

# THE GAZETTE

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## Dispute opportunity to address causes of university's plight

By SAMANTHA BRENNAN

PEOPLE ARE TALKING about Dalhousie university.

Student union president Alex Gigeroff spends a lot of time on the phone these days. And lately the calls have been coming from far away places—the *Globe and Mail*, the national TV news and CBC radio.

With more media attention than ever focussed on Dalhousie's \$13-15 million deficit, the faculty dispute has become an opportunity to address the underlying causes of the university's financial plight.

Caroline Zayid, DSU vice-president external, says she hopes the recent spree of attention directed at Dalhousie will allow students to bring home issues they've been talking about for years—underfunding of post-secondary education and the way the university is governed.

In this vein Geoff Martin, student representative on Dalhousie's board of governors, says the ultimate responsibility for Dalhousie's problems rests with the provincial government and their decision not to adequately fund post-secondary institutions.

The need to eliminate the university's deficit and fear of monetary penalties has been one of the administration's main arguments for refusing to substantially increase faculty's salaries.

According to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), if a university's debt exceeds a set percentage of their operating budget, the university is penalized and the government can withhold the penalty from the coming year's operating grant.

For three years Dalhousie has exceeded the limit set by the MPHEC and faces a threat that the penalties for these years will be taken out of the next operating grant.

At a meeting with the minister of education on Jan. 2, we asked that these penalties be waived, says Gigeroff.

Martin also says that the university has failed in its responsibility to make the public aware of government underfunding. Last year operating grants to the university were increased by only four per cent in face of a recommendation from the MPHEC that the increase be at least twice that, he says.

"The president has decided to pursue a policy of quiet diplomacy that I regard as inappropriate," says Martin. For him the answer lies in restructuring the university as

well as increased funding. He says there is a real imbalance of power at the university and unless that is changed Dalhousie is going to continue to tear itself apart.

Although the student union is talking about issues, they're still convinced that "neutrality" is the only option if they want to help prevent a strike.

Gigeroff says its neither "practical or realistic" to offer support for either side in the dispute. "The student union's prime responsibility is to the students, to see that our interests are protected," says Gigeroff.

He says the student union is investigating taking legal action against the administration if a strike occurs, offering information to students through a special bulletin and trying to ensure that students who refuse to attend classes will not be penalized.

In the end Gigeroff holds on to an optimistic vision. "I'd hope that once they (both sides) see how badly students are going to be affected they may go back to the table," he says.

## Feminist mag. starts at U of T

TORONTO (CUP)—Feminism is back in print at the University of Toronto with a new magazine called *OtherWise*.

The staff of the magazine wants to "initiate a feminist dialogue" on campus, says spokesperson Ingrid MacDonald.

"We're having a good time," she says. "We want the campus to know about feminism."

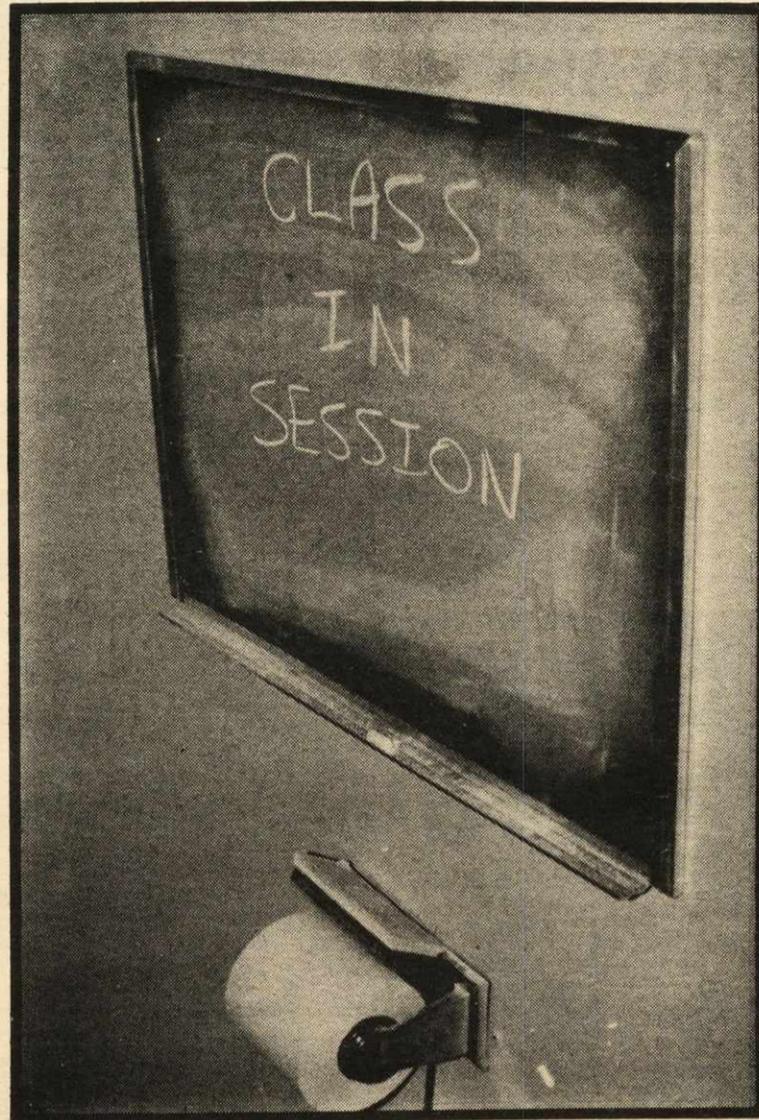
The new magazine is a departure from the trend to campus conservatism marked by last year's start-up of the right-wing *U of T Magazine* and *McGill Magazine*.

In its first issue, *OtherWise* featured articles on the history of the fight for a women's centre on campus, a women's guide to Toronto services and a networking column.

*OtherWise* was started with money left behind by the *U of T Women's Newsmagazine*. The magazine folded two years ago, partly due to pressure from the student council, which funded the paper but did not like its "women only" policies.

Unlike its predecessor, *OtherWise* encourages contributions from men.

"We welcome new people," says MacDonald, but added that contributors should be aware the magazine has "an explicit agenda." □



Chalk one up for graffiti artists! Chalkboards have recently been installed in Dal SUB washrooms. Fancy new writing paper is also provided. Photo: Darryl C. Macdonald

## Blackboards provide forum for debate in washroom stalls

By CHARLENE SADLER

IGNORED FOR YEARS, graffiti art is finally being catered to at Dalhousie.

One of the newer innovations returning students will find this term are chalkboards in washrooms on the second floor of the student union building. Student union president Alex Gigeroff says he hopes the chalkboards will deter students from writing graffiti on the walls.

He says the idea began with one of his "major discoveries" at the Canadian Federation of Students conference at the University of Alberta, where he first saw chalkboards in the washrooms.

As well as the vandalism, Gigeroff hopes the chalkboards will raise the quality of graffiti at Dalhousie.

"There was no vandalism and

people were indefinitely more witty, creative, and less offensive at the U of A," says Gigeroff. "Most graffiti is of the ha-ha, boo-boo kind but the walls still have to be scraped down and repainted each year.

"With chalkboards the graffiti can be erased."

But for now the chalkboards are up on a trial basis and will be taken down if they get broken or cause a "wild outrage" says Gigeroff. He also promises aspiring graffiti artists an ample supply of chalk.

## No strike action for now

DFA threaten to initiate full strike action Jan 28 if no progress is made

By WENDY COOMBER

IT'LL BE CLASSES AS USUAL for Dalhousie students. There will be no strike by the Dalhousie Faculty Association in the coming week, says DFA spokesperson Dr. John Rutherford.

After a three-hour meeting Wednesday night, the DFA decided on the following actions should their stand-off with the board of governors continue: Jan 11-14 DFA members will hold informational pickets around the campus. Classes will not be disrupted.

On Jan. 16 there will be a one-day work stoppage.

The DFA will meet on Jan 24 to listen to and assess the negotiating team's progress, if any, and decide on future steps.

If there is no progress on contract negotiations by Jan 28 the DFA will initiate full strike action.

## Engineers want to clean up their image at U of T

TORONTO (CUP)—Some engineering students at the University of Toronto are tired of their image as "beer-guzzling partyers" and want to stress the "intellectual" aspects of engineering.

The U of T engineering students say they will educate their peers about the negative image prompted by their antics on Canadian campuses, when they gather for an upcoming Congress of Engineering Students.

"Of course people go to a conference to have a good time," says David Stubbing, chair of the congress organizing committee. "We want to make sure that people go home with more than a hang-over." □

## Quote of the week

Former student politician Atul Sharma on the dispute between the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Dalhousie Administration: "I think the university wants to bust the union and I think the DFA wants a confrontation. I think we'll all be screwed in the long run."

From the Dalhousie Faculty Association

# To the students of Dalhousie

The DFA prefers to negotiate — but negotiations have failed  
The DFA tried conciliation — but conciliators have failed

We don't want a strike—  
but we will if that is the only way to  
obtain a reasonable compromise

## Salary positions last April

### DFA

- (1) Cost of living increase to keep up with inflation.
- (2) "Steps" for achievement to keep up with inflation.
- (3) Real salaries to rise to 1978 levels by 1988

### Board

- (1) No increase
- (2) Unchanged "steps"
- (3) No catch-up

## Salary positions today

### DFA

- (1) Inflation rate (4.9%) with increases rescheduled to minimize costs
- (2) Unchanged
- (3) Sharply reduced; only those making the minimum for their seniority to rise to 1978 level (Cost: 0.75% of total salary package)

### Board

- (1) 2.88% increase; "inflation rate is irrelevant"
- (2) \$20.00 added to step
- (3) Nothing

## Last April's position on financial (mis) management

### DFA

- (1) The Dalhousie administration has run up a debt equal to 1/5 of our normal operating budget. In order to protect academic programs the DFA has proposed a system for making future decisions which will check such mismanagement by involving faculty and students.

