospital, at the discretion of a

three-doctor committee.

The previous law was deemed unconstitutional as it violated the freedom of conscience and religion and denied women

Abortions are safest when performed between 8 and 16 weeks.

Diane had her abortion at the Queen Elizabeth II (QE II) Health

Sciences Centre in Halifax. There was no lengthy, stressful application process. She made her decision, then made her appointment.

"A Thursday morning, October 24, I remember. My appointment was for ten o'clock, or eight — it was quite early, anyway.

"I went in to an admitting area...there were other women there, other girls, and I was thinking 'What are they here for? Am I the only one going through this today?' And they were all looking around too...and I had to fill out this form and the [nurse] said 'OK, go sit down, they'll call out your name and we'll take you up'.

"We walked down this hall that was not really eerie, but desolate, and lit well. And we came to these

doors that are barred and you don't think anything is behind them; you don't think there's any civilization on the other side. [The nurse] presses in a code and the door opens. All of a sudden [you see] a whole other life, a whole different area of the hospital that you'd never even see [normally]," she said.

"I remember it felt really cold inside. And you could hear suction, but it wasn't really loud"

It's been ten years, and we're still hiding our clinics. How far have we really come?

In 1992, the Toronto Morgentaler Clinic was bombed.

November 1994 saw the first of what are now known as the Remembrance Day shootings when a Vancouver gynaecologist who performed abortions was shot in the leg. The second victim, in 1995, was a Hamilton doctor, and just last year a Winnipeg doctor was shot outside his home on Nov. 11.

In Halifax, abortions are performed at the QE II, the IWK-Grace Health Centre and at the local Morgentaler Clinic.

Many Halifax doctors were unwilling to go on record as performing abortions because they say they fear for their safety. Three years ago, doctors performing abortions in Halifax faced death threats.

Though they are no longer faced with legal issues, women contemplating an abortion still have a lot to think about.

"There's economic concerns; there's social concerns; there's religious concerns. People making choices [about abortion] are bombarded in the media with a whole bunch of mixed

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Top: an eight week embryo, roughly the size of a walnut. Above: protesting the Halifax Morgentaler Clinic in the late eighties.

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Educational goals spark exhibition

Middle Eastern cultural extravaganza offers a wealth of information.

BY ANJOO SHARMA

Although bad weather may have impeded attendance at this year's Arabic cultural exhibition, the Arabic seminar series was a great success.

Three years ago the exhibition represented six of the 22 Arab countries. This year flags, posters, videos and various cultural items, including foods,

represented 20 of the Arab countries. Eight seminars discussed Arabic issues in relation to the present day world over a period of several days. The seminars included everything from slide shows on Egypt to lectures on present political issues in the Middle East.

"The goal of the seminars is to promote dialogue between cultural groups here at Dalhousie.

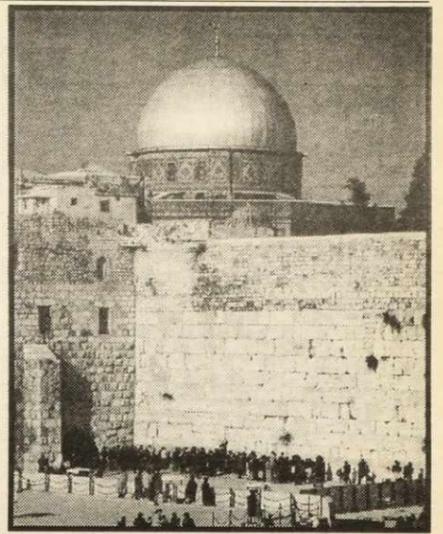
The reason why we took the initiative was because there are no courses here at Dalhousie that take that issue," said Adel Iskander, president of the Arabic Society. "I think that a lot of people here at Dal don't know enough about the Arab world.

"There are too many misconceptions and false stereotypes concerning Arabs," he said. "We felt these seminars

would be a good way to address this problem."

Attendance for the seminars ranged from 15-80 people, depending upon the topic. As expected, the more controversial the topic, the higher the attendance. Reham Abdelaziz, one of the coordinators, felt that

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Abortion may be legal but not any easier a choice

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messages which are not helping them," said Karen Vance-Wallace, executive director of Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic.

"We want to provide all the information and counselling that people need to make informed decisions about their future," Vance-Wallace said.

"We're here to support the choice that you make. That's what being pro-choice is about. We're not telling anybody what to do."

The Planned Parenthood Metro Clinic, on Quinpool Road, offers pregnancy testing, counselling for unplanned pregnancies and, if requested, abortion referral.

"We know from the women coming to us that it's a very difficult decision. It's not to be made lightly. But it should be allowed to be made in an environment where somebody can support it, which is what we're trying to do."

Diane says she was impressed with the support provided by the hospital staff.

"The nurses were great, making jokes. They didn't make you feel like you were doing the

wrong thing. They didn't make you feel like this was bad or you were killing [something]."

Before her abortion, Diane was given the choice between an IV pain-killer and a nerve-relaxer.

"A lot of girls took [the nerve relaxer]. I took the

hurt so bad. She didn't get the IV.

"Should I turn around and walk out now, or what?" [I thought]. Even being there, you're still second guessing."

Diane also remembers being unnerved by the actual operating room.

"It was really

cold inside. And you could hear suction, but it wasn't really loud.

"I didn't feel any pain, which to some extent I kind of regret. But at the same time I'm glad I didn't. I regret not feeling it because it was part of me, and I don't know what it felt like and I'm mad that I didn't know.

"And the nurse came back to talk to me again. Just like 'How're you doing? How are you feeling?' Stuff like that. 'Feel free to cry'. Whatever.

"Sometimes I think 'I wonder if he forgot it? I wonder if it's still there? Maybe he missed it. It's somewhere else.' The stuff that runs through your mind...it's not really stupid, it's just 'Why are you thinking this?'"

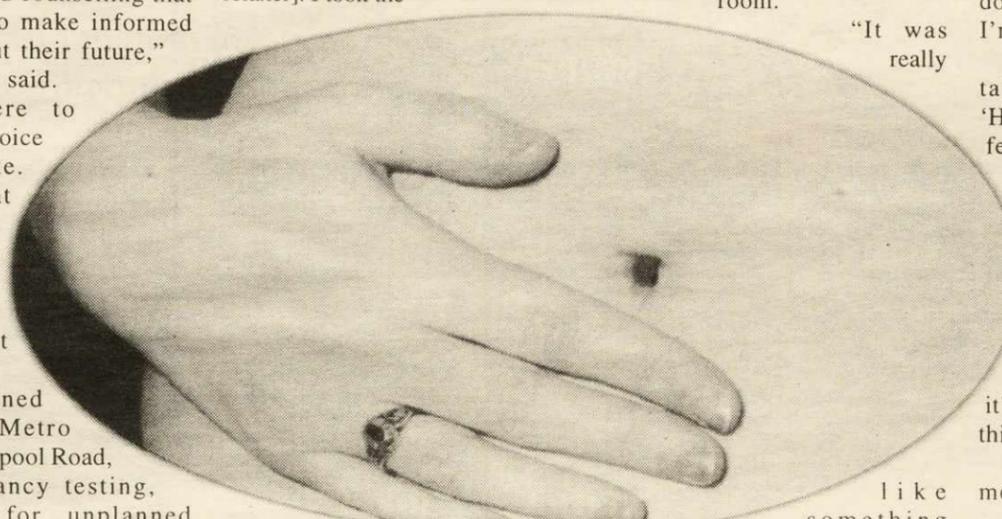
So although she admits to moments of doubt and regret,

Diane stresses that getting the abortion was probably one of the best, and hardest, decisions she's ever had to make.

"It's something I think no matter who does it they will regret it, to an extent. It doesn't matter. But you also have to look at the regret as a good thing. It's not a bad thing to regret it.

"Things are looking up. There's going to be days — there have been a lot of days in the past where I'd sit down in the afternoon and just cry. But you have to do that. You have to. If you don't, where are you?"

"It's easy to say 'Oh, I'd never do that'. But I don't think anybody should say it. Honestly. You don't know until you're in the situation. You don't know. I've always said it. 'Never will I have an abortion'. Look at me today."



like something

IV because I just don't like pain. Only two of us ended up getting the IV and we were the better off ones, I would say.

"I was in the room where the girls come back after having the abortion and...one of the girls, a sixteen-year-old, came in and she could barely walk. She was bawling and crying because it

you'd see on TV — with the big lights and the table with stirrups for your legs. I had a nurse on either side of me and there was a needle going in through my IV — I got so high it was unbelievable.

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LIZ WINSTON
"I think, therefore I'm single."

Too feel good. Another quote of Liz's is, "When my mom found my diaphragm, I told her it was a bathing cap for my cat." It's funnier, but of course it doesn't have anything to do with an anti-Valentine, and would likely disqualify her because it implies that Liz is getting laid.

RITA RUDNER, STAND-UP COMIC
"Whenever I date a guy, I think, is this the man I want my children to spend their weekends with?"

Waaay too optimistic. When I'm on a date, I think, jeez, how much did Mom have to pay this freak?

ANN LANDERS, ADVICE COLUMNIST
"The poor wish to be rich, the rich wish to be happy, the single wish to be married, and the married wish to be dead."

If she meant it, she would have told all her readers to shoot themselves long ago.

