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Grad House on the slaughtering block

Popular gathering place may not survive the month of November

BY LILLI JU

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students may decide to close the doors of the Grad House to save the organization from bankruptcy.

At the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) annual general meeting on Tuesday night, members were presented with a report on the "Graduate House Assessment" by the DAGS Graduate House Committee.

"DAGS is in a state of transition," opens the report.

"Each and every activity the DAGS participates in will now have to be justified in order to ensure that student money is being spent responsibly and in the best interest of the students who allocate their fees to DAGS."

The Grad House, located at the corner of University Avenue and LeMarchant Street, is a popular gathering place for students and faculty, and is DAGS's single largest activity. DAGS has been facing numerous problems from the Grad House including financial losses, wage, labour and contract disputes. They are also facing an outstanding lawsuit with a former bar manager.

The report addresses the concerns regarding the continuing operation of the Grad House, suggesting that "running a full-service bar is a large undertaking requiring more effort than the average student association is capable of providing."

A motion calling for the Grad House closure was defeated at Tuesday's Annual General Meeting,

so that the issue could be discussed at an emergency general meeting for all graduate students scheduled for Tuesday, November 18. At that meeting, members will make a final decision regarding closing the Grad House, or exploring other options.

Four options were presented in the report. The first option is to continue at status quo — the "do nothing" approach. However, this option is simply not sound due to financial obstacles and the time demands on the DAGS council members, who could be spending their time doing other DAGS business.

"There's a real danger of bankruptcy given [DAGS's] current financial position," states the report.

The second option is to shut down all operations at the Grad House and relinquish possession of

the house to its owner, Dalhousie University. This would directly address the financial concerns of DAGS, but would take away a valuable meeting place for students.

Running the Grad House in a reduced capacity was presented as a third option. This could mean

fewer hours of operation, reduced or no staff, and using the space primarily for meeting places for graduate student groups and activities, rather than a business operation. Although this option is considered a compromise that

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Gay voice returns to campus

BY BEN MACLEAN

After remaining defunct and dormant for over a year, the Bisexual Gay Lesbian Association of Dalhousie has firmly reestablished itself as an active, ambitious force on campus.

Founded in 1972, the Bisexual Gay Lesbian Association of Dalhousie (BGLAD) is working "to provide a safe, supportive atmosphere for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered individuals on campus and in the community at large," says Pam Greaves, BGLAD vice-president.

Such a goal would not be possible had it not been for the efforts of people like Jason Delaurentis, the group's president, who helped BGLAD rise from the ashes of what he calls "others' wrongdoings".

"Unfortunately for the previous BGLAD executive, their commitment and dedication were questionable," Delaurentis said.

"Fiscal irresponsibility and the belief that they were not accountable to anyone, even the [Dalhousie Student Union], ultimately led to BGLAD's downfall."

With meetings basically nonexistent and the society's presence failing, "BGLAD had to once again regain the trust of the university community.

"The fact that a BGLAD Council seat existed yet remained vacant last year also disturbed me. It motivated me to change an unfortunate situation."

Delaurentis stresses the cooperation of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) in the rebuilding of the society.

"What is fortunate, is that there exist a DSU executive that are 'gay-positive' and strongly supportive of BGLAD."

After a summer of restructuring and fundraising overseen by Delaurentis, BGLAD appears to be back on its feet. With its executive now elected, committees have been formed to review the society's constitution, plan social events, and educate the wider community about the group.

"It is important that BGLAD collectively takes a diverse approach in its objectives," Delaurentis said.

At meetings held twice monthly on Thursdays in the Student Union Building (SUB), attendance has been encouraging, with an average of 30 people participating.

"Anyone who is 'gay-positive' and willing to conduct themselves in a 'gay-positive' manner is welcome," Greaves said.

Of those who have attended so far, response has been quite positive, with members describing the atmosphere as "laid-back" and

"congenial". This fits with the participants' hopes for BGLAD. When asked what they wanted from the society, most said they were looking to "meet people".

"When I first arrived at Dal, I felt like I was the only gay person on campus," said one first-year student. "BGLAD has helped me build a support network. I can express myself to people who know what I'm going through."

Planned discussions for upcoming meetings include homophobia, religious issues, "coming out" and safer sex.

In keeping with its social support mandate, BGLAD is also filling the calendar with a variety of events.

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Petition supported in ignorance

BY JENNIFER LAMONT

Residence students are prime targets in an effort to get more signatures on a tuition petition being circulated on the Dalhousie campus by the Canadian Alliance of Students Associations.

Dalhousie's Student Union (DSU) vice-president academic/external Kevin Lacey took petitions to the dining halls in Shirreff and Howe Halls in an attempt to meet a goal of 1,500 signatures from Dalhousie.