### Board

- (1) Refused to discuss this matter

## Today's position on financial (mis)management

### DFA

- (1) No change

### Board

- (1) No change.

## Pension positions last April

### DFA

- (1) No pension "holiday." All pension funds to be used for pension benefits.
- (2) Scheduled improvements in benefits
- (3) Employees to share control of their pension plan.
- (4) Pension matters to be grievable.

### Board

- (1) Pension "holiday" for Board: No contributions during Feb '84- March '85
- (2) No improvements needed
- (3) Administration to control pension plan.
- (4) No grievance possible.

## Pension positions today

### DFA

- (1) Money kept through pension "holiday" to be an interest-free loan to be repayed over 2 years.
- (2) Improvements delayed to minimize costs.
- (3) Unchanged
- (4) Unchanged

### Board

- (1) Promises; but no legally binding commitment to repay.
- (2) Will consider recommendations from a strictly controlled fact-finder.
- (3) Unchanged
- (4) Severely limited grievances possible.

## Definitions

"Strike:" individual DFA members stop working  
"lock out" the Dalhousie administration forbids  
all DFA members to work

Want to hear more? Please come by the DFA information table in the Student Union Building

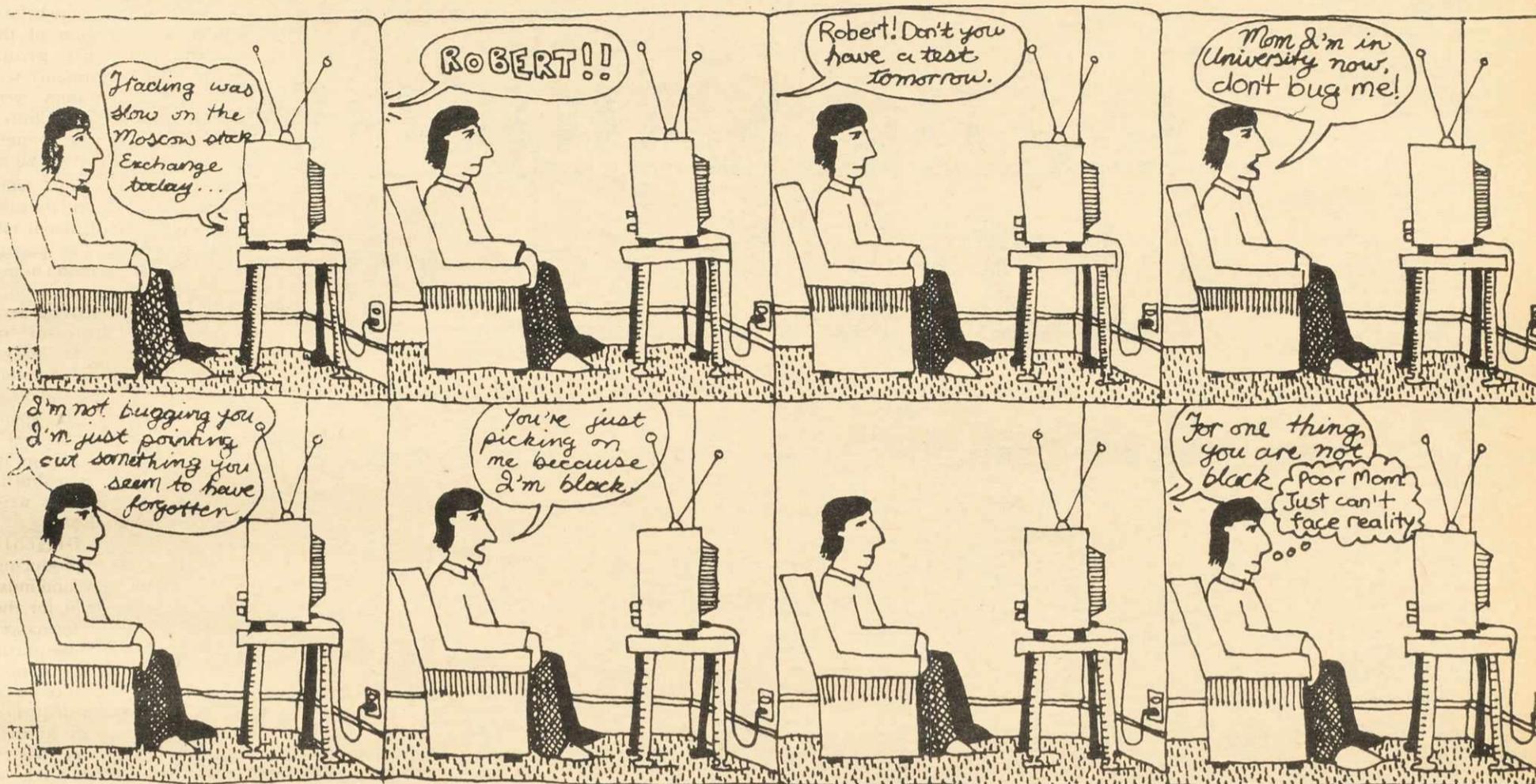
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# CALENDAR



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## THURSDAY

- **SEMINAR**—As part of the Dalhousie History Department seminar series Dr. Henry Roper will speak on "The Historical Thought of Professor G.E. Wilson". 8 pm, SUB Room 100.

- **SLIDE PRESENTATION**—"Background to the current crisis in Ethiopia", by Ronald Steward, followed by a Round Table discussion of the crisis with Ethiopian students. Will start at 4:30 pm.

- **SEMINAR**—As part of the Dalhousie Biology Department seminar series, J. Novitsky will speak on "Nucleotide Biochemistry in Marine Microbial Ecology: Results of Experiments in Paradise". Room 2970, LSC, 11:30 am.

- **DALHOUSIE FENCING CLUB**—will be offering beginner and intermediate courses in fencing. Organizational meeting is at 8:30 Thursday January 10 on the stage in Studley Gym.

## FRIDAY

- **WINE CELLAR**—The mature students association will be hosting a wine cellar on Friday Jan. 11th, 2nd floor SUB. Starting 8 pm wine tasting and a wine appreciation lecture will also be held. Cash bar available.

## SATURDAY

- **SYMPOSIUM IN HONOUR OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR**—sponsored by the John E. Read International Law Society and the Nova Scotia Branch of Women and the Law. This event will be taking place on Saturday, Jan. 12th, 1985, in the Main Floor Conference Room at the Nova Scotia Archives Building. Three sessions: 10:00, 1:00, and 3:00. Refreshments will be served.

## MONDAY

- **FANTASY AND SCIENCE-FICTION GAMES**—The Dalhousie Simulations and Games Association meets every Monday night at 7:00 pm in Room 302 of the SUB. Activities include: Role-playing games, board games, and minitures. For more information call Brian Muir at 423-9606. Be part of a SAGA!

- **CYRIL KOFIE DADDIEH (IOWA)**—"The state and crisis management in the Ivory Coast". Will start 4:30 pm in the Centre for African Studies.

## TUESDAY

- **SEMINAR**—"It's never too late to learn", a talk on upgrading and training programs, a talk on available financial assistance for participants will be held at the Dartmouth Regional Library, Woodlawn Mall Branch, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on Tuesday, January 15 at 10:00 am. For further information call 421-2312.

- **NEW YORK TRUMPET ENSEMBLE**—The modern counterpart of the courtly trumpet guilds which brought splendor to every public occasion from the 14th to the 18th century. The Ensemble will perform at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 8:00 pm.

## WEDNESDAY

- **FILM—GHANDI**—Rebecca Cohn—in aid of Ethiopian Relief. Sponsored by Dalhousie University Working Group on the International Crisis and the International Student Coordinator. Will begin at 8 pm.

- **FILM—BITTER CANE**—Sponsored by the Caribbean information group. The film is about the conditions in Haiti. Admission is free and the film will be shown in the McMechan Auditorium at 7:30 pm. Free refreshments will be provided.

## THURSDAY

- **GAZETTE STAFF MEETING**—Everyone is welcome. 6 pm, Gazette office, 3rd floor, SUB.

- **LECTURE**—Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin will be coming to the Dal campus for one night only. Lecture-debate entitled, "Yuppies vs. Yuppies" will focus on their message: How does one bring necessary change to our society?

Prices are: Students, \$3.00 advance, \$4.00 at the door; General Public, \$8.00 advance, \$10.00 at the door. For further information call 424-2140.

## ALSO

- **TAI CLASSES**—in Taoist Tai Chi—the culmination of the internal martial arts, for stress control, self-defence, and health—will be offered at Dalplex on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Registration open until 12:30 pm Tuesday Jan. 15th. Sign up at Dalplex or for further information phone 424-2558.

- **CONFIRMATION—INQUIRER'S CLASS**—sponsored by the Anglican Chaplain will be held in the Spring term. The time of the class will be arranged to accommodate as many students as is possible. If interested please contact Dr. Bridge immediately: 424-2287/88, or 455-7971.

- **ANGLICAN SERVICES**—are conducted regularly in the King's College Chapel. All welcome. Sung Services: Sunday, 11:00 am; Thursday, 5:00 pm; Friday, 5:00 pm. Said services daily, 8:00 am, 5:00 pm, and 10:00 pm.

- **31ST ANNUAL DALHOUSIE STUDENT, STAFF, FACULTY AND ALUMNI EXHIBITION** invites all members of the University community to

submit their paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography and crafts to the show. Halifax artist Aileen Meagher, Dalhousie Alumna, Class of '33, will officially open the exhibition on Thursday, Jan. 17th at 8 pm.