DIANE WAKOSKI, AUTHOR OF MOTORCYCLE BETRAYAL POEMS
"This book is dedicated to all those men who betrayed me at one time or another, in hopes they will fall off their motorcycles and break their necks."

Actually, if Diane had entered, she probably would have won. So c'mon guys and gals, get those cards in.



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posters, media releases and word of mouth attracted many to the seminars.

Unfortunately, due to the Arabic Society's limited funds, only professors from Nova Scotia could be recruited for the seminars. Despite a wealth of knowledge in the local area, the council felt that some topics, such as the Gulf War and the history of countries like Libya, Iraq and Kuwait, could not be appropriately addressed.

In spite of this, Abdelaziz was proud of the seminars.

"For the first time, [the seminars] were great!" she said.

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Halifax gears up for the highly touted ECMAs

BY KAREN PARKER

This weekend Halifax will turn into one big party. Everyone who's anyone in the East Coast music industry will be here, as the city hosts the tenth annual East Coast Music Awards (ECMAs).

You don't have to be a music industry-type to enjoy all that will be happening around town. With literally hundreds of things going on, music lovers will be in their element.

The East Coast Music Association kicks off their long list of public events with a series of sold-out concerts at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. The shows, which run this Thursday to Saturday, will feature performers such as MacKeel, Lennie Gallant, The Punters, Symphony Nova Scotia, and the Barra MacNeils.

On a smaller scale, ECMA-sponsored showcases in genres as varied as rock, country, blues, and roots/traditional will be taking place in many of Halifax's live music venues. With a total of 53 artists, there is sure to be something for everyone.

Not all of the weekend's events are directly sponsored by the ECMA. Several local businesses

are also getting involved. The coffee houses and bars downtown will be jumping with the sound of jazz, pop, and folk music. Even the Cape Breton Store on Barrington is getting in on the act, bringing in many traditional artists — including Ashley MacIsaac — to perform throughout the weekend.

Two Halifax music stores are hosting in-store concerts, running from Thursday to Saturday. HMV on Spring Garden promises appearances by Rawlins Cross, Slainte Mhath, Good Question and Johnny Favourite, among others. Meanwhile, over at the Halifax Shopping Centre, Music World has over a dozen performers scheduled to appear, including Tara MacLean, MacKeel, The Punters, Celtic Connection and a host of other artists.

Also of note is Locofest, a series of concerts at the VIA Rail station. This Wednesday-to-Saturday event offers an alternative to the sold-out Cohn shows, featuring lots of home-grown talent. Appearing at Locofest are: Sandbox, Rawlins Cross, Kilt, the Grace Babies, PF Station and several other artists.

All the weekend's excitement will culminate on Sunday night at



Ashley MacIsaac, shown here with Natalie MacMaster, is slated to perform at the ECMAs on Sunday. (File photo)

the Metro Centre, as the best and brightest of the East Coast scene compete for top honours. For the first time ever, the gala awards show will be broadcast live nationwide on CBC television. It will be hosted by comedian Rick Mercer, one of the stars of "This Hour Has

22 Minutes".

Leading the list of nominees is former Haligonian Sarah McLachlan, who is up for seven ECMAs. Great Big Sea and Laura Smith are not far behind with six nominations each.

Artists slated to perform at the

tenth annual East Coast Music Awards are Sloan, Ashley MacIsaac, Lennie Gallant, Rita MacNeil and Bruce Guthro. Halifax's own Johnny Favourite, who is up for four awards himself, will also hit the stage with his Swing Orchestra.

Tyson set to get his ass kicked at Wrestlemania 14

BY PHIL "THE DARTMOUTH DEMON" LEWIS

Mike Tyson's next opponent may be his toughest yet, as he is set to face the WWF's "Stone Cold" Steve Austin.

Tyson appeared on WWF's *Monday Night Raw* to promote his involvement in *Wrestlemania 14*. *Wrestlemania* has typically been the WWF's biggest pay-per-view extravaganza of the year and has often featured guest appearances by the rich and famous. Guests who have appeared at past *Wrestlemania*'s range from Pamela Lee to Cyndi Lauper. This year the WWF hopes to top themselves with the appearance of Tyson, as well as a rumoured appearance by Toni Braxton to sing the national anthem.

This would not be the first time that a high profile athlete has entered the wrestling world for a limited time. In the WCW, Dennis Rodman (known then as "Rod the Bod") was involved in a tag team match with Hulk Hogan (now Hollyhock Hogan). There was also the now-legendary match between Rowdy Roddy Piper and Mr. T. It is a chance for both the athlete as well as the wrestling world to get some needed publicity. These athletes do not come cheap though, as Tyson is expected to make \$2-million for three appearances, including *Wrestlemania*.

In light of the ear biting incident involving Evander Holyfield, Tyson is obviously trying to score some

positive publicity. On the other hand, Tyson should realize that the WWF does not exactly have the greatest image right now.

In a recent article in the *New York Post*, Wallace Matthews wrote, "...by throwing in with the WWF, an outlaw organization of negative redeeming value that is rife with drug abuse, fosters the worst racial stereotypes and glorifies gang violence, Tyson will be among his peers."

As much as Tyson may need the WWF, the WWF needs him even more.

In September of 1997 the WWF told superstar Bret Hart to look at his options from their competitor, WCW. The reasons Vince McMahon gave for this were financial. McMahon is facing a war against the WCW, which is funded by media mogul Ted Turner. Rather than using the \$1 million freed up by Hart's contract to import some new talent, it appears that McMahon has opted for the "quick fix."

It has been reported by Micasa Wrestling, a reliable website, that McMahon contacted the Nevada Boxing Commission as early as November. Tyson would not agree to anything until the boxing commission stated that any involvement with the WWF would not interfere with his possible return to the boxing world.

In January, McMahon stated that negotiations were taking place between Don King and himself. The following Sunday during the *Royal Rumble*, Tyson was shown in a skybox rooting for his favourite superstars, Shawn

Michaels and Steve Austin. The world was watching the next night on RAW for the big announcement detailing his entrance in the wrestling world. At the tail end of the show, McMahon came out and introduced Tyson. Almost on cue, the "Rattlesnake", Steve Austin, came to the ring and the crowd went wild.

"Stone Cold" then said to Tyson, "I respect what you've done in the boxing ring, but when you step in this ring, you're messing with 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin, and that's something you don't do. Let me make it short and sweet. What I'm telling you is I want a piece of Mike Tyson's ass!"

The interview turned into a shoving match that was carried on the major news networks across the world. Initially it was believed that Tyson would merely officiate the Michaels vs. Austin match at *Wrestlemania*. However, due to the heat he is drawing, the prospect of a match between Austin and Tyson is being looked into.

Tyson has been reported as saying he would like to do a Boxer vs Wrestler type match. However, the Nevada Boxing Commission has stated that they would support his involvement so long as he did not enter the ring with boxing gloves.

At the rate of Steve Austin's popularity, it is unlikely that he would lose a match with Tyson if it did take place. Austin's merchandise is currently selling at a higher volume than Hogan's sales at the peak of "Hulkamania". It is also unlikely that Tyson would be willing to lose a match to a pro wrestler. Therefore, it really doesn't seem too likely for the two "baddest men on the

planet" to lock up. It is likely that Tyson will remain the ref for the Austin vs. Michaels match and get himself involved in some other way.

This would disappoint most fans

because, if the match did take place, it would sure be a slobberknocker. If anybody deserves a "Stone Cold Stunner", it's Mike Tyson.

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The Spice Girls parade on celluloid...or something

BY KARAN SHETTY

The Spice Girls are at a point in their career where they have become so famous that they are almost immune to the barbs of cynical critics. Millions of fans around the world — especially in places where people have a penchant for bubbly music — love and adore the British pop quintet. So do the Spice Girls give a shit if people dis them?

Probably not.

Considering that they are now firmly entrenched in the landscape of 90s pop culture (hell, they've even met Nelson Mandela), a lot of the people who were formerly their detractors have now resigned themselves to arguments concerning who amongst the five is the hottest.

From what I gather, the new motion picture, *Spice World*, is supposed to have taken a page out of Richard Lester's *A Hard Day's Night*, a movie about that other British super-group, The Beatles. There's even a spoof of John Lennon's "bigger than Jesus" statement. While the Beatles were able to mix commercial and critical success while churning out hit after hit, let's just say the Spice Girls

have mastered the commercial aspect of making music.

Spice World, which is about a few days in their very busy lives, is meant to be a self-parody (much like *Scream*) in which the characters seem to know that they're in a movie by actually acknowledging all the clichés and stereotypes involved. They also try and stay one step ahead of their critics by making comments about the inevitable backlash against those who have become famous too fast and by predicting what might happen if one of their singles isn't a hit.

Unlike *Scream*, however, this self-reflexive stuff can't carry the film. I wouldn't have minded so much if the film was just bad. Bad films can have a certain appeal in a kitschy sort of way, which is probably why people love movies like *Grease* or *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*. *Spice World*, however, was not only bad but boring as well. It comes nowhere near the line which divides a campy cult classic from "just plain crap". Surely the film has all the right ingredients: bad music, parties, cameo appearances (Meatloaf's in this one too), etc.. But even this mix isn't good enough to keep the film from deviating into something boring and wholly unentertaining.



A drunken man without a neck

BY JANET FRENCH

Explosive green baby poo, Freud, marriage to a beautiful German woman and Newfoundland. What do these things have in common? Why, they're all fodder for Simon B. Cotter's stand-up comedy act.