By approaching students while

they waited to enter the dining halls, Lacey managed to gather about 600 signatures.

According to some residents, asking people if they would sign the petition while they were waiting in line did not give students enough time to understand what they were signing. However, Lacey says that he explained to the people he approached that the petition "calls on government to bring reforms that will reduce student debt and make it easier to pay back loans."

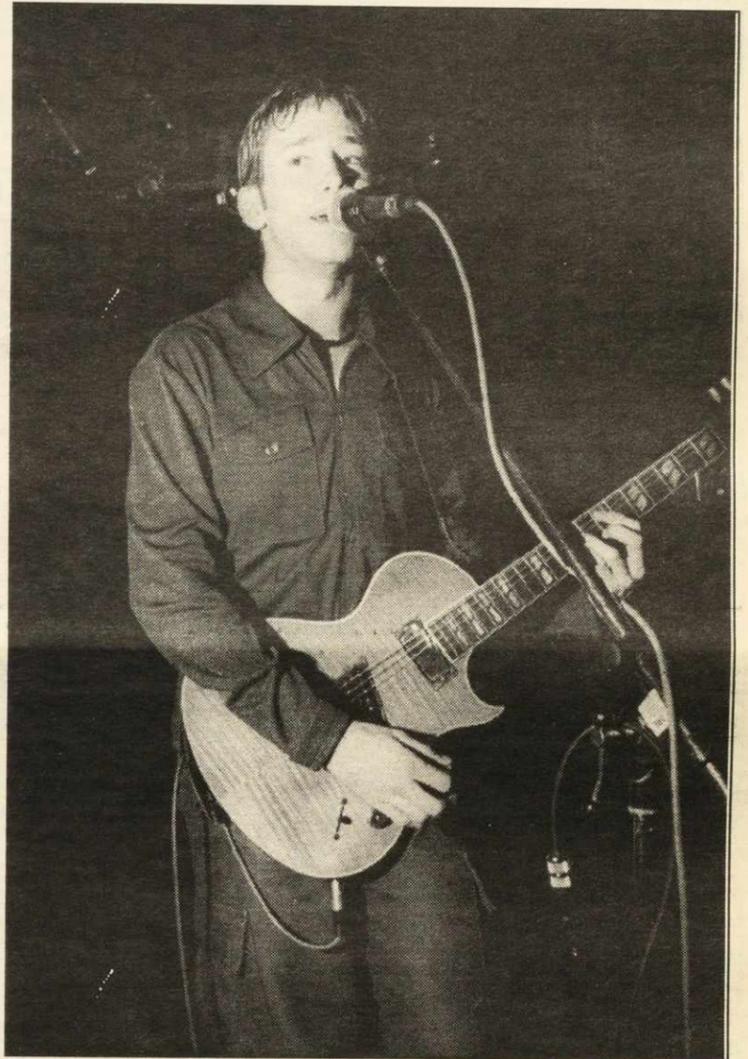
Christine Christensen lives in Sheriff Hall. She signed the

petition, but says that though she knows that the petition is to help improve student loans, she was a little unsure.

"I still don't know what CASA [The Canadian Alliance of Students Associations] is," said Christensen. "The whole setup was very influential... everyone was signing."

"No one refused to sign the petition" Lacey said. And he admits that of the people who signed the petition from residence, most did not know what CASA was.

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Shaun Verault leads Wide Mouth Mason at the Grawood. See story page 13. Photo by Ryan Lash

Pre-packaged ponderance

"If one is a greyhound, why try to look like a pekingese?"

— Dame Edith Sitwell

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"We are still in the education process," he said.

CASA is one of two national student organizations. The group formed less than three years ago to provide an alternative to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Both groups support student interests, but while the CFS is more protest orientated, CASA believes lobbying government will provide better results. Dalhousie is a member of CASA.

"[The CASA petition] is not a criticism of the [student loan] program, but offers solutions that need to be put in place," Lacey said.

According to Lacey there has been tremendous student support for CASA's plan. Despite the claims of strong support, Lacey started an information blitz about the petition on Monday that will continue until October 31. He says this final effort will give Dalhousie students another opportunity to sign the petition and to learn more about CASA.

Dalhousie's tuition petition is one of many being circulated by CASA across the country. All petitions will be delivered to the House of Commons early next year.

BGLAD returns

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In the coming weeks and months, movie nights, a potluck, and a party for the holiday season are all in the works.

BGLAD is also working to offer a form of counselling service. The group's office in the SUB will soon post hours during which people will be able to sit down and talk with someone, examine the group's resource library, or just study. BGLAD also offers a confidential support line, a website, and an e-mail address.