The Gallery will be receiving entries during the week of Jan. 8th to 13th. Entries should be accompanied by an entry form (pick one up at the Gallery) and brought in ready to hang during regular Gallery hours. Tuesday 11 am to 5 pm and 7 to 10 pm; Wednesday-Friday 11 am to 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 pm.

- **URGENTLY NEEDED**—to rent time on a MacIntosh Apple microcomputer or compatible make to finish thesis. Please call 422-3671.

- **TO RENT**—furnished apartment, two bedroom. Located by Dal, good for students. Phone 429-6153 or 421-0594.

- **CAMPUS ESCORT SERVICE** will start up again on Sunday, January 13, 1985. The times are as they were last term (Kellogg 9:00 and 10:15, Weldon Law 9:10 and 10:25, Killam 9:15 and 10:30, and MacDonald Science 9:20 and 10:35); however, the service shall only be offered from Sunday to Thursday. The Friday night shift has been dropped due to lack of use.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Peter Jarvis at 425-3330.

- **SPEAKEASY PROGRAM**—a course on how to talk to groups calmly and confidently, is being offered at the Counselling Centre. This free, five-session program will be of particular interest to students who find that apprehension and tension make it difficult for them to give class presentations or participate in group discussions. For further information phone 424-2081 or come in person to the Centre on the 4th floor of the SUB.

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By SIOBHAN McRAE

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following a single, and E.P. and a compilation package. Not having heard of any of their previous work I had to judge *Drifters* solely on its own merits and found that it was definitely worth a listen.

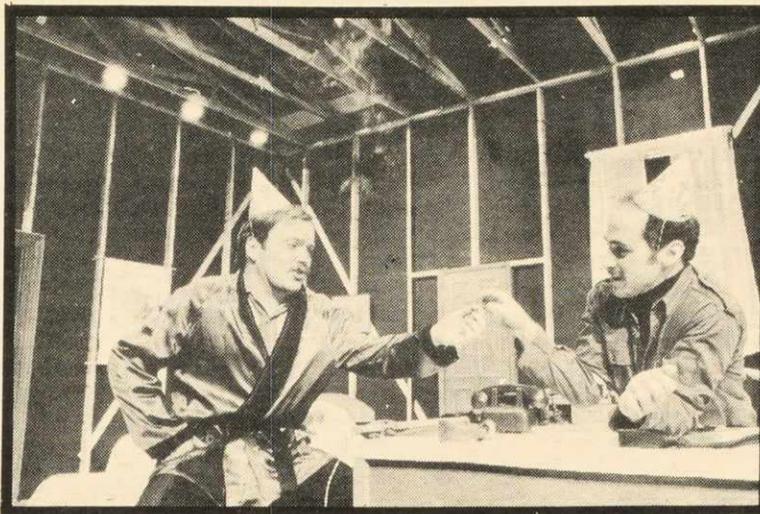
As member Russ Tolman states, "True West is a band that is well aware of its place in the continuum of American music." They, along with such bands as R.E.M. and The Dream Syndicate, fit into the west coast folk-rock sound that had its origins with groups such as The Byrds and Quicksilver Messenger Service.

A more unique aspect of the band is their use of a country blues element, a style best exemplified by the Rolling Stones *Sweet Virginia* from *Exile on Main St.* and by The Faces around the time of their *Long Player* album.

Unfortunately, this aspect of the music only comes out on one cut, *Ain't No Hangman*. True West would be well-advised to develop more in this area if they hope to differentiate themselves from the many other bands of their type.

For the most part, the songs on *Drifters* have a strong, catchy melody line with lots of guitar embellishments. Lyrically, the content of the songs can be guessed at simply from their titles — *Morning Light*, *Look Around*, and *What About You*. There's nothing particularly new here but the music and its presentation is strong enough to carry a listener's interest.

True West are no a band that grabs the attention with flashy production techniques, but rather the understated treatment of their songs improves with each listening.



Jimmy Zoole (Sheldon Davis) and Vito Antonucci (Stephen Tobias) exchange some weed while getting to know each other better in *P.S. Your Cat is Dead*. Jimmy a conservative actor, and Vito a gay burglar are a humorous pair despite their personality differences. The play was directed by Paul D. Smith. Smith is a third year student at Dalhousie. Photo: Micheal Scher, Dal Photo.

cast, the majority of whom had never performed on stage before, and you get a notion of the problems that this group overcame. The performance was excellent. The costumes were beautiful. In spite of a Church stage which made set changes difficult, the show went smoothly. The songs were performed very well, and the play was so well directed that it ran precisely on time. The pacing was so good that one didn't notice the absence of an intermission.

Scrooge was played by Stan Armstrong, a Professor of Religious Studies at St. Mary's University. Armstrong's Scrooge was totally convincing and often hilariously funny. He spent several weeks carrying Scrooge's cane, and living the character in everyday life. This is a drastic measure, but the rewards were immense for his audience.

Mrs. Kristine Driscoll shouldered the task of producing and directing the play, and must receive enormous credit for the highly professional performance. Jayne Driscoll directed the music and choreographed the dance. One especially good dance was a deeply moving dream sequence where Tiny Tim sees himself healed. The Cornerstone Players musical proceeded with a consistency and professionalism which rivalled Neptune's production of *Cabaret*.

There are two lessons to take from Cornerstone Players' production of *The Gospel According to Scrooge*. The first is that an amateur company can do a very professional job. The notion that monetary reward produces artistic quality is as wrong as it sounds. The second lesson that we can learn is that the teaching of religion doesn't have to be heavy-handed and sour.

The Rock Church should be proud of its ability to teach Christianity with a light heart and good sense of humour. The next time you hear that the Cornerstone Players are putting on a play—make a point of seeing it.

## Gospel according to Scrooge slick

By MATT WILSON

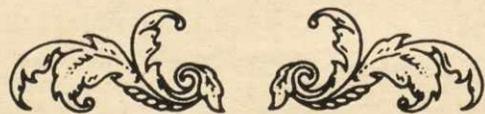
CORNERSTONE PLAYERS, a dramatic group affiliated with the Rock Church of Sackville, presented *The Gospel According to Scrooge*, a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol*, on the 21st through 23rd of December. The production was an expertly produced and directed musical, as spectacular as anything staged in the region this year.

The production follows the story line of *Christmas Carol* very closely, adding many songs, and maintaining a light-hearted tone. The crucial alterations of the play make it a story of a miser who first accepts God, and then catches the Christmas spirit. Instead of being visited by ghosts, Scrooge is visited by angels of the Lord. The converted Scrooge loves mankind because he loves God. The visions given to Scrooge show him how he closed his heart to God's love, and came to depend upon himself and his money for security. Scrooge is made into a witness of God's endless concern for man.

The performance was two hours long. This posed a major challenge for the Cornerstone Players. Add to that the need for extensive costumes, and the large

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## Tiger tales

### Men's volleyballers beat Penn State

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's volleyball team defeated the Penn State Nittany Lions in straight games on Sunday, January 6, 19-17, 15-6, 15-1, to capture seventh spot at the York Excalibur Classic at York University in Toronto.

The Tigers had lost to Ball State University from Indiana in the consolation semi-final match on Saturday by scores of 15-12, 3-15, 4-15, 15-10, 15-13. Prior to the Ball State contest, the Tigers had lost their final round robin match to Penn State in five games as well, by scores of 15-11, 16-18, 15-7, 6-15, 15-6. The two matches against the U.S. competition were played back-to-back and had the Tigers on the court for just under five straight hours.

On Friday, the Tigers lost their opening match to fifth-ranked York University, 15-8, 15-9, 16-14 and their second match to last year's CIAU bronze medal winner University of Waterloo, 15-10, 7-15, 15-5, 15-7.

Individually, the Tigers were led in the tournament by Andy Kohl, with 22 kills, 13 blocks, two ace serves; Reid Umlah, 46 kills, 8 blocks, six ace serves, and Chris Lohnes, 39 kills, three blocks, one ace serve.

Despite the seventh place finish, Tiger coach Al Scott said that his team played extremely well on Saturday and Sunday in what was a very strong field. Included in the tournament was Canada's top-ranked volleyball team, the Manitoba Bisons.

The Tigers will be at home at the Dalplex this Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12 when they host the University of Moncton in AUSA league action at 7 pm and noon respectively. The Tigers lead the AUSA with a perfect 9-0 record.

### Cagers play in home doubleheader

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's and women's basketball teams will finally play at home on Tuesday evening in what should be an exciting basketball doubleheader.

Tuesday night has been designated as Residence Night. All residence students who present their Meal Card will receive admission to both games.

The women Tigers will hit the court first at 6:30 pm against Red Fox in what should be a fast-paced exhibition contest. The men will take to the court at 8:30 pm as they host the X-men from St. Francis Xavier in a key AUSA matchup.



### Hockey

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS men's hockey team will be at home this Saturday evening as they play host to the UPEI Panthers in the second annual Potato Night contest.

In addition to exciting AUSA hockey action, Saturday's contest

will feature a number of opportunities for spectators to win prizes and to compete in the Great Potato Shoot Out.

The game will be the second meeting of the year between the first place Panthers and the Tigers. The Panthers won the first game by a score of 6-3. The Tigers are presently involved in a battle for third spot in the AUSA standings.



## Athletes of the week

### Chris Petrie and Susan Duncan

MEN: Chris Petrie, a first year science student and a member of the Tigers Swim Team is Dalhousie's male Athlete of the Week for the week of December 31 to January 6.