On Friday, Jan. 23, Simon B. Cotter returned to the Grawood for yet another drunken, side-splitting evening of comedic fun. Gunther Brown, a Dalhousie student, opened for the internationally renowned comic with a fifteen minute set. It was evident that Brown, the aspiring comic, was perhaps a wee bit nervous, but squeezed many giggles out of the crowd when finished his set with the "Top Eleven Ways That Car Bumpers Are Like Penises". Bumpers will never be looked at in the same way again.

After a brief wait, Cotter appeared, already feeling a little tipsy.

"I've learned from past experience not to make plans for the day after

playing Dalhousie," Cotter said in reference to the rum and Cokes that the Grawood staff provided for him more quickly than he could drink. "I'm funnier when I'm sober!" he exclaimed.

I've learned...not to make plans for the day after playing Dalhousie.

Nevertheless, Cotter began by making light of all the many "interesting" traits of Atlantic Canadians. He then progressed on to the topic of being overweight, working out on those silly machines and his insecurities about living without a neck. After joking about the many wonders of fatherhood, the set finished off with much ranting about what exactly happens when a German woman marries a Jamaican man.

After the show and off the stage, Cotter claimed that his material comes solely by making light of his

life experiences. When asked if his wife minds when she and their daughter are referred to in his act, he explained that she doesn't mind when only the general aspects of their marriage and heritage are used. Including his baby daughter in his routine is quite important to him personally.

"I want to include material about her childhood that she can look back on when she is older and find funny," Cotter said.

It appears that parenthood hasn't domesticated Cotter entirely though; his routine was littered with blunt sexual innuendo.

Cotter has a naturally humorous disposition which is contagious. It's always amazing when one man and his microphone can keep the crowd in stitches for an hour merely by sharing a piece of his brain.

Simon B. Cotter will be back at Dalhousie, so keep an eye out. It will be three dollars well spent. His routines are also aired randomly on the Comedy Channel.

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Short but sweet: McNarland left 'em wanting more

BY TAMARA BOND

Holly McNarland's show turned out to be an entertaining but disappointing event. Although McNarland sounded

The first two bands followed the generic flow — a bunch of nondescript songs that all sounded the same. However, at the end of their set, Weeping Tile kicked into some great

and then suddenly left, leaving behind a large number of rather disappointed paying customers.

Not only did the customers pay for tickets, but upon request, bought

Weeping Tile, who fumbled her way around the stage.

The whole show wasn't this bad. McNarland for the most part, was very entertaining. She danced around the stage like a convulsing chicken, often pulling on her new underwear to fight off an unrelenting wedgy. Even better, she looked like a toothless gaffer while she was

singing. Her redeeming qualities were that she sang well, made me laugh and stopped in the middle of a song to tell a guy to leave some girls alone.

During a pre-show interview, McNarland disclosed that her favourite musician as a child was Michael Jackson. Although she is only 24, McNarland caught the tail-end of the Jackson's heyday.

However, McNarland hasn't been keeping up as well with today's artists. She claims to know little to nothing about Alanis Morissette, an artist with whom she is often compared.

On the other hand, McNarland referred to Ani Difrancio as a long-standing idol.

"I love her. She has influenced me big time. The acoustic album blew me away. I'd never heard anything like it."

McNarland has taken a place next

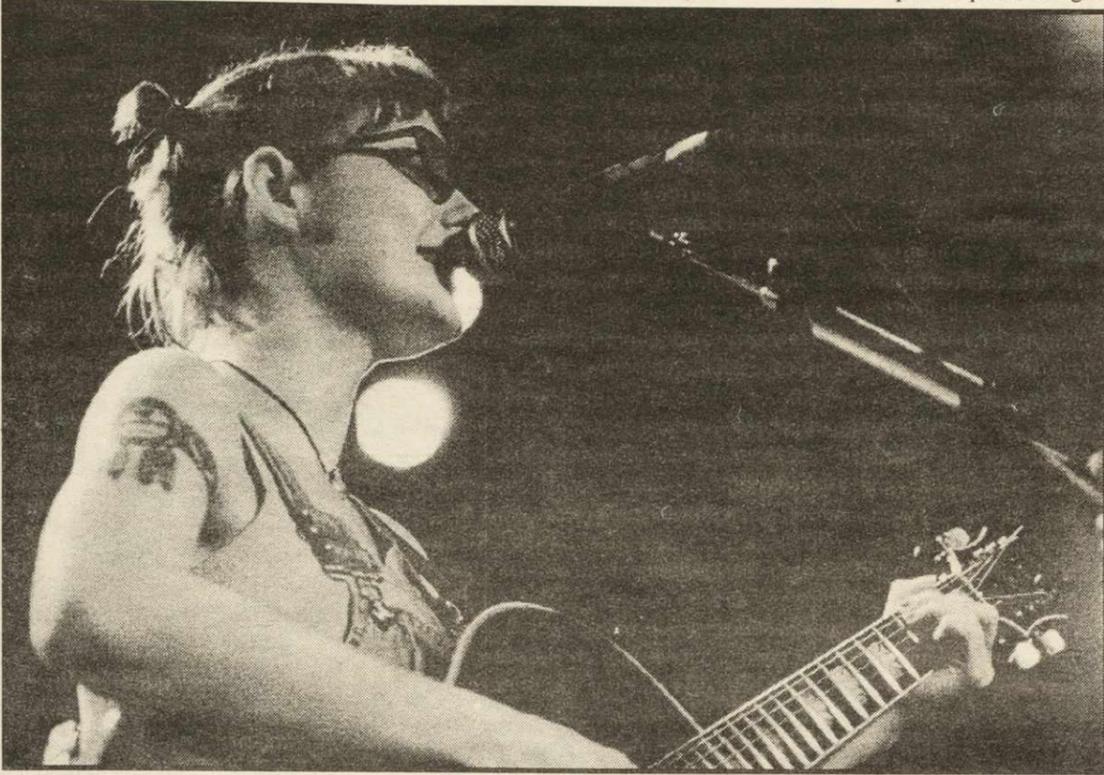
to her idol, clumped into the same angry-chick stereotype as Difrancio.

"I think [the stereotype] is just stupid. I think I'm pretty much a regular, happy person," McNarland said. "I just have a way of expressing myself and that's through my guitar and my voice and my writing. And that's for me; it's not for anybody else."

"When I write, it's to deal with whatever I need to deal with, or just to write a goofy song about a yeast infection, like 'The Box'. I just put it out there and people take it however they need to take it," she continued.

If you hear the lyrics of McNarland's song "Mr. Five Minutes", you might not buy the happy little girl image. The song centres around the dissatisfaction of a sexual encounter with a selfish male. When asked about it, McNarland admitted that it was a personal experience which inspired her to write the song.

"It was a guy that just rolled over and that was it," she said. "So I kicked him out of my house. I'm good friends with him now."



Holly McNarland sings at the McInnes Room. (Photo by Tamara Bond)

great and kept the crowd moving, she spent less time on stage than the opening band, Weeping Tile.

The show consisted of three bands (the first one being Moncton's Sol), all with female lead singers. It was a gruesome alterna-chick fiesta.

covers of other bands. One of the guitarists, a female, turned out to be a great mimic of male voices.

After Weeping Tile's lengthy show, the crowd waited for almost an hour before McNarland decided to face her fans. She stayed for roughly an hour

McNarland a few beers while she was on stage. When she picked up her beer and left, the crowd demanded she return.

The band did come back to play one more song. This time, they dragged out the now-drunken lead singer of

Euphoria witty, and for a good cause

BY KAVERI GUPTA

Who knew that medical students were comfortable enough with the human body that they were willing to take their own clothes off on stage?

Saturday night marked the 28th Annual Dalhousie Medical Variety Show, affectionately known as Euphoria. The show is a cut-throat, pull-out-all-the-stops competition of witty jokes, dancing and musical ability. It is traditionally a night these glued-to-the-books med students get to express themselves by poking fun at fellow classmates, professors, and administration via otherwise hidden talents...and this year proved to be very revealing.

The competition was between the different levels of medical school (Med 1 through 4). The Med 1 crew (Class of 2001) kicked the evening off with their skit entitled "The Excellent Adventures of Billy Rubin." Billy Rubin (Chris Cook) was a student trying to get into medical school who, with his dean, embarked on a journey through time to explore the history of medicine.

Their first stop was Greece in the time of Hippocrates — traditionally, but inaccurately, credited with the authorship of the Hippocratic Oath. After a "philosophical" discussion about medical ethics over moonshine, 6 toga-clad males did a hilarious "Greek" dance to "Backstreet's Back". Mischievously swirling around in their skimpy white sheets, the guys had many audience members drooling for more.

Billy's next stop was smack in the middle of Europe during the Black Plague. Definitely the Med 1's piece de resistance, the "Plague Dance" was a spectacular visual effect. The stage went black as the opening chords of

Michael Jackson's "Thriller" reverberated through the hall. Suddenly glow-in-the-dark bacterial and viral images started bouncing around the stage as students cloaked in black with these shapes sewn to their clothes began a well choreographed dance. They added to the eerie effect by wearing white shiny gloves and having a great light sequence.