On October 10, BGLAD promoted awareness of National Coming Out Day in the SUB. In the gay community "everybody's been there at one point in time," Greaves said.

"Despite a sudden improvement in the society's prognosis, complications still exist.

"The discrimination of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals is a pervasive one. Despite the significant strides taken by the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community in recent years, formidable obstacles remain," Delaurentis said.

This may explain why the group is fighting hard to ensure it never enters the coma into which it had fallen.

"We are providing a necessary service," Greaves said.

Grad House

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would address both financial and functional needs of DAGS, rent for the facility is still an issue.

A fourth but unlikely option is one where a third party would be brought in to run the Grad House. However, the committee determined from its research that the obstacles would be too substantial for this option to be seriously considered.

It is likely that this issue will stir great debate among Grad House users, who are mainly unaware of the problems facing DAGS.

"There is a sentimental attachment to the Grad House on campus; many have expressed their fondness for the House and like the idea of a central meeting place for graduate students," states the report, adding, "but times are changing... Change is imminent and necessary.

"DAGS must meet the needs of students in new ways. It is not for DAGS to be in business — they are government and as such should not be in the position to spend student money on a bar frequented by only a portion of those who support it."

Student union on the brink of extinction

BY KAVERI GUPTA

Due to political differences amongst its members, the Student Union of Nova Scotia is heading towards dissolution.

At a general meeting on October 4, St. Mary's University (SMU) student association president John Francis made the motion for the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) to dissolve. The motion was seconded by University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) student union president Sheldon Gillis.

The motion was made after a heated debate regarding a proposal (which was subsequently defeated), but Acadia Student Union president Paul Black said the dispute was only fuel for a larger fire.

"The motion to dissolve was not solely because the proposal was defeated," Black said.

"SUNS has not been an adequate representative of provincial issues for a while... the motion was made after serious frustration on the part of those who were interested in making changes."

The proposal consisted of a completely new constitution to replace SUNS' existing one. It was put forth by SUNS' three larger member schools: SMU, UCCB, and St. Francis Xavier (St.F.X.).

SUNS president Rhonda Coleman had concerns regarding the proposed constitution.

"SUNS was not looking for a new constitution... I don't feel that the proposed constitution was solid enough to replace the existing one," Coleman said.

Black said that himself, Francis, Gillis, and St. F.X. student union president Ian MacIntyre were dissatisfied with the SUNS meeting held in May and decided to sit down and formulate some real changes to be presented at the October 4 meeting.

On October 4 though, no agreement was reached by members and the motion was made to dissolve the union. Despite the fact that three fourths of the members voted in favour of dissolution (the required amount to pass the motion), SUNS is still a legal entity since the procedure with which the motion was passed is not considered legal under the Societies Act.

"To dissolve, a motion must be

made six weeks prior to a general meeting, and after the general meeting a special resolution has to be passed within 30 days. After that another meeting must be held to tie up loose ends," Coleman said.

Black said that until student representatives can shed national affiliations and focus on provincial issues, improvements will not be possible.

Coleman admits that SUNS dissolving in the near future seems inevitable, though she said that SUNS has adequately served the needs of students in Nova Scotia for the duration of its existence.

SUNS would have been celebrating its 20th anniversary this coming January. It represents

ten universities in Nova Scotia.

Student teachers fight for change

BY STEVE PETRIE

Negotiations amongst teaching assistants, part-time professors and Dalhousie University have been broken up by the union, according to Michael Roughneen of Dalhousie Personnel Services.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3912 represents teaching assistants (TAs) and part-time instructors at Dalhousie. As a result of the breakdown, the union is now in a legal position to strike. According to union officials, a strike is only one possibility.

Mike Earle, Secretary Treasurer for CUPE 3912, says that the union has made no definite decision, and needs to organize its members before any decision is made.

In the early 1990s, steps were taken to form a union to improve working conditions, wages, and benefits for all part-time lecturers and TAs at Dalhousie. After long delays, contract negotiations began about one year ago. Agreement was reached on general contract language and proposals (including seniority rehiring), but the two groups have come to a stalemate over wage settlements.

The recent upsurge in union activity is not limited to Dalhousie. There has been a surge in the organization of TAs across the United States as well. Last year, there was a strike at Yale University when the school's administration refused to negotiate with the union because it would not recognize students' legal right to organize.

Similar strikes took place at University of California's campuses and other universities across the U.S.

Back across the boarder, Dalhousie TAs fair poorly in

relation to other Universities. At McMaster University in Ontario, TAs make \$7,722 per year and part-timers make \$7,529 per year. At York University, TAs make \$9,429 per year and part-timers make \$10,603 per year. Dalhousie part-timers presently make about \$5,000 per year.