Petrie, a six foot, 175 pound native of Halifax, captured top honours in the 50M freestyle at the Dalplex pool on Sunday, January 6th. A former member of the Halifax Trojans, Petrie was also on the Tigers' winning 200M medley relay team and placed third in the 100M breast stroke.

This is Petrie's first year with the Tigers, although his brother David is presently in his third year with the club.

WOMEN: Susan Duncan, a third year Commerce student and a member of the Tigers swim team

is Dalhousie's female athlete of the week for the week of December 31 to January 6. Duncan, a native of Dartmouth, placed third in the 50M freestyle at the fourth annual Dalhousie Senior Swim Classic held at the Dalplex pool on Sunday, January 6th.

Duncan's time of 28:93 was fast enough to qualify her for the CIAU Championships at Brock University at the end of February. In addition to her individual accomplishment, Duncan was also on the Tigers' 200M Medley relay team and their 200M Freestyle relay team, both of which placed second. Duncan is a former member of the Halifax Trojans.

Both Duncan and Petrie were also CIAU Athletes of the Week.

# STRIKE?

Will there be a faculty strike at Dalhousie?  
What effect will this have on your year?

A workshop will be held on Monday, January 14th between 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. in the McInnes Room of the S.U.B. to discuss the effects of strike action on students. You are encouraged to participate and to express your views to faculty and administration. Plan to be there!

Sponsored by the Dalhousie Students' Union in co-operation with the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Dalhousie Board of Governors.

## Tiger sports first half review

By MARK ALBERSTAT

THE FIRST HALF OF THE 1984-85 varsity season proved to be busy as usual for Dalhousie Tiger fans, with all teams seeing action.

The first team to hit the field this year was the men's soccer squad, under the guidance of first-year coach Eric McIntyre. Dalhousie is McIntyre's first university coaching position, although he has been instrumental in the coaching and organization of soccer in Nova Scotia for many years.

The soccer Tigers' inexperience manifested itself on the field as they finished the season out of the playoffs with two wins, five losses and four ties. Coach McIntyre's son, Roger,

was the leading scorer for the team, with four goals.

In a post-season interview, coach McIntyre acknowledged that 1984 was a rebuilding year for the Tigers and he predicted an improved performance next season.

McIntyre also hinted that the team may have had an attitude problem this year (five or six players won't be back) but hopes this won't be a factor in 1985.

The women's field hockey team fared well, recording eight wins, three losses and one tie. They were ranked as high as sixth in the country in mid-October. The Tigers' strength was a stingy defense which allowed just six goals in 12 AUAA season games.

The leading scorers on the team were Sharon Andrews with

eight points and Janice Cossar with five.

In the semi-finals, the Tigers faced the defending AUAA champion University of New Brunswick, a team they had defeated 2-1 in regular season play. Dal was not able to repeat that performance, however, and wound up dropping a 2-1 overtime decision.

Dalhousie's cross country runners enjoyed a successful season with both the men's team, led by Norman Tinkham, and the women's team, paced by Annick de Gooyer, placing second in the AUAA through two invitationals and the conference championships.

Both Tinkham and de Gooyer participated in the CIAU



championships in Guelph, Ontario, where they placed eighth and 26th respectively.

The Tiger swim team, coached by Nigel Kemp, finished off the first half of the season with a big win over Acadia Axemen in Wolfville. The men's team completed the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule with a 3-1 record in dual meet competition, while the women were 7-3 and are ranked seventh in the country. The women's squad had an impressive streak broken early in November when its record of 42 consecutive dual meet wins in AUAA competition, stretching over five years, was ended by UNB.

In an exhibition meet, the women Tigers lost to the defending CIAU champion University of Toronto, but only on the last relay.

The always-strong volleyball Tigers saw lots of exhibition and AUAA action during the 1984 portion of the schedule.

The women's record in the first half was 6-0, good for top spot in the conference, and is even more impressive when one considers they haven't lost one game within a match to AUAA competition.

Dal's ladies boast an overall record of 12-4, including a

tournament title at the University of Moncton.

The men's team, coached by Al Scott, finished off the break with a 9-0 record in AUAA competition including just four game losses in the nine matches. Dal also won the UNB Atlantic Invitational in October and placed seventh at the Manitoba Bison Invitational in November.

The Tiger hockey team, under the direction of first-year coach Kent Ruhnke, have shown much promise and are currently in a three-way tie for third place in the AUAA with four wins, three losses, and two ties.

Dal's overall record including exhibition games is 8-4-2. Mid-season all-stars were Paul Herron, Darren Cossar, Lyle Kjernisted, Neal Megannety and Kevin Quartermain.

Dal's basketball teams saw little action during the first half but court action will definitely be in the limelight during the next two months.

The rookie-laden men's squad is 0-2 in AUAA play and 2-4 overall at this time. The women posted a 72-49 win over Acadia in conference play and are 4-2 overall.

## Double victories in pool

MARIE MOORE, CANADIAN Olympian and member of the Dartmouth Crusaders Swim team, and Jill Greenlaw of the Dalhousie Tigers women Dalhousie Tigers women's swim team pulled off double victories at the fourth annual Dalhousie Swim Classic held today at the Dalplex pool.

Moore captured top honours in the 100M breast stroke and 50M

freestyle with times of 1:19.11 and 28.18 respectively.

Greenlaw placed first in the 400M individual medley (5:25.16) and the 100M butterfly (1:09.43).

Susan Duncan of Dalhousie qualified for the CIAU finals with her performance in the 50M freestyle with a time of 28.93. The Tigers will be at home this Friday when they entertain Acadia at 7 pm at the Dalplex pool.

## The strike and Dalplex

Dal Tigers fans and intramural athletes would undoubtedly be interested in knowing how a D.F.A. strike, should it occur, would influence activities at the Dalplex.

According to intramural coordinator Tom McKay, the intramural schedule will go on regardless of strike action by the D.F.A.

"Individuals will have the option of participating if they wish," he said, "but we're not trying to force anyone to come out."

"Teams which do not show up for games for some strike-related reason will not be penalized," he added. "But it would be impossible to reschedule games

in case of a strike—we're on a tight enough schedule as is."

"In case of a prolonged strike," McKay added, "we'd have to see whether we were still getting a turnout in terms of participants and then make a decision as to whether it was still worthwhile to continue offering programs while a strike is on."

Because the Dalplex has community, as well as student, users, the facility will probably continue to operate as usual in the event of a strike. Dalhousie's varsity programs will also continue, although assistant coaches may be at the helm in cases where head coaches are members and supporters of the D.F.A.

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efficient, they are only damaging the quality of post-secondary education — irreparably if the cutbacks continue.

The current issues in the strike debate are largely matters of principle for the DFA, the real problem is the provincial government's attitude towards this university and post-secondary education in general. Whether or not there is a strike, we must support the DFA now because to support the faculty is a step in the direction of changing the administration's diplomatic tact with the provincial government, of changing the way the board conducts itself, and in changing the government's attitude towards the necessity of adequately funding accessible quality post-secondary education.

President McKay must abandon his quiet diplomacy, his policy of appeasement, and must go to the people of Nova Scotia and present the university's case. He must seek public support to make the government aware that it cannot ruin higher education as we know it in Nova Scotia and survive politically. He must do this or step down and make way for someone who will. The government will change its priorities if it is aware that there is popular support for maintaining Nova Scotia's universities. This is why we must now support the DFA. Our future depends on it.

Martin Tomlinson

## Injustice close to home

To the editors,

In the past year and a half of publication, the *Dalhousie Gazette* has featured numerous stories dealing with the abuse of civil and human rights in countries all over the world. While these concerns are admirable, students may feel extremely detached from events which are geographically distant. There is, however, a situation of injustice which Dalhousie and, in fact, all Canadian students are close to and can affect a great deal. The situation involves Bruce Curtis, a Middleton, Nova Scotia student who is presently serving a twenty-year sentence in a New Jersey youth detention centre for aggravated manslaughter.

Curtis was convicted after a shooting incident in the home of a friend with whom he was staying in the summer of 1982. The home in question, that of Scott Franz, his mother and stepfather, was described in the court proceedings as a "tinderbox". The stepfather was a man of violent temper who beat his wife and had fired a shot at Franz during the time that Curtis was staying there. The two young men armed themselves for protection and were planning to leave the home. Curtis, an honours student who hated guns and had never used one before, must have been extremely traumatized by such circumstances.

The morning of the day on which the two were planning to leave, Curtis awoke on hearing

shots from the upstairs, ran for the door to flee the house but met the mother in the kitchen. The gun Curtis was carrying discharged, as he claims, accidentally (something it did again during the court proceedings) fatally wounding the mother.

During initial investigations, Scott Franz corroborated Bruce's story and also stated that he, Scott Franz, had shot his stepfather in self-defence. During the trial, however, when it had been discovered that this latter account was untrue and Franz had murdered his step-father, Franz turned State's evidence against Curtis claiming that Curtis had masterminded the killings. This turnabout was accompanied by a successful plea-bargaining for a reduced sentence for Franz by his lawyers. The court refused to hear the arguments of certain points in Bruce's lawyers' arguments, and sentenced him to the maximum twenty-year sentence for a first-time offender. Two subsequent appeals have been refused by the courts of New Jersey and the only option left is a costly appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Not only are the American officials unwilling to reconsider the case but, also, Canada's government refuses to aid Curtis, citing international agreements of non-interference as reasons.