Next up were the Med 2s, Class of 2000, and defending champions of last year, with their Broadway-esque "Hospital d'Amour". The skit was about a hospital in the past where, one night, everyone was mysteriously cured of their ails. Our heroine was Nurse Velveta Crank (Zarya Rubin) who revealed the truth to three present day

patients. We soon learned that the patient's sudden "recoveries" were due a love bug which had been leaked in the hospital by one Dr. Dementio (Martin MacKinnon).

With all the cast soon infected with this love virus, the waiting room was transformed into a hotbed of sexual tension. Even Velveta, who was secretly infatuated with the handsome Dr. Hancock, started acting rather boldly. The jewel of the skit was patient "Salsa", a sultry Spaniard obsessed with love, whose accent and dancing were perfection.

Noteworthy were Velveta's rendition of "Fever" and a love medley involving Erin Savage and Sabina Abidi. The group again had impressively polished dance sequences and a funny, fast-paced plot.

After an uneventful intermission, the Med 3s took to the stage with a satirical look at life as a third-year medical student. It was cleverly called "This Class Has 22 Morons". The news anchors (Trevor Jain and Keith Lane) kept the show going between

previously filmed clips and a hilarious show of medical student fashions. The class' rendition of "Wannabe" by their very own "Spice Clerks" was comical. The climax was the cast's version of Riverdance, which blew the audience away. Dancers clad in surgical greens did a smash-job imitating the famous production, and pulled the dance steps off effortlessly.

The Med 4 group typically have a less off on interviews as they prepare to graduate. But this year's class proved to be worthy competition with several short skits poking fun at themselves, their dean, and their younger

classmates.

The evening was peppered with musical performances by individual students. Bea Ngai's stunning talent on the piano was revealed in a classical piece. Chip Phi received a standing ovation for a classical tune he performed on violin (with piano accompaniment by Julius Kurniawan).

Each year, the proceeds of Euphoria go to a cause deemed worthy by the students. This year it is in memory of a fellow classmate who was tragically killed last fall. Stephen Boyd was last year's MC and would have been graduating this year. His co-MC from

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Men's vaginas and frigid nannies:

The trouble with getting laid when you're an actor

I really wanted to hate this book. I am not even remotely close to being an Ethan Hawke fan. I thought that I could have a giggle at his expense by reading his pretentious little novel and snigger with my office-mates at his bollocky attempt to be an author of sorts.

The Hottest State

Ethan Hawke

Vintage

As I find myself defending this book, I can now safely say that Ethan Hawke should most definitely give up the day job. *The Hottest State* is not the best book I've read, but I can confidently state it is an improvement on Hawke's "acting" (which, let's face it, went downhill pretty damned fast after *Dead Poets Society*).

The Hottest State is the story of William, the self-obsessed budding actor and Sarah, the judgemental, singing, songwriting child-minder. William gets introduced to Sarah in a bar by a friend of hers who lives in cloud

cuckoo land (he claims that "men have vaginas", but William, quite sensibly, doesn't think so). William decides he's in love with Sarah and elbows his way into her life. Sarah humours him. Perhaps Sarah realizes that William is only in love with her because he can't connect with her, but she goes ahead and has the fling anyway. This might be because she couldn't 'get any' any other way.

What does Hawke tell us about society?

Love sucks.

What were my conclusions?

Sarah is boring, Sarah is irritating. William should open his eyes and see that she's not really worth the hassle. He should get back together with his stereotypical blond of an ex-girlfriend. At least she was always mad for it, unlike Sarah who's a bit frigid. William is a wishy-washy little twit. The survival instinct dictates that humans should act not terribly unlike randy bunnies in the mating season. These two are

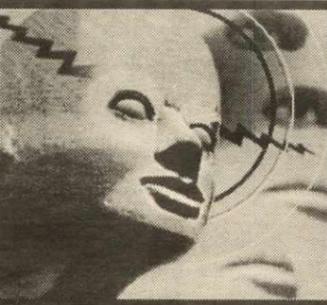
plagued by 'feelings'.

Hawke has a knack for bringing his characters to life. Even though there are parallels between the lives of Hawke and William, and the main subject of the book may well be autobiographical, William is most definitely a separate character.

I could quite happily kick the shit out of both Sarah and William without an attack of conscience, yet one must also bear in mind that a good author gives life to his characters. You won't catch me lining up to watch his next movie but I may have to beat up my workmates for his next book.

EUGENIA BAYADA

REVIEWS



+ SPEWS

I Know What You Did Last

Summer

Various Artists

Columbia/Sony Soundtrax

I Know What You Did Last Summer is the new movie from the creators of *Scream*. The movie itself is decent, playing on essentially the same plot as its predecessor. However, having seen

Scream, it was somewhat disappointing to find *I Know What You Did Last Summer* so predictable. Between the two, *Scream* was far better and more original than *I Know What You Did Last Summer*. The soundtrack, like the movie, falls into the same ho-hum category. It has its highlights, but for the most part the music just isn't good.

The album features such well known artists as Our Lady Peace, Korn, Soul

Asylum and even The Offspring — who sing a song called "D.U.I." about drinking and driving, and how much they love it. The song makes sense in the context of the movie, but on its own it is fairly unintelligent.

For the most part the music on the soundtrack falls under the rock and metal categories respectively.

For the amount of good songs that are on this soundtrack it is definitely not worth buying. You'd be better off buying the individual artist's albums.

And if you haven't seen the movie yet, wait for it to come out on video.

PATRICK SHAUNESSY

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Hockey Tigers split two to stay under .500

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

Even the forty Dal fans who showed up at Acadia couldn't help the hockey Tigers push past the Axemen on Jan. 21. The Tigers failed to hang on to a 3-1 lead and dropped yet another game to the Wolfville team, losing 3-5. Dal regrouped on Saturday to pull a 2-1 win out of the season's most boring game against the SMU Huskies at Memorial Arena, snapping a three-game losing streak.

"Tonight we got a couple of bounces," said forward Chad Kalmakoff after Saturday's game. "We worked hard for our last three games except tonight we got the win."

On Wednesday, the Axemen didn't take time to take the lead, putting the puck through the five hole in the first minute of play. Blueliner Martin LaPointe effortlessly weaved through Acadia's defence and potted a backhand from the slot to even out the score a few minutes later. LaPointe took a slapshot from the blueline which Jody Shelley tipped past goaltender Trevor Amundrud to give the Tigers a 2-1 lead. Tigers Marc Warner and Trevor Doyle created many scoring opportunities but their team failed to capitalize on any of them.

Dal was outshot early in the second frame but Neil Savary made some great saves to keep the Black and Gold ahead. The Tigers' blueline held it together, generating a number of turnovers. Kalmakoff proved invaluable to Dal's penalty-killing unit, playing a fast forechecking game, creating scoring opportunities and single-handedly warding off several Axemen quite simply because they couldn't catch up.

Chris Pittman went top shelf at 9:42 to further increase Dal's lead, causing Tiger fans to remind Amundrud that "It's all your fault",

in case the stony silence which filled Acadia Arena failed to alert him to that fact. Pittman and teammates Jan Melicherik, Dave Haynes, Shelley and LaPointe proved to be an effective on-ice combination for head coach Darrell Young throughout the frame.

It was 7:38 of the third before Acadia scored again, adding another two goals in quick succession to take the lead. Wade Whitten sealed the game for the Axemen with an empty netter in the dying seconds of a period where Acadia outshot the Tigers 12-4.

"We had some trouble in the third period in a couple of games but all we can do is learn from our past mistakes," said Kalmakoff.

On Saturday, LaPointe opened the scoring on the power play at 1:40 of the first period. Matt Hill responded for a short-handed SMU team at 5:42. It didn't take long for the game to deteriorate into the Huskies' usual dump-and-chase approach which carried over into the second frame and numbed the fans.

Things got a little more tedious in the third as both teams seemed a little hesitant and play became choppy. Kalmakoff woke the fans up with a slap from the face-off circle at 7:22 which found nothing but net. Savary kept Dal ahead for the remainder of the game while rookie Dave Bourque took Player of the Game for a solid performance on the blueline.

"We had a great team effort for 60 minutes — we had everybody here tonight," said Young.

But team captain Haynes added, "[Despite the win] I still don't think we should be satisfied with the way we played tonight."

Dal currently holds third place in the Kelly Division with a 9-12-0 record. On Saturday, the Tigers will be looking to avenge a 4-6 freak loss to the UPEI Panthers last November.