The university administration has tabled its "final offer" — a deal that would see the part-timers pay rise to \$5,500 in their third year.

With regards to TA's, Dalhousie wants to standardize their pay. Currently, wages for TAs differ from department to department. The University calculated that the average pay is about \$2,350 per year. Factoring in annual pay increases, all TAs would make about \$2,450 per year by the end of a three year period — a process that would see many TAs take substantial pay cuts.

According to Kelly Murray, CUPE 3912 spokesperson, the university seems unwilling to make a better offer, and the TAs and part-timers are not satisfied with the standing offer. As a result, talks have broken off completely and there has been no movement on either side.

The administration says that it is willing to settle if reasonable proposals are offered by CUPE.

A strike vote is being planned by the union, but no date has been finalized.

Should the TAs and part-timers decide to strike, they will have the support of the Dalhousie Faculty Association which represents full-time faculty. This means that the full-time staff will not do the work of the TAs and part-timers, leaving papers ungraded, and some tutorials, labs and even some classes with no instructor.

NEWS-IN-BRIEF

STUDENT HOT-SPOTS HIT BY FIRE

A small fire Tuesday night shut down popular student venues on Spring Garden Road for the evening.

Mexicali Rosa's, Your Father's Moustache, The Great Taste and the Tickle Trunk were all affected by the small blaze.

Owner of Mexicali Rosa's, David Turk, said the fire was confined to a small unused storage room between his restaurant and Your Father's Moustache.

The room can only be accessed via a small alleyway, so no one in the building came in direct contact with the fire.

Turk says that no serious damage was sustained by any of the businesses, but all experienced smoke in the building.

Officials with the fire department could not be reached for comment on the cause of the fire. However, a firefighter on the scene said that it was an electrical fire.

ATLANTIC REGION TOPS FOR INVESTMENT

Forget the rest of Canada and the United States, Atlantic Canada is the number one place to do business according to an internationally known consulting firm.

The Atlantic Canada Advantage, commissioned by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency examined business costs in 42 cities in Atlantic Canada, Canada, the United States and five European countries. Of 42 cities in seven countries examined in the study, the top four cities in order of ranking are St. John's, Halifax, Charlottetown and Moncton.

"We suspected that the Atlantic region would rank highly, but in fact, the region fared even better — Atlantic Canada comes first," says Minister Mifflin.

"We think it will be of particular interest to European countries looking for a beachhead to the NAFTA market. It tells investors Atlantic Canada is the place to be."

MONEY TO EDUCATION NOT SHOWING RESULTS

Canadian students are not getting the education they need, despite being one of the world's biggest spenders on education.

According to the Conference Board of Canada, Canadian drop out rates remain high and our literacy levels are not putting us ahead of the global class.

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Canada spent \$56-billion or 7.6 per cent of its gross domestic product on education in 1993. According to the Chronicle Herald, that level of spending is likely to fall as government cuts are implemented. Canada continues to spend more per capita than the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom.

STUDENT CARTOON DEPICTS VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

University of Alberta students and staff are in an uproar over a cartoon on a Web site that shows women being shot at a Take Back the Night march.

"I was shocked. I was upset. I was amazed that someone would draw such a misogynist, hateful cartoon," associate professor Linda Trimble is reported as saying by The Globe and Mail.

The cartoon was meant to be part of cartoonist Adam Thrasher's weekly strip for the school paper, The Gateway. However, the cartoon was turned down by The Gateway. Instead, the paper printed the website address where readers could see the instalment.

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Reformed student loan program in the works

BY LILLY JU

Student leaders from some of the largest universities in Canada have been meeting this past week with the federal government in Halifax to redraw the Canadian Student Loan Program. The focus of the discussion at this conference organized by the Canadian Alliance of Student Association has been on a proposed income-based remission program for the repayment of student loans.

"The student loan program has been unchanged since the 1970s," says Kevin Lacey, vice-president academic/external of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) and Atlantic Canada Director of CASA.

"It is now time for the federal and provincial governments to recognize the need to modernize the loan system."

CASA met with officials from Human Resources Development Canada for eight hours on Monday to discuss and work on a reformed student loan program.

"The response was terrific," said Lacey.

Originally, CASA was to announce its national campaign on a new student loan program plan on October 22. However, as of Wednesday, details of this new plan were still being finalized, although the basic principles of the plan have been agreed upon.

An income based remission (IBR) program would be designed to help alleviate a student's debt load upon graduation. According to the Human Resources Development Canada, students are graduating on average with a debt of \$25,000. Student bankruptcies have increased

250 per cent in the past five years, and one in four loans goes into default in the first three years of repayment (increasing from 3,000 in 1990 to 8,000 in 1996).

"Fifty per cent of students in Canada have some debt load," said Hoops Harrison, National Director of CASA.