Bruce Curtis was registered to be a student in the faculty of Arts and Sciences at Dalhousie but is now forced to pursue his education by mail and through a community college, all the while living in the shadow of what many consider to be a grossly unfair sentence. Any student who has ever felt outraged at an abuse of an individual's rights internationally can now think of a Canadian, Nova Scotian and Dalhousie student who is suffering injustice at the hands of the New Jersey judicial system. Such organizations as the Student Union of Nova Scotia and Canadian Federation of Students as well as students in general should take it upon themselves to make their concerns known to both Canadian and American officials concerned. More information can be acquired by writing to the Bruce Curtis Defence Committee, P.O. Box 1396, Middleton, N.S., B0S 1P0. If a potentially powerful force such as the university students of Nova Scotia and Canada shows that it is dissatisfied with flagrant abuses of civil rights, Bruce Curtis may get the justice which he has not yet received.

Hans Budgey,  
2nd year BSc.

## Bioresources responds...

To the editors,

I would like to respond to the letter headlined "Gazette Should Boycott Bioresources" to the editors from P.F. Dawson and A.L. Penny, published in the Nov. 15 issue of the *Dalhousie Gazette*. I am particularly concerned with several inaccuracies and misconceptions expressed by the authors of this letter.

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We are pleased to state that Bioresources has received objective, factual coverage in major newspapers and on several television and radio programs. When approached, Bioresources has readily complied to provide full and complete details

of program procedures and the essential medical use of our products.

We must assume that the highly emotional and inaccurate statements contained in the Dawson/Penny letter are either a result of misinformation or a premeditated bias. To the best of our knowledge and records, neither of the two authors have ever contacted Bioresources staff or management to determine the facts.

I sincerely hope that this letter helps to clarify the situation.

Yours truly,  
Theril R. Andrews  
General Manager

## Bursting!

OUR LETTERS SECTION IS just bursting at the seams. We're doing our best to squeeze them in, but some are being held back until next week. Keep those cards and letters coming anyway...

## Congrats on Arts and Expression

To the editors,

Congratulations and thanks to all the contributors featured in last week's special Arts & Expression Supplement of the *Gazette*. The quality of the works involved combined with the *Gazette's* careful, clean layout made the supplement worth collecting. Hopefully, such a successful co-operation between artists on campus and our newspaper can continue.

By a pleasant coincidence, Oxfam and DSU's Sabia concert coincided with the arts and expression supplement; it was nice to hear music and messages from the skies. Sabia's music brought to their audience the spirit and solidarity of Latin America.

Lesley Choyce, take heart, there are saints being heard out there, yet.

Lyn Kerans

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## Open Letter on the DFA

By now you are aware of a breakdown in the negotiations between the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the University's Board of Governors. As of Wednesday afternoon (Jan. 9) D.F.A. members will be in a legal strike position and may opt for a strike or for some other job action, at the time.

As you may know, strikes are not extraordinary events in our society but they are unusual occurrences at universities. Sooner or later we will have a settlement in this dispute, but in the meantime we all must work hard to preserve ongoing relationships within the Dal community.

The phrase, "in the event of a strike" now guides our preparations should a walkout of faculty become a reality. This open letter is intended to inform students of the level of preparation in progress as of Jan. 7. Several questions still remain unanswered for the administration and we must therefore ask student members of the Dal community, to come forward with their individual questions as these questions become more immediate.

In the event of strike action, the university will be working to continue normal operations as much as possible. We anticipate that several classes might continue and we will continue to meet our obligations to students and to the community which uses our services. Student services of health, chaplaincy, housing, study skills and career counselling, foreign student advising and student aid will operate on a normal schedule; transcript service and program advice will continue to be available in the Register's office. Library hours and Dalplex programming may be extended for students. Residences will remain open and food services will continue to supply meals as usual. Community services, Cohn performances and Art Gallery exhibitions will continue on schedule. The Computer Centre will remain open, on an extended hour basis.

Students may wish to consider their options for the intelligent use of time should a work stoppage affect them—such an occurrence will, no doubt, challenge us all. Non-D.F.A. members of the Dalhousie faculty, along with administrative and support staff members of the university, will be expected to carry out their duties and responsibilities to students during a strike. Unlike D.F.A. members deemed to be "on strike", these staff members and Dal students would have a right to be on the campus and use campus facilities. Stipends to graduate students for scholarships, bursaries, and student assistantships will be paid if these students continue to show up for their normal obligations.

Although picketing of the

campus may occur on city street areas, students should be aware that they are entitled to be on campus.

Questions about the possible cancellation of spring break, extension of the school year, fee rebates and credits, extra work assignments and make-up program, are all under review by an administrative committee assigned to the task of planning and preparation. Phone lines have been installed in the strike operations office in the A & A building. The phone number is 424-7041. Student questions are welcome.

Parents, of course, will have special concerns for any special program arrangements related to a potential strike. As members of the university community, we can monitor events and react in appropriate ways. Parents cannot do this. The university will make every attempt to maintain a level of communication with you to keep you informed of the answers to questions dealing with everything from convocation plans to supplemental examinations. We would ask you to pass on any information you deem helpful. Parents need answers, too.

President Andrew MacKay,  
January 8, 1985

## Silent shivers

To the editors,

The breakdown of negotiations between the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the administration has begun to send silent shivers down the spines of Dal Student Nurses. The Nursing Society has felt it their responsibility to keep a close scrutiny on the press releases and contentious issues between the DFA and the administration. We don't like what we hear. The probability of a strike by the faculty is coming closer and closer to reality. The consequences of this for nurses could be devastating. Because of our extra six weeks clinical rotation after April exams, we have less time to find summer employment. If we were forced to go further into the summer to make up for time lost in a strike we would; a) lose employment time, and b) somehow have to find more money for rent, food, etc. while staying longer at school.

If strike action is taken the professors stand to lose some wages—which the average professor can afford. The student stands to lose thousands of dollars, and if they can't afford to stay longer at school, a whole year of their life.

We are looking at facts and one of those includes Ontario students losing an entire month of school this past October. This could happen to us. True to form, when university politics are negotiated, the students have been handed the short end of the stick. We are paying for our education and the Dal Nursing Society believes we have a right to get it. So, come on DFA and Administration, it's time to start

talking; and to stop using the students as pawns.

Sheilagh O'Driscoll  
Executive member,  
Nursing Society  
Dal School of Nursing

## Gigeroff looks at options of strike

To the editors,

The Dalhousie Faculty Association will be going on strike within the next few days. While it is impossible at this writing to determine what kind of strike action is to occur, or precisely when it will occur, this news comes as a cause of grave concern for all students, as our immediate futures are in jeopardy. It had been hoped, I think by both sides, that this situation could be averted, but the time for that is apparently over.

Over the Christmas break, a conciliator was appointed by the provincial minister of labour. That process failed to result in a settlement. Last week the conciliator was called in again, but still the two sides could not reach an agreement on the major issues of pensions and salaries. The board of governors and the D.F.A. have not met to discuss the collective agreement since that time.

The primary concern of students must be for a settlement to be reached. I have sent letters to President MacKay and President Young (D.F.A.) urging both sides to return to the table. Also a petition is available in the Student Council Offices. Last week, student union executive

members met with labour minister David Nantes and education minister Terry Donahoe to express the concern of students. Government efforts aimed at resolving the dispute have not been successful, and the two sides remain far apart on the outstanding issues.

Many students will be wondering whether they should pay their second-term tuition fees. Students would be strongly advised to seriously consider withholding payment of second-term tuition fees until a negotiated settlement is reached. You don't want to pay for an education that you're not sure you're going to get. The university administration has indicated that they will look into the possibility of extending the deadline or not imposing late charges.

In addition, the Dalhousie Student Union will examine every legal option open to us. Many students are concerned about whether or not they'll graduate, whether or not they will be able to find summer employment, and a host of other concerns. We feel it is important for some form of remuneration to be made available should services be withdrawn. If it is necessary for students to sue the University for loss of services, then we will not hesitate in doing so.

Both sides have indicated to the student union that they do not want to harm students, but this is a moot point; the reality is that any strike action will adversely affect students. We will be prepared to act accordingly.

Sincerely,  
Alex Gigeroff  
President

## Student says support DFA

To the editors,

The students' union must support the Dalhousie Faculty Association in their current struggle with the university administration. The students' council must pass a motion in support for the DFA's efforts to achieve: salaries commensurate with those at other Canadian universities, and secure a pension for its members. Council should indicate to the administration that they would support a fundamental restructuring of the Board of Governors so that representation of DFA members on the board would be equal to the number of government appointees, and so that board meetings are more open to public scrutiny. The administration's diplomatic tact with the provincial government must be questioned.

Blame for the occurrence of a strike should be placed on the provincial government. If there is a strike the students' union should seek to sue the minister of education and the board. It also should encourage students not to pay their fees.

For the past four or more years the government has been consistently underfunding the university. This university is no longer the fat cat it once was and continued cutbacks are not making the university any more

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## Swimming in malaise of CUP 47

THERE I WAS SWIMMING IN the hotel pool. It was like I had forever been in this pool and would continue to do so for the rest of my life. The combination of work, politics and the absence of sleep have produced my first mild bout with insanity at this conference. It is a reassuring feeling — like the return of an old friend.

About 180 of the country's student journalists are here from more than 50 university and college newspapers. For eight days they will try and set the direction of their co-operative — Canadian University Press — for the upcoming year.

But something is askew on the plenary floor.

"I'd like to amend the amendment..."

"I'd like to table this motion until the final plenary..."

"Point of information..."

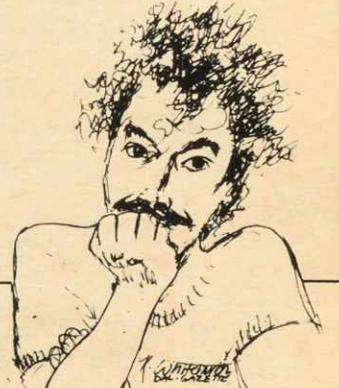
The junior debating society had arrived. It was only a matter of time — student politicians have long found pleasure in playing with their *Robert's Rules of Order* at the expense of creating a real student movement. Now the student press, bored and smug, is having a go at it themselves.