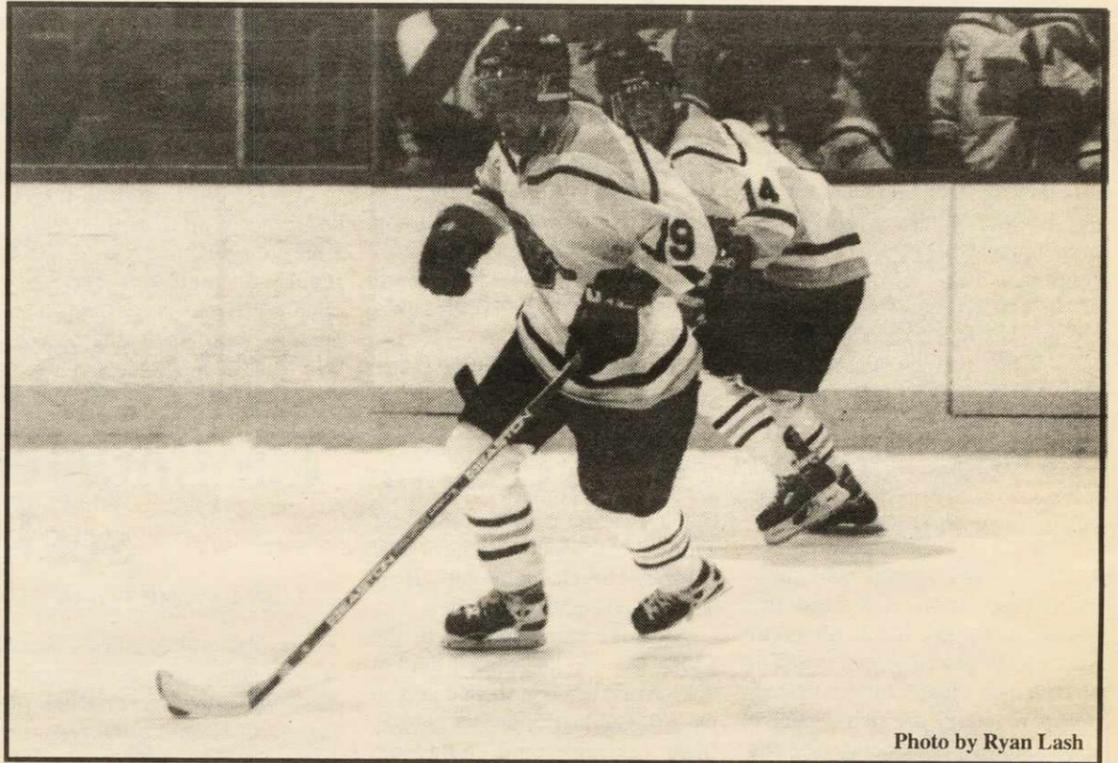


Photo by Ryan Lash

Basketball drops two straight

BY MATT FELTHAM AND SUMANT KUMAR

After two consecutive victories at Memorial, the Dalhousie basketball Tigers entered last Wednesday's game full of optimism. But the brief winning streak ended as they were hammered by the Acadia Axemen 78-60.

Straight from the tip-off the Axemen were able to handle the Tigers' new zone defense with smooth shooting and aggressive defense, enabling them to race out to a 22-14 lead. The Axemen's inside presence totally dominated the Tigers in the first half, and despite a 9-1 run to close the half by the Tigers, the Axemen went to the locker room with a 39-31 lead.

In the second half the Tigers were never able to recover, despite the strong play of Brian Parker.

When the final buzzer sounded, Parker had 21 points and 7 assists on 50 per cent shooting to lead the Tigers. Jan Trojanowski led the Axemen with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

On Sunday, the Tigers hoped to rebound from their prior defeat playing traditional cellar-dwellers, the UNB Varsity Reds. Things once again turned sour as the Tigers, who were without the services of Mike Sabol, Dale Jackson and Paul Willisroft, fell 85-80 to the lowly Reds.

In the first ten minutes neither team was able to gain the upper hand as the score was tied at 20. But, the Reds were able to gain the advantage due to strong play by Dave Low and numerous turnovers by the Tigers. By half-time, the Reds had taken a 38-32 lead, partially due to the fact that Parker

only attempted 3 shots.

In the second half the Tigers came out on fire as Darryl Baptiste nailed shot after shot and led his team to an eight-point lead. A UNB timeout worked in the Reds' favour as they returned to the court fired up. Dominant play by Low and forward Jon Kreiner enabled the Reds to even the score 78-78 with 3 minutes to play. From here, multiple mental errors combined with suspect defense by Dal enabled the Reds to escape with the victory over the underachieving Tigers. Kreiner and Low led the Reds with 26 and 25 points, respectively. The Tigers were led by Baptiste's 30 and Tremayne Howe's 23. Dalhousie will hope to rebound on Wednesday as they venture down to the Tower to face cross-town rival, the Saint Mary's Huskies.

Swim teams on pace for AUAAs

BY SCOTT SANCTON

After returning from a very successful 10-day training camp in Barbados, the Dalhousie swim teams have been busy swimming hard in preparation for their taper leading up to the Atlantic Conference Championships starting on the Feb. 13. In Barbados, the 32-member travelling party swam a total of 96 kilometres, almost four times the distance normally covered in the same time period.

During the second weekend of January, the Tigers competed with all of the swim teams in Nova Scotia at the annual Metro Invitational. Angela MacAlpine added herself to the Dalhousie CIAU Roster following the competition. The rest of the team also competed very well, with a number of swimmers achieving lifetime bests. The entire team took third place behind the Halifax Trojans and the Dartmouth Crusaders Swim Club. Steve Indig won three individual events and was also a member of two winning relay teams, earning him Dalhousie,

AUAA and CIAU Male Athlete of the Week titles.

The following weekend, the Tigers took on EAST (Eastern Alliance Swim Team) which is a combination of the Dartmouth and Halifax Clubs. The meet provided an opportunity for swimmers to test themselves in their events before the championships.

Over the past weekend, the Tigers went on the road as they competed in dual meets with UNB in Fredericton on Friday and Mount Allison in Sackville on Saturday.

The Tigers' men's team lost by a narrow three-point margin on Friday as both teams swam strategically to test each other. While there were a number of good swims, the team awaits their taper for AUAAs so that they can compete rested and shaved. The women's team also lost to the Varsity Reds.

However, the Tigers rebounded on Saturday, as both teams won their battles against the Mount Allison Mounties. The victory was even further encouraging as

most of the Dal athletes were swimming off events.

The AUAAs are being held in Fredericton this year, and the Tigers will fight a physical and strategic battle in their quest to capture both men's and women's titles. Last year only the women's team won. The Tigers will also try and add to their current five-member team going to CIAUs in Sherbrooke the weekend following AUAAs.

The team currently consists of Stuart Kemp, Angela MacAlpine, Lindsay Eller, Sarah Woodworth and Amy Woodworth.

SARAH WOODWORTH • SWIMMING

Sarah had an extremely successful weekend leading the Tigers' swim teams to a 1-1 record at weekend visits to UNB and Mt. Allison. She was named female Swimmer of the Meet at UNB where she won both the 400m and the 800m freestyle events, while picking up another victory on the 800m freestyle relay team. At Mt. Allison she won the 200m individual medley, the 100m freestyle and helped out on the winning 400m freestyle relay team. Sarah is a fifth-year Pharmacy student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

STUART KEMP • SWIMMING

Stuart led the Tigers to a weekend split of two meets at UNB and Mt. Allison. He won both the 200m freestyle and the 400m freestyle at the first weekend meet at UNB. He followed this up with victories at Mt. Allison in the 800m freestyle and as a member of the 400m freestyle relay team. Stuart is a fourth-year Political Science student minoring in International Development Studies from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Athletes of the Week

Former St.FX star sentenced

St.FX's former star hockey player Jarret Reid was sentenced to four months in prison on Tuesday. Reid plead guilty in September to a single assault charge involving three separate incidents which occurred last January and March.

Provincial court Judge John Embree added an extra month to Reid's sentence for having contact with his accuser, former girlfriend Joanne Bartlett, in violation of an earlier restraining order. Contact had been initiated by Bartlett who earlier this month had expressed regret at pressing charges.

Reid was sentenced to nine months in jail on similar charges in 1995 and served three months for eight counts at the time.

He had played with the OHL's Soo Greyhounds, 1993 Memorial Cup winners, before charges were laid. After serving his sentence, Reid joined the St.FX X-Men last year where he quickly became a fan favourite, displaying a great offensive style and an effective scoring touch, as well as picking up AUAA and CIAU All-Star honours.

Dal Wrestling Club successful at the UNB Open

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

On Jan. 24, the Dalhousie Wrestling Club (DWC) capped off another successful weekend finishing third overall out of ten teams, and winning two weight classes at the UNB Open. Competition included wrestlers from Memorial, UNB, Concordia and McGill, among others.

For the third successive year, veteran wrestler and head coach Scott Aldridge was victorious in the 90kg weight class. Aldridge went 10-0, 3-0 in three matches over the reigning AUAA champion at 90kg (UNB's Mark Chesser), and won by a pin in his final match against the reigning AUAA 82kg champion (UNB's Mike MacDonald).

"I picked him up in a double-leg take-down," says Aldridge of the final match. "I then lifted him in the

air, and pinned him to take the win."

Logan Ward won two matches by a score of 10-0 over an opponent from Memorial, and pinned his UNB opponent in his second to win 5-0 and take the 52kg weight class.

"Logan is doing well with steady improvement all the time," says Aldridge. "He's definitely peaking right now."

Andrew Moebus, "the best technical wrestler on the team" according to Aldridge, went 2-2 to finish third at 65kg. Other team members also placed well to contribute to Dal's third placing: Gavin Tweedie was 4th and Jason Schonberg 5th at 72kg; Scott Malcolm was 4th at 82kg; Paul Murchison was 4th and Chris Lewis 6th at 90kg.

"All the guys are getting better and better all the time," Aldridge

said. "Now we have to peak for the AUAA's."

Big things can be expected of both Aldridge and Ward who are favoured to win the AUAA's at UNB later this month at 90kg and 52kg, respectively. Other team members are also expected to show well with the possibility of taking the overall team title away from UNB.

"We have some of the best guys in the conference," says Aldridge, "[and] things are well underway for the AUAA's."

For a club, the DWC is competing at a high level of athleticism, gaining a great deal of local and national exposure, equaling if not surpassing many varsity teams. No doubt, the DWC will be able to reap the benefits of their successes.