"That is unacceptable. We need to focus on the current crisis, that being ensuring that those students who need financial assistance have access to it and that they don't end up mortgaging their future in the process."

Loan repayment in an IBR program would be based on an affordable proportion of the graduate's income. Those graduating students who have not found employment or have found employment and are not making much money would be eligible for grants from the

federal government that would help them make loan payments.

"If you make more, you pay more; if you make less, you pay less," explains Lacey. "And if you make so little that you can't make your loan payments, the government will help you out."

Dalhousie, along with the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton), originally passed a motion at CASA to advocate for such a plan nationally. Both schools have already been working towards such a program dealing with provincial student loans in their respective provinces. Since the summer, both schools have been meeting with their respective provincial government representatives.

A proposal for an income-based remission program contrasts with the call for zero tuition from another national

student organization, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) three weeks ago. CASA's plan deals with the student loan program, whereas CFS's focuses primarily on tuition fees.

CASA represents the universities of Kwantlen, Alberta, Calgary, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Waterloo, Western Ontario, McGill, St. Thomas, New Brunswick (Fredericton), New Brunswick (Saint John), Dalhousie and Acadia.

The student debt crisis has also been acknowledged by university administrators, who told federal finance minister Paul Martin that the federal government needs to take greater action on issues such as student loans and scholarships at a meeting in Montreal this past Tuesday.

Government admits loan program needs changes

BY DAVID COCHRANE

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Canada Student Loan Program is no longer doing its job of keeping higher education accessible to Canadian students and needs to be reformed, says a federal government document.

The confidential Human Resources Development (HRD) report admits that tuition fees may have reached levels high enough to deter students from pursuing a post-secondary education. The Student Assistance in the Year 2000 document also outlines a consultation process with provincial governments, the banks, student groups and others. The process is due to be wrapped up later this month, with a reform strategy for the loan program to be presented to the federal cabinet by December.

The document, dated Aug. 12, has been presented to educational policy groups as part of the consultation process, but hasn't been made public. It is the first admission by the federal government that the current student loan system isn't working.

"Debt has become the key issue for student assistance programs, and is the driving consideration for further reform," the report states.

The document makes some candid admissions about the severity of student debt loads, which average \$25,000 for students who borrow, stating that debt payments leave little room for necessary living costs after graduation.

It also stated that any changes to the program will include an income-contingent repayment option. And that the federal government has been developing an income-contingent loan program with Ontario. The government wants to implement the new system by September 1998.

Higher education and student debt have become prominent themes during the federal

Liberal's second mandate. In the Throne Speech the government pledged to reduce barriers to higher education through changes to the Canadian Student Loan Program, and shortly after announced the creation of a \$1-billion scholarship fund. In recent weeks Pierre Pettigrew, federal minister of human resources development, hinted at student aid reform to combat soaring debt loads.

"We are considering all kinds of options, like the income-related repayment options and all that. We are going to work hard on that file still," the minister said.

The government's reform plan is being met with guarded optimism by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), says Federation Deputy Chair Jennifer Story, largely due to the inclusion of an income-contingent repayment option.

The federation has long opposed such a scheme, which involves loan payments geared to a graduate's income. It says that students who earn less end up taking longer to pay off their loans, and have to pay more in interest. The federation also points to the fact that in jurisdictions where income-contingent loan programs have been introduced, tuition increases followed shortly thereafter.

But Story says that HRD officials have told her that the government is considering an income-contingent loan program with considerable differences from the one proposed in 1994, which led to nation-wide student protests in 1995.

She says the government is looking at extending the interest-free grace period after graduation and establishing a system of deferred grants or a loan forgiveness program, similar to

existing provincial programs.

"Finally, [the federal government is] honestly saying, 'What we have to do is reduce the debt burden so we are not negatively impacting who is attending,'" Story said.

Hoops Harrison, executive director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), says he is encouraged by the government initiatives. He says CASA also opposes the 1994 proposals, but says a debt repayment program linked to income will offer students more flexibility in paying back their loans and keep default rates down.

Human Resources reports that student bankruptcies have increased 250 per cent in the last five years and one in four loans goes into default in the first three years of repayment. As a result, lenders like the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) have

pressured the federal government to rethink the way it offers student aid. This summer, the CIBC got out of the student loan business in Nova Scotia, citing rising student debts and increasing bankruptcies.

"The program, we feel, is in trouble. It's not satisfactorily providing students with the level of financial support they need," said Peter McCreath, a spokesperson for the CIBC in Halifax.

The CIBC says it would like to see a new loan program which keeps student debt low.

Both national student groups, the CIBC, and even the Council of Ontario Universities — long a proponent of income-contingent loan programs — say that to work, the new loan proposals must include some form of debt relief.