A lot of traditions have slipped

away in the student press' annual meeting. Some are gratefully banished. Others are sorely missed.

When CUP rewrote its statement of principles last year it became an end item. The debate ceased. Some had stated previously that having an imperfect statement at least made

RICK JANSON



those responsible for maintaining it aware that it existed.

According to that statement, papers are supposed to be agents of social change, providing information as a catalyst to help mobilize society against various forms of social and political injustice.

It may be a simple, straightforward charge. So simple that it may seem pointless in discussing. But then again, more than 50 "agents of social change" spent most of the conference debating the mechanics of CUP's services and finance.

It is an interesting time on campus. In the midst of a colossal crisis in the post-secondary education system, students are

caught-up in an overwhelming malaise. It is reflected in the type of students that run the unions, and perhaps now in those who join the papers.

Here at Dalhousie we face the prospect of a faculty strike. It is not the fault of an anonymous deficit, but that of constant underfunding by tangible governments. The crisis is about to come home to us.

Walking into a national conference of student journalists dedicated to social change one expects to hear a challenge to that malaise. There was no animated discussion over the politics of post-secondary education. It didn't happen.

Instead the pool water was warm.

## Stuck in neutral

ITS REALLY SWELL THAT elected representatives of the Dal Student Union (DSU) have decided to remain neutral in the Faculty-Administration contract dispute. After all, that's being fair, isn't it? That's letting the process work itself out isn't it?

Too bad this image of neutrality washes away with a little splash of reality. The "neutrality" queasily pushed forward by the DSU actually supports the administration and participates in not-so-subtle union-bashing.

Let's look at the objective stuff done so far by the DSU folks in "looking out for the best interests of students" as their "strike information" leaflet states:

Creating a petition "urging both sides to avoid a strike" is rather ridiculous. If a poll were taken of DFA and administration people, you'd find none too many were thrilled with the idea of a strike. The petition gives tactile support to the administration as, of course, the status quo suits them just fine. And it doesn't take a genius to figure out that students want this settled, so why the petition in the first place?

Mailing out their "Strike Information" leaflet in the administration's mass mail-out links the two groups fairly overtly. It is a way of reaching students, but it also justifies the administration using the money and tools it has to influence students. The DFA has no such easy ways to get its views across. It has, for example, to pay for an ad in *The Gazette*.

Under the heading "What do we think about strike action?" the cat gets let out of the bag. "While we are sympathetic with many of our faculty (sic) concerns we cannot condone strike action

which will seriously affect students." Oooops, so much for neutrality. It seems Dal Faculty can be underpaid, frustrated in most areas of the contract, and get the DSU's sympathy, but they aren't allowed to do anything about it. How can "neutrality" not allow a union the basic right to withdraw its services when they have no contract? This position also seems to put the blame at the DFA's feet for any strike automatically because they are the ones "seriously affecting students", ignoring the administration's role in forcing a strike.

Maybe the swell folk at the DSU forget what they belong to — a student union. That means more than just a last name — fees are collected from every student and put towards their common use (theoretically). The students democratically elect their union leaders to work for them and negotiate for them, and vote on those fees paid. They'd be upset in a hurry if a group attempted to make paying student union fees optional — or limit the amount of fees that could be paid to the union. But when it comes to supporting another genuine union, of saying that principles mean something, the DSU folds up like an origami spineless, gutless, jellyfish.

It's no surprise that earlier this school year VP-Internal Rusty James checked into the idea of changing the name of the DSU to the DSA — Dalhousie Student Association. Maybe some student could be offended by belonging to a union, you see. So what's in a name? Sometimes, there's some integrity in there. And some people prefer names like "neutral."

I have read other of Mr. Dawson's works and, unfortunately, I do have statistical justification for what I am about to say:

Mr. Dawson, I am really very sorry for you.

Signed,  
M.J. Ackermann  
Med I

## Sorry for Dawson

To the editors,

Setting aside completely the question of the *Tupper Times'* qualities as a newspaper, I would like to address another issue which arises out of Peter F. Dawson's letter of Nov. 29.

I am certain, and perhaps the mathematicians in the audience would care to back me up on this, that any extrapolations drawn from a sample of one would be statistically worthless. I am further convinced that only a very select minority of people are not, intuitively if not formally, aware of this fact.

To make a broad sweeping statement about the general nature of anything after having examined only one example is an illustration of just how easily prejudice and narrow-mindedness can arise, even in our enlightened academic world. And yet Mr. Dawson has felt he is justified in doing exactly this, having read, by his own admission, only a single issue of the *Times*.

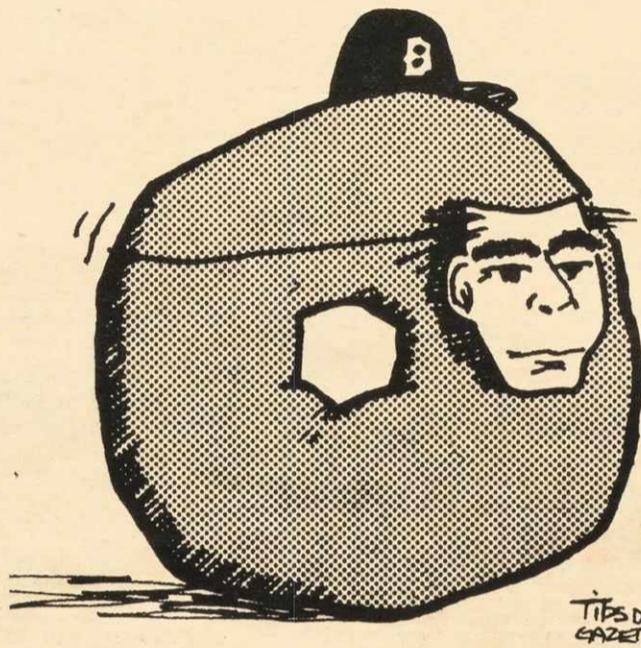
## Killing the unborn

To the editors,

During coverage of the recent re-opening of Dr. Morgentaler's clinic in Toronto, one clinic-supporter expressed her desire for an 'egalitarian society' in which poor women would have equal access to unrestricted abortions.

No society may be called 'egalitarian' which permits the killing of its helpless or unwanted members. Should we permit the destruction of human beings simply because they have not yet been born? Any reasoning which denies the rights of these children is at best arbitrary and sophistic.

Yours sincerely,  
Lori Clifford



Alex Gigeroff convinces a plain sugar doughnut to take his place at the water dunk under the condition that milk will not be used.

## Dunkin' Donuts at the SUB

AHHH. INTO THE MIDST OF an otherwise politically and meteorologically chilly winter carnival time, comes an event we can really sink our teeth into — The "celebrity dunk tank."

Just imagine, boys and girls...In the SUB from 12-1:30 on the tenth and eleventh, with proceeds actually going to a good charity (Oxfam Canada), you, me, all sundry get a chance to submerge a "celebrity" in a few feet of hostile H<sub>2</sub>O. Opportunities like this shouldn't be taken lightly.

Take Thursday's line-up, for example. With president MacKay on the firing line, all students (and DFA members) can give blandly Andy a taste of what it's really like to be senior officer on the Titanic. As for student union prez. Alex Gigeroff... well, just what is the natural habitat of a "spineless, gutless, jellyfish?" We also suspect that unless a certain Cape Breton Labour Party MLA is in the audience, NDP leader Alexa McDonough may end the day the driest of the initial trio.

The fun continues on Friday with an equally enticing schedule of bathing beasties. Provincial minister of education Terry Donohoe will show all whether he can soak up water as well as the provincial government does education funding. Ex-student union prez. Tim Hill should hope his stay on the dunking bar generates more excitement than his recent NDP candidacy bid against Mr. D. Robbie Shaw can test the employment waters following his stint as VP-finance of a university with a \$10 million debt, or cash flow problem, or whatever. Rusty James...oh, just go on and dunk him. We don't even want to bother thinking about it.

Lastly and mostly, anyone who thinks singing *Dolly Parton's Tits*, or harassing people who object to sexist idiocy isn't funny, should save their nickels and dimes for Friday's matinee show. The Swell Guys are on the line. See you at the show.

## Pay television carries pornography despite the absence of Playboy

SHORTLY AFTER FIRST Choice began airing *Playboy* productions on its network, a group of Halifax women marched in front of a video shop on Quinpool Road denouncing the proliferation of pornography in the mass media. They were not alone. Under great pressure and media attention, First Choice reluctantly withdrew *Playboy* material from its schedule, and most considered it a hard battle won.

The pay television industry in Canada has fluctuated wildly in the last few years; C-Channel flopped earlier than expected, MuchMusic and TSN sought and won special interest audiences, and First Choice and Superchannel amalgamated to form one large general interest channel. Despite all this activity, some things have not changed at all: First Choice, for instance, still shows pornography.

Once *Playboy* disappeared, so did the voice of the "First Choice — No Choice" movement. However, pornography has been resuming its prominence on the First Choice playlist, and one would be hard pressed to spend the average night without finding it cluttered with soft-core porn. Most First Choice presentations border on the banal, and the quality drops late

at night when porn becomes the standard fare. First Choice has yet to account for its new policies, although a small public relations feature, "Mailbag," apologizes for lapses in quality by defending selections as in the interests of the majority.

Pornography insults our sexuality and our intelligence. It's a pity that we have forgotten about First Choice, and in our silence have let the network continue to show degrading material. We all deserve much better.