As a side note, besides giving up their weekend to represent Dal in New Brunswick, the guys can also be considered good Samaritans of sorts. While driving home late

Saturday, they spotted a car off the highway in a ditch. The driver must have thought it was his lucky day to see eight wrestlers stop to push his car out. All in a days work.

DWC ready for AUAA's

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

The second annual Dalhousie Wrestling Open was held the weekend of Jan. 16 with great success. Dal placed second as a team in both men's junior (under-18) and senior (over-19) divisions, gaining considerable confidence for the Atlantic University Championship.

The Dalhousie Wrestling Club has only been active for the last three years but has already come up with some excellent results. Head coach Scott Aldridge is the reigning two-time AUAA Champion and has placed 5th and 7th at the CIAUs in 1996 and 1997. Aldridge is currently ranked sixth nationally and came in second at the Eastern Canadian Championships (ECC) before Christmas. Logan Ward, a second-year team member, is currently ranked seventh nationally. He also placed second at the ECC and is a favourite to win at AUAA's in the 52kg category.

Andrew Moebus and Jason Schonberg are both in their first year on the wrestling squad. They are both currently ranked eighth nationally and both came second at the ECC.

Gavin Tweedie is in his third year with the club, and has participated in two AUAA championships. He is also ranked eighth nationally.

Aldridge came in first in the 130kg division and placed third at 90kg. Ward came in second in both the 57kg and 61kg weight classes. In the 72kg division, Josh Balsamo and Tweedie placed first and third, respectively. In the 68kg class, Balsamo, and Andrew Moebus placed second and third. Scott Malcolm placed third at 82kg and fourth at 90kg. Dal also had other good showings by Jason Schonberg who was fourth at 68kg and 72kg, Paul Murchison fifth at 90kg, Brett Leblanc and Chris Lewis fourth and fifth, respectively, at 130kg.

There are many new faces on the squad this year including Malcolm, Murchison and Lewis. The combination of experience and youth is sure to be an advantage.

"[This year] we have the best bunch of guys we have ever had," said coach Aldridge.

Things look good for AUAA's which are coming up Feb. 14th, and CIAUs at Brock University Feb. 27-28.

Dalhousie Women's Hockey Club seeking varsity status

BY KENZIE TOBIN

The Dalhousie women's hockey team is fighting for varsity recognition. The team recently went to UNB for the inaugural Atlantic Universities Women's Hockey Championship. They lost to Acadia on Friday, Jan. 16. A loss to St.FX the following day put them out of medal contention.

Although the team assembled for the trip included a vast array of talent, certain problems within the Dalhousie Women's Hockey Club challenges its ability to compete against other university teams and hinders its progress towards varsity status.

Unlike SMU, Acadia, St.FX and UNB, the Dal team is comprised of 65 per cent students which meant that 35 per cent of its 'regular' team members could not attend the AUAA Tournament. By comparison, the other universities' teams are comprised entirely of students.

These universities all have a paid coach and were given a bus by their school to transport them and their gear to New Brunswick. The Dal team members were given three flats

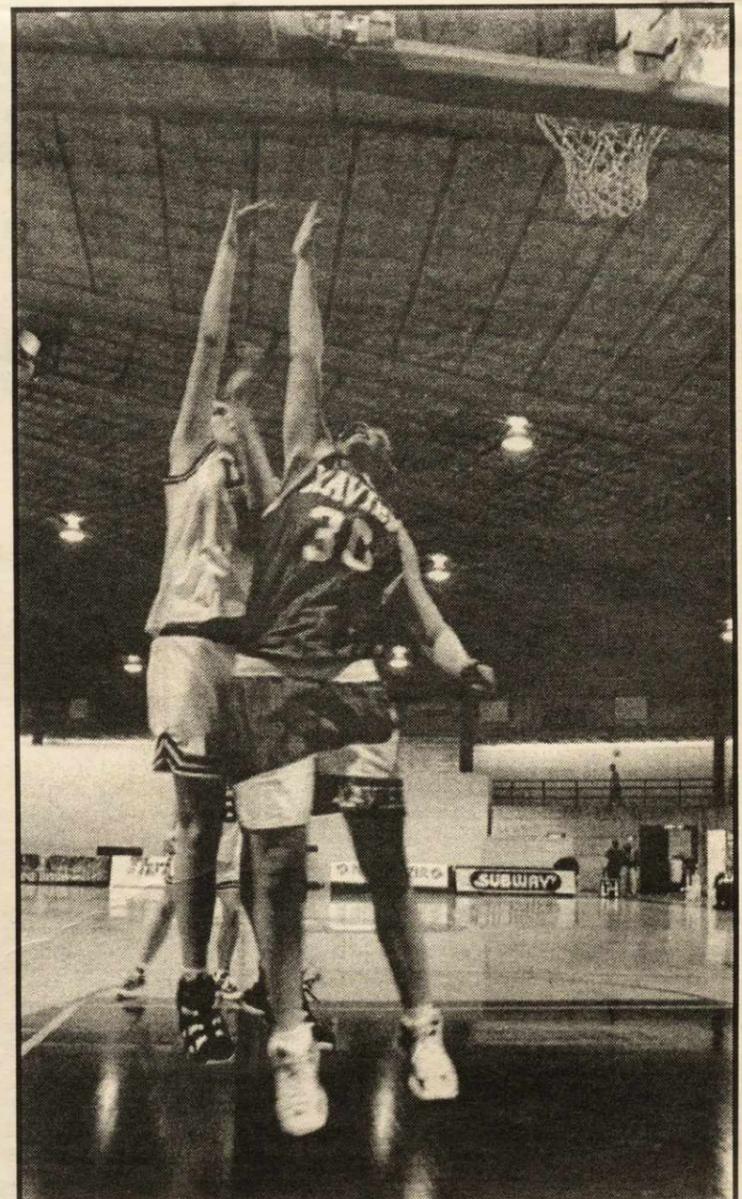
of pop and a rented mini-van — hardly enough room for a full hockey team and their equipment. Needless to say, the surprise and shock of these other 'true' varsity hockey teams made Dal realize that, in order to be recognized as varsity, some serious changes need to be made.

Dal's head coach is a volunteer; a paid coach is needed. Secondly, more practise time is required and at a reasonable time for students. Their practise time is currently from 7 until 8:30 on Thursday mornings. This is

unrealistic since most of the women have classes at 8:30am. Thirdly, the team should consist of just Dalhousie students. Finally, the university must support this team and quickly set in motion the plans to create Dalhousie's first ever women's varsity hockey team.

These changes are necessary in order for the team to be able to compete with SMU, UNB, St.FX and Acadia as those teams are already 'there' and Dal is still so far behind, trying to obtain simple recognition.

Kenzie Tobin is a blueliner with the Dalhousie Women's Hockey Club.



Women's basketball in action at the Dalplex on Jan. 13 where the Tigers beat St.FX 59-53. Dal dropped two games to Memorial the following weekend, losing 62-67 on Jan. 17, and 55-72 on Jan. 18.

The team was back on top last week, taking a 62-34 win over Acadia on Jan. 21 and a 65-56 win over UNB on Sunday. (Photo by Luke Dobek)

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Men's volleyball Tigers tamed in Fredericton

BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie men's volleyball team had better keep an eye on their own backyard in their quest to represent the AUAA at Nationals next month in Calgary.

Fresh from recently winning a silver at the prestigious Dalhousie Classic, the Tigers let their intensity drop a level at UNB last weekend, which proved costly. The Tigers split a pair of conference matches in Fredericton in what was supposed to be an easy two-match romp for the nationally seventh-ranked Tigers.

Intending to repay a December loss to unranked UNB on Saturday night, a confident and determined-looking Tiger squad posted a 15-5 first set and looked ready to cruise by the Reds. Mental lapses in the second set gave UNB a brief 6-4 lead, however, the Tigers regrouped to win the second set 15-11. That game also marked the appearance of First Team All-Canadian Terry Martin — still recovering from

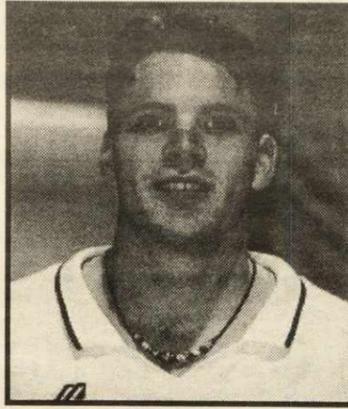
ankle injuries — who celebrated his first match in seven weeks with one kill and two blocks.

Dave Cox, Chris Wolfenden and Jason Trepanier, who sparkled for Dal in the first two games, were a non-factor in the third when five mistakes by Dal gave UNB a 5-0 lead in a matter of minutes. Unable to overcome this deficit, the lead eventually translated to a 15-4 win for UNB. In the fourth, the Tigers' lack of coverage of the back court gave UNB another large jump, this time a 7-0 lead that UNB held to win the set 15-10, forcing a fifth set to be played in rally points which Dal won 15-11.

Player of the Match honours went to Dal captain John Hobin who had 8 kills, 6 digs and 6 blocks, while Trepanier had 19 kills and 13 blocks. Jeff Byrne amassed 21 kills and 7 digs for UNB.