The Department of Human Resources wouldn't comment on any potential reform plans.

Standardized tests in Atlantic Region

BY MICHAEL CONNORS

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — High schools across Atlantic Canada will soon be teaching courses based on a single, regional curriculum, and members of Newfoundland's academic community are hoping it could mean the introduction of standardized testing.

The Atlantic Canada Education Foundation, an intergovernmental organization established by the Atlantic departments of education, has been developing a common curricula in the sciences, language arts and math since 1995.

Throughout the Atlantic region, all courses in these subject areas will eventually be brought in line to match the new regional curriculum.

"It means that a student could go anywhere in the Atlantic region and expect to be taught the same things, so it's good for mobility," said Laurie Alexander, one of the foundation's project coordinators.

"And it's really good because we

have the benefit of the four Atlantic provinces working together on something, as opposed to each province working on its own, so we have all that shared expertise," she added.

Alexander says in terms of implementation, the common language arts and science courses are in the pilot stages now, and the new math curriculum will likely start in about a year.

The foundation's goals also include the introduction of standardized exams in the region which students would take before graduating from high school, although Alexander says not all provinces would necessarily use them.

"The four provinces are really in different places with their policies for [testing], so it absolutely goes back to each province to do whatever best fits their current and existing policies," she said.

Standardized testing has been a source of controversy in Newfoundland since the government

cancelled its provincial public exams in the spring of 1996. The cancellation sparked the formation of a secondary school student action group called the Student Education Alliance. The alliance organized a march of protest on the provincial legislature of over 3,000 students.

Tracey O'Reilly, one of the founders of the group, says standardized testing is important for students because it ensures consistency in evaluations and makes grading more meaningful.

"If you're from Gander or if you're from St. John's of Goose Bay, everybody's taught the same thing, and you're evaluated in a way that's fair. Right now there is no standard whatsoever," she said.

Now a member of the student union at the Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), O'Reilly says she likes the concept of an Atlantic-wide public exam system because it would bring that consistency back.

Ever since the cancellation of exams in Newfoundland, teachers,

students, and university administrators have expressed concern that without the exams, which they say levelled grading practices, students have been graduating from high school with inflated averages.

Jaap Tuinman, vice-president academic at MUN, says it is too early to make definite conclusions that this is happening, but adds there are indications it may be.

"We think we're beginning to see a bit of a grade creep," Tuinman said. "We're not sure of it yet in any major way... [because] our data are still very minimal, but we're keeping a very close eye on it. Either the students are doing better than they used to or we're beginning to see a bit of easier grading."

"But with the onset of these Atlantic exams, we should be getting back to an even keel."

Officials at the Newfoundland department for education were not available to comment on whether they intended to use the regional exams if and when they are introduced.

Another football player suspended for taking steroids

BY MIKE DE PELLEGRIN

OTTAWA (CUP) — Yet another Canadian university football player has been caught using steroids, bringing the total of suspended players this season to four.

Martin Arsenault, a fifth-year lineman with the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees, was suspended October 15 by the Canadian

Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) after testing positive for the steroid Stanozolol.

Arsenault admitted that after working out for a Miami Dolphins Scout eight months ago, he started taking the drug.

"Coming on the heels of three other positive tests... we were very disappointed to be advised of this latest result," Kerry T. Moynihan,

chief executive officer of the CIAU, said. "The detection system is working and the message we want to send out is that if you take banned substances you will get caught."

"I'm furious," Ottawa head coach Larry Ring, said. "We've had over 80 tests conducted in my seven years here and only two have come out positive, unfortunately back-to-back."

On October 6, Constantin Shousha — also a University of Ottawa offensive lineman — was suspended for steroid use, as were Matthew Demers of the St. Mary's Huskies and Shawn Dyson of the University of Waterloo Warriors. All three were suspended for a period of no less than four years — the same penalty handed to Arsenault.

The CIAU currently conducts mandatory drug education seminars for athletes each year. Players must sign a form to indicate they've read and understood the CIAU's zero tolerance policy on drug use.

Since 1990, approximately 2,250 drug tests have been conducted and 20 athletes have tested positive. All but one of the cases has involved a football player and steroid use.

In the wake of the initial suspensions, officials with the CIAU said they planned to meet with the schools involved and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports to see if more could be done to prevent steroid use.

Ring said he has contacted the CIAU about the possibility of conducting more tests for steroids on his team.

"After being through this for a second time, I'm starting to see a trend in which guys are taking the stuff. It seems the guys who aren't mentally tough always give in," he said.

With files from CUP

Political opposites attract in B.C. coalition

BY CRAIG SAUNDERS

VICTORIA (CUP) — The Reformers and Marxist-Leninists have finally found their common ground and it's in lotus land.