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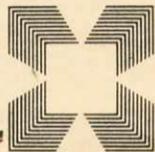
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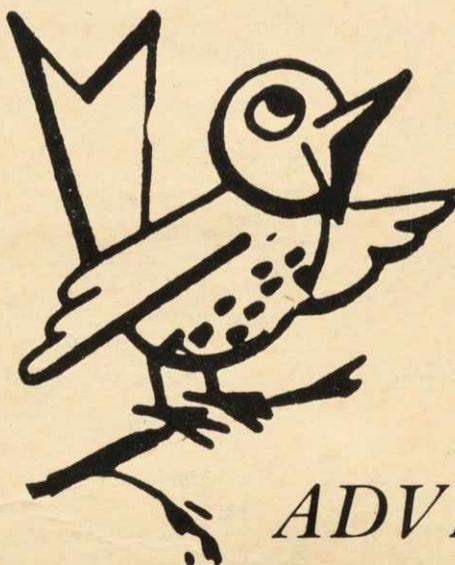
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# 14 Await trial date after demo

By NAIRNE HOLTZ

"WE MAY BE DYING FOR jobs, but we won't kill for them," stated a sign carried by a woman

protesting the visit of pentagon officials to Halifax.

She was one of 150 demonstrators rallying opposition to the meeting between U.S.

government representatives and members of the Halifax business community Dec. 3. The visit was part of a cross-Canada tour briefing businesses on how to obtain defence department contracts.

Fourteen people await a trial date of April 17 after their arrest for participation in the rally. They were arrested by Halifax police for entering the Hotel Nova Scotian where the meeting was taking place.

Two of those arrested entered pleas of guilty and not guilty, while the others have filed a claim

under the new Charter of Rights. Debrah Westburg, one of those charged, says the group will find out later this week if they have enough grounds to pursue the case under the charter.

According to the military officials visiting Halifax, \$80 billion worth of defence department contracts are up for grabs. Conservative MP for Halifax Stewart McInnis — who acted as keynote speaker for the briefing — called the offer "an unparalleled and unique

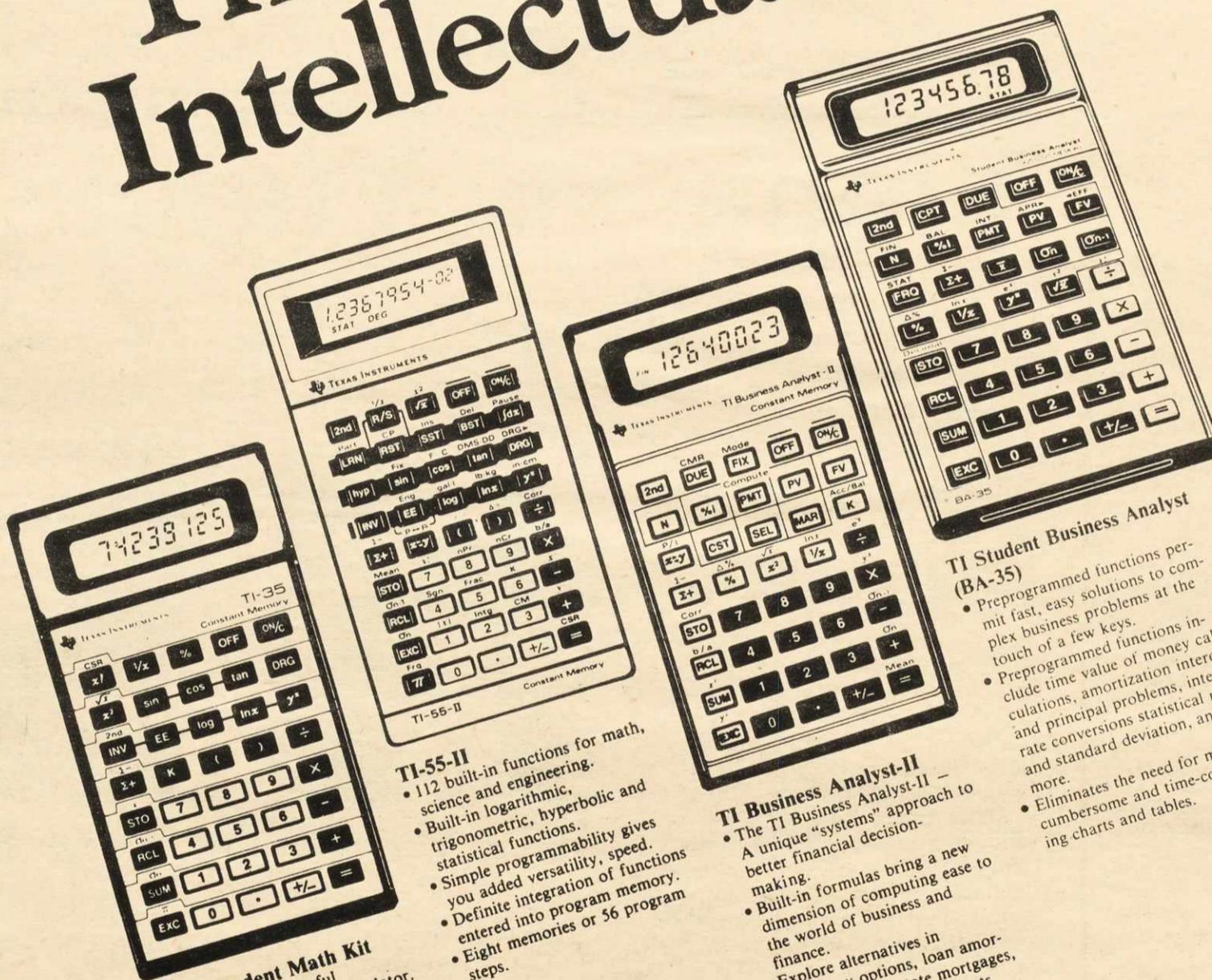
opportunity" for Canadian business.

Protestors from a loose coalition of peace groups did not agree the offer could create jobs for Nova Scotians.

"Jobs are only being made for a few highly skilled, highly paid Canadians who are already highly employable," says Giff Gifford, president of the Veterans for Multilateral Disarmament.

McInnis says he was not surprised by the protestors' concerns, saying that while he absolutely does not agree with them, they are nothing new.

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# N.S. students' union frustrated over board selection process

By JOHN GUSHUE

THE STUDENTS' UNION of Nova Scotia is frustrated.

Every year SUNS argues with the provincial department of education over who has the responsibility of appointing student representatives to the student aid higher appeals board. Every year, SUNS' advice is ignored as the government chooses appointees recommended from other sources.

"As an organisation representing 20,000 students, we feel we should have some influence in the government's decision," says Geoff Martin, SUNS chair. "Ours (student recommendation) should be the one they accept."

Martin says the problems between SUNS and the government are ones of communication. "It has not proven to be a satisfactory relationship," he says.

Peter Butler of the department of education disagrees. "I hope what we have is a highly open framework (for discussion)," he says.

Butler argues that SUNS has the same influence as any other consultant. "There is an understanding that these are not SUNS appointments," he says.

## Shaw years are coming to an end

By ELIZABETH DONOVAN

DALHOUSIE'S VP OF FINANCE Robbie Shaw announced his resignation on Dec. 16 in the midst of deteriorating labour relations between faculty and administration, a \$13.5 million deficit and the capital fund drive project.

"It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone. I made it clear when I took this job I would leave after five years," says Shaw.

Shaw says he regrets not waiting to give his notice until after the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) dispute was settled.

"If I had thought the DFA negotiations were going to deteriorate as they have I would not have made that announcement at this time."

Shaw scoffs at the rumours that circulated after his resignation.

"There are rumours that I have jobs lined up. One unreal rumour is that I'm running for executive director of the Liberal Party of Canada."

Shaw says he is particularly amused about the rumour that he is hoping to replace Sandy Cameron, N.S. leader of the Liberal party. Shaw's sister, Alexa McDonough, is leader of the N.S. New Democratic Party.

"Can you imagine running against my sister? If I did do that Alexa would probably win."

While Martin agrees the decision is at the minister's discretion, he questions the procedure of selection. "There are no criteria as such," he says, "or no criteria that they're telling us about."

"We're not confident there is a strong student voice on the board," he says.

Patricia Towler, a King's College student appointed to the board late last year, says SUNS' complaints are "not quite fair."

"I'm not sure that's a valid argument," she says. "SUNS develops a 'them versus us' mentality."

Although she has only been able to attend one meeting, Towler says the members of the appeals board are all sensitive to student needs. "I was quite impressed with the way they treated students and myself as a student rep."

Towler was quoted on the back of a pamphlet endorsing Conservative education minister Terry Donohoe during last fall's provincial election campaign.

"Political patronage is very common in this province," says Martin, "and the same probably applies to the appointment of students to the higher appeals board."

There are two positions for student representatives on the board. One remains vacant as the government has yet to appoint another student to the board.

Regardless of who is appointed, Martin says SUNS is concerned about the state of student aid in the province.

"There's a deteriorating situation in student aid itself," he says. "Increasing enrolments have placed a greater strain on the declining number of dollars in student aid."

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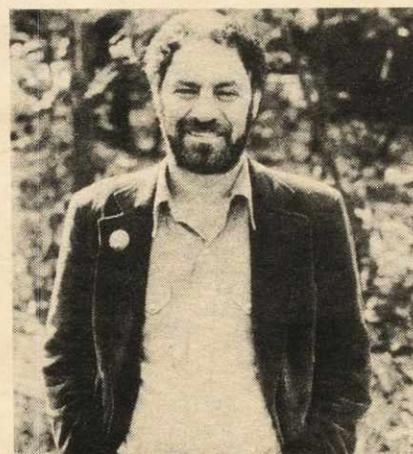
The 60's, It was a time of the Baby Boomers, there should have been peace and love; marijuana, music, free love had a place in society.