On Sunday afternoon, the Tigers played like garbage and UNB took out the trash with a 3-1 (15-4, 8-15, 15-3 and 15-9) win. Playing

even better than Saturday, the Reds managed to frustrate every player on the Dal side by digging almost every Dal attack. UNB came out



John Hobin

strong in the first set (15-4) and the Tigers rebounded 15-8 on the strength of Trepanier's play, deflating UNB's morale with his commanding performance. Wolfenden put a kill past three UNB blockers to end the game.

The Tigers failed to build on the

momentum and were shut down 15-3 in the third. With UNB up 13-9 in the fourth and Trepanier serving for his fifth consecutive point, a questionable call by the referee gave UNB the side-out and serve. The resulting two points allowed the Reds to take their second victory over the Tigers this season, indicating that their previous win may not have been a fluke.

Top performances for Dal came from veteran Trepanier with 17 kills and 11 digs while Wolfenden totalled 14 kills and 8 digs. UNB's Scott Munro was Player of the Match with 22 kills and 10 digs, while Byrne added 20 kills and 11 blocks.

Dal, who was unbeaten last season in league action and went on to win CIAU silver, was out-hustled and outplayed by UNB who produced a team-high 62 digs for the match compared to Dal's 51. The Tigers will go back to the drawing board to find the intensity and effort that they showed at the Classic.

"We were lucky with the first win," said Dal's Matt Hartlen. "They are a tough, unorthodox squad and this is the best UNB team I have ever seen — much better than we expected. They are a legitimate top ten team."

The Tigers currently sit at 6-2 in conference standings while UNB is at 4-2 in the three-team league. The Reds are expected to easily win a pair of matches against Memorial (0-6) this weekend, thus tying Dal's record going into the AUAA Tournament which the Tigers host February 13-15. The current situation will give this year's upcoming tourney some meaning as the two battle it out for the right to host the AUAA Championship the following week.

Dal, a much more talented and experienced team, must increase their level of intensity and improve their mental game when the two rivals meet again, Hartlen says.

"We can't let [UNB] demoralize us when they make a dig; we just have to block that out."

Like Dal has done for many years, UNB has started to compete in some out-of-conference tournaments and found success in two exhibition tourneys this season. At the Guelph Tournament in November, the Reds had a solid showing, highlighted by an upset victory over Ball State in round robin action. Ball State was a Final Four competitor last year in the NCAA. Early this year the Reds also captured a silver in a Tournament hosted in Quebec City.

Dal will be in Quebec this weekend, participating in their last out-of-conference competition at the Laval Tournament where they will challenge Laval, Montreal, Sherbrooke and Western for first place. This will also be the Tigers' last opportunity to move up in the national standings.

"Our goal is to stay healthy and be right in there," Hartlen said.

This weekend's huge moral victory for UNB will certainly make competition in the AUAA interesting for the future as the Reds gain confidence knowing that the Tigers are beatable. Dal will have a battle ahead knowing that the only way that UNB comes out on top is when the Tigers beat themselves.

"It's all for the rush"

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The Dalhousie Parachute Club is not a new phenomenon, but it has been inactive for a while.

Its current president, Dave Williamson (pictured), was a member of the club during its previous existence. He has been instrumental in successfully reviving the organization, along with fellow executive members Wanda Watts (vice president) and Chris Shiki (treasurer/secretary). The club aims at getting people interested and involved in the sport of skydiving.

"We're trying to go out as a group from the university," said Williamson, a Dalhousie alumnus.

The club currently has 40 people on its e-mail list. Club membership is pretty straightforward: members must have completed the first jump course.

"It's all for the rush," says Watts when asked what would possibly possess someone to fling themselves out of a plane, but she admits that it's become a bit of a cliché lately.

The club will be running a first jump course on Feb. 4, at 6:30pm in room 307



of the SUB, with first jumps expected to take place over Munro Day weekend. They will also have a booth at the Jan. 29

society fair.

For more information, e-mail dropzone@is2.dal.ca.

Tears were shed and kidneys were lost

Where exactly were the prostitutes during Super Bowl XXXII?

Sunday the 25th of January. The big one. The granddaddy of all bowls and believe me I've seen some big ones. The Super Bowl.

My manservant Godfrey and I had been anxiously anticipating this day for two long weeks. Green Bay was heavily favoured to win this contest, this brutal ballet on the grid iron.

In keeping with the spirit of the event, I had wagered heavily with my local bookmaker, Señor Alvarez. Like the fool that I am, I dismissed any possibility that Denver and their aging superstar, QB John Elway, would manage to snap the AFC's 13-Super-Bowl losing streak. As the wise man once said, never bet against a streak. Or was it never bet on a streak...? Or was it never bet on a streaker...?

4:00pm. Godfrey was growing restless. Deep in his eyes I could tell he suspected me of wagering his vital organs again in an attempt to even the ledger with the dreaded Alvarez. Together we watched another hour of pre-game drivel and knocked back boiler makers. Little did Godfrey know that this might be the last hurrah for his remaining kidney. I also feared that he saw me as the real conspirator in the unfortunate trip to Portugal which resulted in the theft of the other.

Feeling somewhat relaxed by the drinks, I slipped into my lizard-skin coat and headed down to the Grawood hoping for a good time, victory for the Packers and maybe

a liaison of sorts with a couple of co-eds.

Godfrey and I continued to knock back blushing brides and scotch old fashioned as kick-off approached. Feeling the hunger pangs that only an afternoon of substance abuse can produce, I ordered twenty wings. The spiciness of the wings had me hallucinating almost instantaneously. I turned to Godfrey who had suddenly transformed into a Giant Purple Dinosaur. Not knowing what to do, I delivered a blinding blow or two where I supposed a Dinosaur's reproductive organs would be. Everything went black for a moment and, when I came to, Green Bay was up by seven and Godfrey was decidedly down. It was to be the only time in the game that the Pack would lead.

Tyrell Davis dominated all game long. Three touchdowns later and I was still astounded that a man with a head injury could perform so well when most men with self-induced head injuries fail to perform at all, myself included. The bar exploded every time Davis crossed into the endzone. My beeper shook in my pocket like a junkie going cold turkey. I knew it was Alvarez. Things did not bode well for Godfrey's remaining kidney.

Two minutes remaining and the Pack have one more chance to even the score. I ravenously finished my chili dog and began preparing plans in my now-clouded head on how to

drug Godfrey if things didn't work out for Brett Favre (unlike Portugal, there is a surprising shortage of Catholic prostitutes in this bar). To my unbelieving eyes, pass after pass was missed, the only highlight being an impact between a couple of Broncos so forceful that everyone in the bar winced simultaneously as stocks in neck brace manufacturers rose and Godfrey instinctively covered his groin lest I be gripped by another apocalyptic vision of children's programming.

Failure, the Packers lose, however it was perhaps one of the better Super

Bowls. Elway snapped his losing streak and, on the whole the Grawood seemed to rejoice, bastards. I felt the beeper in my pocket jump to life once more. I walked out the door behind Godfrey, smashing him over the head with my black jack, preparing him for surgery.

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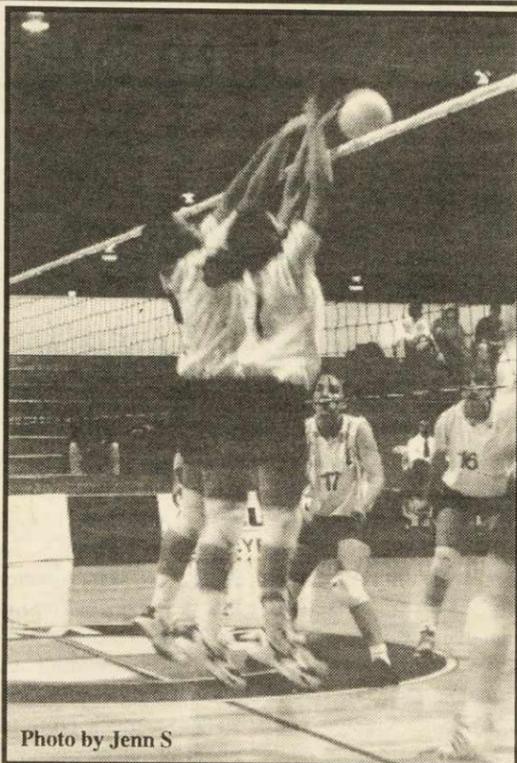


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Shattered NHL dreams

The fine line between hockey stardom and life-long disability

BY DARRYL OSBORNE

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Troy is an 18-year-old junior hockey player taking part in his first Memorial Cup. National Hockey League scouts are scattered throughout the capacity crowd. Troy knows that if he has a strong game and impresses them, he could dramatically increase his chances of being drafted and becoming an instant millionaire at next summer's NHL entry draft.

With less than a minute left in regulation time and the game tied at three, Troy finds himself slightly ahead of an opposing player as he races to try and prevent his team from getting called for icing the puck. Just before he touches the puck, the opposing player places his stick between Troy's skates, causing him to trip and slide face-first into the boards.

Troy lies motionless for several minutes. He keeps saying that he cannot feel his arms or legs. As the minutes continue to pass with no sign of movement, a hush falls over the once-boisterous crowd and players from both teams surround the young man with grave concern. His spine has been damaged. In one split second, Troy has gone from a budding NHL superstar to a quadriplegic.

In Canada, hundreds of athletes annually fall victim to debilitating spinal cord injuries. While medical advances and new technologies promise hope for spinal cord patients, the best defence against a life confined to a wheelchair is common sense and fair play.