The B.C. branches of these political parties, along with a host of others across the political spectrum, have joined together to create the Electoral Change Coalition of British Columbia to push for electoral reforms in the province.

"It's the reason I got involved in politics in the first place," said David Secord, president of the provincial Reform party and a vice-president of the coalition. "Having recognized that [the electoral system is the problem], it was certainly exciting for me to discover that people from a broad range of perspectives agree."

Secord and the Marxist-Leninists are joined by the provincial Green, Conservative and Family Coalition parties, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, Canadians for Direct Democracy and the Progressive Democratic Alliance.

The group is lobbying the provincial government for an electoral system that they say more accurately reflects the wishes of voters. They would like to see the current first-past-the-post system replaced. Under this system, a party must win a seat in a riding in order to be represented in the provincial legislature — a party's popular vote does not matter.

"We're not advocating a particular system," said Secord. "We're challenging the existing system."

The provincial NDP government does not seem interested in changing the current system however.

"Generally speaking, our electoral system has served us well over the years," said Brian Gardner, provincial secretary of the NDP. "Our opponents can't beat us at the polls, so they want to change the rules."

This is not the first push for electoral reform in the province, according to University of British Columbia political science professor Richard Johnston. The debate also came up in the 1970s, he says, but was short-lived.

"It's likely to be a flash in the

pan," he said of the new coalition. "If the Liberals fail to win the next election, then that will add some more force [to the movement]."

Johnston says the system of proportional representation — where a party's popular vote determines to some extent how many seats it has in the legislature — is common in most democracies. The existing system, he adds, often results in majority governments elected by a majority of the population.

"The NDP has often talked about

proportional representation," said federal Green Party leader Joan Russow. "But they often benefit from [not having it]."

Russow is working with legalists in Ontario to bring forward a federal lawsuit challenging Canada's electoral system. The Green Party plan includes a mixed system incorporating both proportional and regional representation.

"It's an issue that impacts on all parties, so it's important to have all parties involved," she said.

Women's centre opposes pro-life group

BY KELLI KIELY

ST JOHN'S (CUP) — The possibility that a campus pro-life group may get full recognition from the Memorial University of Newfoundland's student union has raised concerns at the school's women's centre.

The group is being recognized by the Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) student union on a trial basis and will be eligible for full recognition next semester.

During the trial period groups are allowed to operate on campus and establish a presence, through things like information booths. Once a group is granted full recognition it automatically gets money from the union and is able to apply for special project grants and office space.

Gloria Williams, a spokesperson for MUN's Women's Resource Centre, says abortion is a complex and emotional issue and the presence of a pro-life group on

campus will add to the anxiety for women who face, or have already faced, decisions about abortion.

"This is the hardest decision a woman will ever have to make in her life," she said. "Nobody wants to have an abortion."

"When we have organizations that put pressure and more strain on these women... already undergoing enormous strain and stress, it's really scary for them."

Williams also says that student union support for the group will reinforce the negative associations society already attaches to abortion.

"There is a lot of stigma attached to abortion in our society and we don't need a group that promotes [that stigma] on campus," she said. "It doesn't create an atmosphere for choice. The university should not promote biases."

Mike Down, president of the group — MUN For Life — says his group does not condemn women who have had an abortion.

"Our group is totally non-

condemnatory and non-judgmental," he said. "[For] any woman who has had an abortion... if we can do anything to help whatsoever, then we would be happy to do whatever we can to provide her with the help she needs."

Down says MUN For Life is primarily interested in helping groups that support pro-life policies.

Student union vice-president Karen Kiely says the group has a right to form on campus — as long as they do not attempt to counsel students on abortion matters.

"Within Canadian democracy, everybody has the right of free speech," she said.

Kiely said that when the student union first debated whether to grant MUN For Life trial status, there was a fair amount of disagreement on the issue.

"There was a lot of debate as to whether or not this would be a good thing for the university, and I think

that right now MUN For Life does have to prove to students on campus that it is a worthwhile group and that it deserves a place in the university community," she said.

Kiely adds that she hopes MUN For Life will not focus strictly on anti-abortion issues.

The women's centre was also upset with literature the pro-life group distributed on campus last winter. Literature it says contained inaccurate information and provoked guilt.

Entitled "Should Rape be an Argument for Abortion?" the pamphlet indicated that there have never been any reports of pregnancy resulting from rape.

"The possibility of pregnancy is reduced even more by the severe stress reaction related to assault rape," the pamphlet read in part.

Down says circulating the pamphlet was an oversight on his part and adds that the group will, in future, more carefully screen any literature it distributes.