The hippies proclaimed peace but Nixon said "war."

And that is just what Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin did, declared war on "the establishment," who many felt sold out the country's youth and formed the YIPPIE movement. They organized the youth and led anti-Vietnam war protests which mobilized 100,000 people to march on the Pentagon in 1967. They organized a demonstration in Chicago at the Democratic National Convention in 1968 which resulted in their becoming defendants in the famous Chicago Seven Conspiracy Trials. Hoffman and Rubin shocked the nation by bringing their guerilla theatre tactics into the courtroom and became key targets of the Nixon repression, with Abbie Hoffman being arrested 41 times and the FBI accumulating some 26,000 pages on him in their file.

That was then, but what of them now? Abbie Hoffman (alias Barry Freed) has been battling the transportation of nuclear wastes, and is presently in Nicaragua working to mobilize opposition to U.S. policy in Central America. Jerry Rubin however is a catalyst who changed from "enfant terrible" to money-making businessperson. His successful network of "Salons" at Studio 54 in New York led the media to invent the word YUPPIE or "Young Urban Professional," the buzzword for the 1980's. Rubin believes that anti-war activists of the 1960's will occupy the White House and positions of political-economic power in the 21st century.

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Canadian University Press national conference

## Student press gazes inward

By RICK JANSON

PLENARY MAN WALKS IN AS Ultra-Feminist speaks to the motion.

"Patriarchy is everywhere. It's there, and there, and over under that chair..."

Plenary man puts his hands over his genitals and walks up to the microphone, drawing his most fierce weapon:

"I'd like to table this motion."

The audience of student newspaper members laughs at these caricatures, some of them a little nervously. This bit of theatre, created by members of the *McGill Daily* and others, points out only too bluntly the foibles of Canadian University Press' 47th national conference.

More than 180 people came to Nova Scotia's Oak Island Inn between Dec 26 and Jan 3 to participate in workshops and decision making involving Canada's oldest national student organization.

At age 47, CUP's annual conference kept up with its tradition of high energy and minimal sleep.

Unlike its predecessors, this conference lacked the high level of political debate characteristic of the student press over the last decade.

Debate on the plenary floor remained confusing and convoluted as delegates tried to come to terms primarily with the organization's services and finance.

Although CUP has been rapidly expanding over the last four years, it has managed to avoid the kind of punishing debt loads that has hamstrung its political counterpart, The Canadian Federation of Students. In return for balanced budgets, its member newspapers have had to contend with large hikes in fees paid annually to CUP.

This year the increase was kept to a minimum, but still remains above inflation at seven per cent.

Services to member newspapers remained mostly static as priorities were slightly rearranged for the upcoming year. Long term projects, such as a new style guide and computerization, were once again put on hold.

As one long time observer put it, CUP was consolidating itself at this conference.

The biggest winner in the services debate was the ten papers from Atlantic Canada which secured a new full-time bureau for Halifax. Starting next September, the bureau chief will operate out of *The Gazette* for 20 weeks, writing overviews pertinent to the region. The bureau chief is the second staff person serving Atlantic Canada, and the 11th national editorial employee.

Another noticeable change in services next year will be an emphasis on sports reporting and an increase in analysis oriented news writing.

After eliminating the

organization's telex network several years ago, spot news stories have become increasingly stale after delays in the present system of news dissemination. CUP's focus on analysis is intended to fill in the gaps left by the lack of immediacy.

Eastern papers dominated the elections for CUP's national executive. Going to Ottawa next year will be: Martha Muzychka as president (*Muse*, Memorial University of Newfoundland), Samantha Brennan as national features writer (*The Gazette*, Dalhousie University) and Peter Kuitenbrouwer as national bureau chief (*McGill Daily*, McGill University).

CUP decided to break its long time partnership with the CFS in its Ottawa print shop. CUP will be taking over the Common Printing Group as part of CFS' debt owed to the organization. Since the inception of the co-

owned print shop, CFS has not pulled its weight in commitments to the partnership.

CUP's treatment of its own staff continued to come under scrutiny at this conference, but member papers expressed little more than collective guilt rather than solve problems related to both work-load and salary. Despite a motion prohibiting the plenary from expanding the present work-load of staff, numerous motions were later passed heaping new mandates primarily on the national executive.

At numerous points during the conference members expressed dissatisfaction with the general level of newswriting across the country, but no resolutions on solving the malaise were settled on.

The annual conference will be hosted in Vancouver next year.

## Brennan slips into Coma City

By JOHN GUSHUE

A LONG TIME FASCINATION with bureaucracy has given Samantha Brennan something to look forward to. The 20-year-old Brennan will move to Ottawa this August to assume her duties as national features writer of Canadian University Press.

Brennan, present co-editor of *The Gazette*, was elected to the 31-week position Jan 1 at CUP's 47th national conference, which she helped to organize.

Brennan will co-ordinate a weekly feature service for CUP's 57 member papers, by clipping, editing and rewriting between two and four features each week, as well as writing at least five original features during the year. She will also contribute to the general administration of the co-operative, represent the national executive at regional conferences, and sit on the board of directors of the Common Printing Group, CUP's Ottawa print shop.

Brennan, in accordance with

guidelines passed by the national plenary, will select features based on their topicality and quality, with an emphasis on education and social issues. But Brennan's interests do not stop there.



"Mom— I got the job..." Photo: Mary C. Sykes, Dal Photo.

## Child care workers unionize over Christmas break

By DAVID OLIE

IN THE MIDST OF THE current labour turmoil at Dalhousie, one campus group has quietly and effectively organized their own union.

The Canadian Union of Child Care and Allied Workers held its founding meeting on Dec. 12. This new, independent union represents workers of the Dalhousie unit of the university children's centre.

Beverly Lewis, president of the new union, says gaining "professional recognition" is the main motive behind its formation. Lewis says daycare workers are often overlooked or taken for granted leading to low pay and a lack of benefits.

Wages at the centre currently start at \$4.25-\$4.50 per hour, although "some of our people have had four years of university training," says Lewis.

The Dal children's centre is the only unionized daycare facility in Halifax at this time. The employer, the Halifax student housing society, have voluntarily recognized the bargaining unit,

although with some reservations.

Christina LeGay, the society's board of director's president, says she was not surprised by the move.

"Feelings between the two groups are good," she says.

Lewis says the union plans to begin bargaining with the society for a first contract around the end of this month. She is satisfied that things have gone so smoothly for their home-grown effort.

"We read books and studied labour law to find out how to do it. Anyone can do it themselves," she says. "This is going to be a good union."

Lewis is optimistic that the union idea can spread to other daycare centres.

"We have put out contacts, and the response has been good, but we're still just babies ourselves," she says.

The Dal children's centre is located on campus near the corner of Cobourg Road and Oxford Street. The centre provides child care for about 65 families of faculty, staff and students of Dalhousie.

## Objectivity stifles women

By MARY ELLEN JONES

OBJECTIVITY, CONSIDERED by some to be good journalism, distorts and stifles women's voices. It moves against the spirit of women journalists like feminist Susan Cole.

Multi-talented Cole addressed this year's Canadian University Press conference theme of "Women in the Media."

Cole is a feminist, rock journalist and musician, co-founder of the national feminist magazine *Broadside*, contributing editor to magazine's *NOW*, and *Graffiti*. Cole is also currently completing a book on pornography, which she hopes will be published in the fall.

Concerned about the impact of taking an objective stance in journalism on women's issues and women journalists, Cole says she finds objectivity to be one of the "strangest things around."

She talked about how objectivity means good

journalism to editors of Canadian publications, especially male editors. Specifically she told of her experience as a writer for editor Peter C. Newman.

Newman told her that she could write, but inferred to her that as a journalist she was doomed because... "I don't have that objective stance that you are supposed to have when you approach the field of journalism," said Cole.

"Objectivity assumes that we as journalists are always dreary blank slates. We have no opinions. We don't think. We are just going to take one quote and had better get another quote to offset it," says Cole.

Cole says objectivity in journalism implies the world is equally divided into black and white — to Cole and many others like her this is impossible.

It is especially difficult to be objective when touching upon issues such as birth control and abortions, says Cole.

Cole's voice rose in anger as she remembered the time the *Toronto Star* asked her to write a pro-choice commentary. She said she knew they'd place it next to a pro-life article of similar length but wrote in anyway because she needed the money.

If they had wanted to present both sides of the issue to reflect the views of Canadians they would have run two pro-choice articles for every pro-life one, said Cole.

She said this is the myth of objective journalism.

"The whole craft of objective journalism tries to reduce women so that we can't mean what we say — that's very male," says Cole.

As far as women's issues are concerned, there can only be one side for Cole.

When a woman discovers that the birth control pill is causing cervical cancer, her story has a difficult time entering the mainstream press. But when the drug companies who are soliciting the drug say that there is nothing wrong with the birth control pill this story is more easily accepted as news.

According to Cole, liberalism and discrepancies between power and state are completely smothering women and women journalists from really expressing what they mean.

"Women have discovered and feminists have discovered that the state isn't the issue in liberalism... Power is the issue and power terminates everywhere," says Cole.

"Liberalism just doesn't sit well with women's own experience," says Cole. "Women don't live in a world of freedom of speech and journalists don't either. We should all get used to it. either. We should all get used to it." covered. Cole suggests we only read the newspapers to confirm this.

"The only way we have been able to get information out about the hardships and anguish of women is when some guy opens an abortion clinic. Other than that it's not news," says Cole.

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