According to Charles Tatter, a neurosurgeon who teaches at the University of Toronto, approximately 20 per cent of all spinal cord injuries suffered in Canada are sports-related, and 85 per cent of those victims are males between the ages of 18 and 24. The results of an injury to the spinal cord are often devastating, leaving people paraplegic or quadriplegic.

Paraplegia is a paralysis of the lower extremities and part or all of the trunk muscles. There is often a loss of sensation in paralysed limbs as well as muscle spasms, pain and loss of bowel and bladder control. Quadriplegia occurs when there is damage to the spinal cord in the upper back or neck region. Such injuries often cause impairment to the hands and arms, in addition to the effects associated with paraplegia.

When a person suffers a spinal cord injury, they may sustain a complete or incomplete injury. A complete injury occurs when the victim cannot move his or her body beyond the point of damage, while people with an incomplete injury maintain limited function in the affected body parts.

There have been medical advances that can minimize the amount of permanent damage caused by a spinal injury. The drug methylprednisone provides neuro-protection, increases blood flow and prevents calcium build-up within the victim. It must, however, be administered within eight hours of the injury if it is to be effective and the drug has substantial side effects.

"The rate of serious infection is significantly higher. In fact, it doubles," explains Michael Fehlings, associate professor of neurosurgery at the University of Toronto. "But we accept that as a worthwhile trade-off because [methylprednisone] results in improved function of nerve cells."

There have also been advances in rehabilitation for spinal cord injury victims, partly as a result of early treatments like methylprednisone.

"Rehabilitation for people is becoming increasingly complex. The reason for that is that some of the acute management is having a positive effect," says Molly

Varrier, chairperson of rehabilitation sciences at the University of Toronto. "We are finding that people are having increased movement, but at the same time also having increased muscle tone and spasticity."

Halo stabilization is one of the more recent improvements to the rehabilitation process for spinal injury patients. It involves the placement of a ring on the patient's head, which is then attached with screws to cross bars connected to a vest. The halo allows victims of spinal cord injuries to become mobile at a much faster rate.

There have also been substantial improvements made to the protective value of sports equipment, but Fehlings cautions that there is no one piece of equipment that will fully protect against a neck injury.

"[Children] are trying to emulate the NHL players. They have their helmet and face-mask, they look like Arnold Schwarzenegger, yet they have these tiny neck muscles and there is hitting from behind," he said.

This reality has led to the creation of an innovative program in the Novice Windsor Minor Hockey Association (NWMHA), which aims to prevent spinal injuries by discouraging hitting from behind.

All players, parents and coaches involved with the league are now required to sign a Fair Play Pledge, which prohibits players from hitting others from behind. In addition, all players must wear a three-inch STOP sign on the back of their jerseys.

Despite the fact that the age of players in the NWMHA ranges from four to nine, rules concerning hitting from behind are strictly enforced, says Kevin Stubbington, vice-president of the league and co-creator of the Safety Toward Other Players (STOP) program.

"We suspend our players for three games if they are caught pushing or shoving from behind. If they do it again, I cut them a check and send them home — they're done for the rest of the year. I don't want them in hockey if they can't play the game properly," Stubbington says.

Since the STOP program was introduced three years ago, 4,000 minor league hockey players in Windsor have stitched the STOP crest on their uniforms. Penalties for hitting from behind are rare and not a single player has suffered a spinal cord injury. Stubbington says he wants to see the program implemented widely.

"My goal is to see a STOP sign on every player," he asserted.

But Stubbington says he can't understand why the STOP signs are not more widely used.

"A lot of leagues have [adopted] the program, but those that haven't are probably sitting back waiting for some numbers, waiting for a graph, waiting for some results. All the time they are doing that, there are kids out there getting hurt every day."

There is currently no cure for spinal injuries — prevention remains the best cure. But advances in nerve regeneration research are providing hope. Tatter says he is optimistic about the possibility of regeneration of the human spinal cord in the not-so-distant future.

"There are several strategies that now work with animals... for example, we can transplant a piece of the spinal cord from one animal into another animal and have it actually grow, or we can take a nerve graph and place it in the gap of a spinal cord injury and the nerve graph will hook up with the stumps of the injured spinal cord," Tatter explains.

He adds that it is not unrealistic to think it will be available to injury victims by the turn of the century. But for now, the best hope is to play it safe.

Upcoming events

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Jan. 31	Dal@SFX	8pm
Feb. 6	Dal@SMU	8pm
Feb. 8	UPEI@Dal	3pm
Feb. 14	Dal@SFX	8pm
Feb. 15	Dal@UCCB	3pm
Feb. 19	ACA@Dal	8pm
Feb. 22	SMU@Dal	8pm
Feb. 27	Dal@UNB	8:30pm
Mar. 1	UCCB@Dal	3pm
Mar. 5	Dal@ACA	8pm

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Jan. 31	Dal@SFX	6pm
Feb. 6	Dal@SMU	6pm
Feb. 8	UPEI@Dal	1pm
Feb. 11	Dal@ACA	8pm
Feb. 14	Dal@SFX	6pm
Feb. 15	Dal@UCCB	1pm
Feb. 19	ACA@Dal	6pm
Feb. 24	SMU@Dal	6pm
Feb. 27	Dal@UNB	6:30pm
Mar. 1	UCCB@Dal	1pm
Mar. 6	AUAAs@UPEI	
Mar. 7	AUAAs@UPEI	
Mar. 8	AUAAs@UPEI	

HOCKEY		
Jan. 31	UPEI@Dal	7pm
Feb. 4	Dal@SMU	7:30pm
Feb. 7	All-Star Game	(@Metro Centre)
Feb. 11	SFX@Dal	7pm
Feb. 14	Dal@UdeM	7pm
Feb. 15	Dal@STU	2pm
Feb. 18	SMU@Dal	7pm
Feb. 22	ACA@Dal	7pm
Feb. 27	Quarter Finals	
Feb. 28	Quarter Finals	

SWIMMING		
Feb. 13	AUAAs@UNB	10:30 am & 6:30pm
Feb. 14	AUAAs@UNB	10:30 am & 6:30pm
Feb. 15	AUAAs@UNB	10am & 4pm
Feb. 20	CIAUs@Sherbrooke	
Feb. 21	CIAUs@Sherbrooke	
Feb. 22	CIAUs@Sherbrooke	

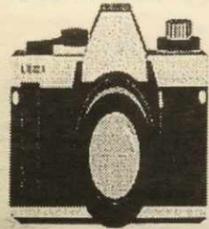
MEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
Jan. 30	Dal@Laval Tournament	
Jan. 31	Dal@Laval Tournament	
Feb. 1	Dal@Laval Tournament	
Feb. 13	AUAA League Tournament	[UNB vs Dal 8pm]
Feb. 15	AUAA League Tournament	[MUN vs Dal noon]
Feb. 20	AUAA Championships (#2@#1, best 2 of 3)	
Feb. 21	AUAA Championships (#2@#1, best 2 of 3)	
Feb. 22	AUAA Championships (#2@#1, best 2 of 3)	
Feb. 27	CIAUs@Calgary	
Feb. 28	CIAUs@Calgary	
Mar. 1	CIAUs@Calgary	

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL		
Jan. 31	Dal@UNB	1pm
Feb. 7	UPEI@Dal	6pm
Feb. 8	UPEI@Dal	11am
Feb. 11	Dal@SMU	7pm
Feb. 14	MTA@Dal	5pm
Feb. 15	UdeM@Dal	2pm
Feb. 20	AUAAs@Dal	
Feb. 21	AUAAs@Dal	
Feb. 22	AUAAs@Dal	
Mar. 5	CIAUs@Alberta	
Mar. 6	CIAUs@Alberta	
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January 29th - February 4th, 1998

Thursday, January 29

The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie will meet at 7pm in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor SUB. For more info call 494-1256.

Economic Justice, a working group of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the SUB. All are welcome. For location call 494-6662.

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

"We Are What We Do" — Dr. Andrew Harvey, professor of Economics at Saint Mary's University will be lecturing at 4pm in room 301 of the Forrest Building.

Friday, January 30

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

Saturday, January 31

The Korean Association will meet at 6pm in the lobby of the SUB. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to attend.

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

Sunday, February 1

Sunday Mass — The Dal Roman Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates Mass at 11:30am in room 307, SUB. All are welcome to join us in a youthful, modern liturgy that reflects university life and experiences. For more info call 494-2287.

Women's Health Collective will be meeting from 1-6pm, SUB to work on layout for the *Women's Health in Perspective Magazine*. The focus of the day will be to add drawings and artwork to the text: bring along some drawings or just your pens and pencils. For more info call 494-6662.

Monday, February 2

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

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

Tuesday, February 3

Women's Health Issues, a collective of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm at the Dal Womens Centre. For more info call 455-6662.

The Dal Ballroom Dancing Society will meet in the McInnes Room, SUB. Membership is \$25 per person, singles are welcome. For more info call 455-6746 or 482-1007.

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

Wednesday, February 4

Taoist Tai Chi will be held by the Ward 5 Community 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 2nd floor lounge, SUB. For more info call 494-6662.

General Announcements

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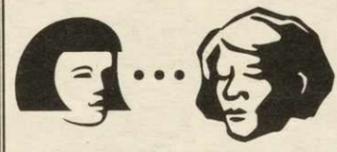


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