Student loan hotline: 1-900-RIP'D-OFF

BY CHAD LUFF

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — The Newfoundland government won't replace a 1-900 student aid information line despite complaints from students about expensive phone bills.

While local calls to the St. John's-based number are free, there is a charge of 50 cents for the first minute and 40 cents for each additional minute for non-local callers. As a result, students from rural Newfoundland say they are running up high long-distance phone bills checking the status of their student loans.

The Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN) Student Union began lobbying the provincial government to drop the number last year, after rural students complained.

Student union vice-president

external Randy Miller says that while the union is still pushing to have the phone line removed, the government continues to avoid the issue.

"[The phone line] has been on the agenda of every meeting I've ever had with the government...and the government's response is to always ignore it, or to say the money is not there," he said.

Miller says some students have complained of being placed on hold on the line for up to 15 minutes, all the while being charged.

"It is not an efficient system," he said.

Last year the government unveiled a student aid website where students could obtain information about their loans over the Internet.

"There are alternative services other than the 1-900 number and they are there for [students] to use as often as they wish," Rob

Feaver, acting service quality coordinator for the phone service, said.

He adds that the web site can answer most of the questions people call the 1-900 number for.

But Miller says he does not see the website as a viable option for most students.

"Although Internet access is slowly catching on, the majority of students still aren't using it," he said. "The internet is not the solution."

But Feaver says that Internet access is available through most high schools and public libraries and provides an opportunity for students to get the information they need without using the phone line.

Feaver says there are no plans to get rid of the 1-900 number — a toll free number would cost the

government too much, while the 1-900 number recoups the cost of the service.

Currently, several other government departments do have 1-800 numbers for their telephone services.

"A 1-900 service is not going to cost a tremendous amount of money to students," he said. "The biggest problem now is that they could be waiting for a long period of time in terms of speaking to somebody."

He adds that changes are being made to the 1-900 service to improve its efficiency. These include upgrading the automated voice system to inform callers of specific problems with their application so they won't have to wait to talk to an official.



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Something stinks, Russ

On November 4, voters in four provincial ridings, including Premier Russell MacLellan's Cape Breton North riding and Dalhousie's riding of Halifax Citadel, will head to the polls to elect representatives for the remainder of the Liberal's term in office. While this show of democracy on behalf of Premier MacLellan and his Liberals is admirable, one has to wonder why everyone else isn't going to the polls.

MacLellan does have to call an election by the end of the spring of 1998 anyway, and the four newly-elected MLAs will again have to hit the campaign trail.

Something smells fishy.

MacLellan, at the expense of Nova Scotian taxpayers, is stretching his term as long as he is legally allowed. He must be hoping that in this short span of time he can correct the wrongs committed by his predecessor, John Savage, paint a rosy picture of the Liberals, and ride into power.

Well, good luck Russ.

Sure, there was a bit of public euphoria following Savage's resignation, but that had nothing to do with MacLellan. Anyone could have replaced Savage to increase public support — that didn't mean

it was going to last. And MacLellan's road has been getting steadily rockier since he was elected as the Liberal leader in July.

Several of his election promises, such as the scrapping of toll highways in the Wentworth Valley, have proven to be shams. And his answers to public concerns over these "promises" have reeked of typical, old-style politics.

So he'll use the next six months to both improve his image and heap blame upon Savage for any pot holes he's going to run into along the way.

Political opportunism seems to be the name of the game.

After all, MacLellan traded an eighteen year career in federal politics for a chance to be the leader of the Nova Scotian Liberals — and in this case our premier.

Was it because he had a burning, altruistic desire to serve Nova Scotians as best he could, or because he foresaw the ousting of every Nova Scotian Liberal MP in the June federal election, and decided to jump ship?

Remember, this is the same man who sat timidly on the backbenches in Ottawa while Jean Chretien cut millions of dollars of funding to the Atlantic provinces. As an MP from Cape Breton, one of the poorest

areas of Canada, one would expect more from MacLellan than feeble acceptance of the party doctrine.

Remember too that MacLellan has no leadership experience whatsoever, aside from the crash-course he's been getting since July.

And the public has not once voted for MacLellan as our premier; only registered members of the Liberal party have done that.

Yes, the Liberals have a mandate allowing them to remain in office six months longer (no matter who the leader is), but with the previous Liberal government being so ineffective and unresponsive to the needs of the public, shouldn't all Nova Scotians finally get their say?

According to Russ, no.

So, instead of putting himself on the line to the whole province, he's staging four useless by-elections; six-month terms for the winners and a waste of public money for everyone else.

But MacLellan is putting himself on the line in Cape Breton North, and hopefully voters there will put his political ambitions to rest.

Then perhaps the only opportunities left for Russ will be through patronage...

GREG MCFARLANE

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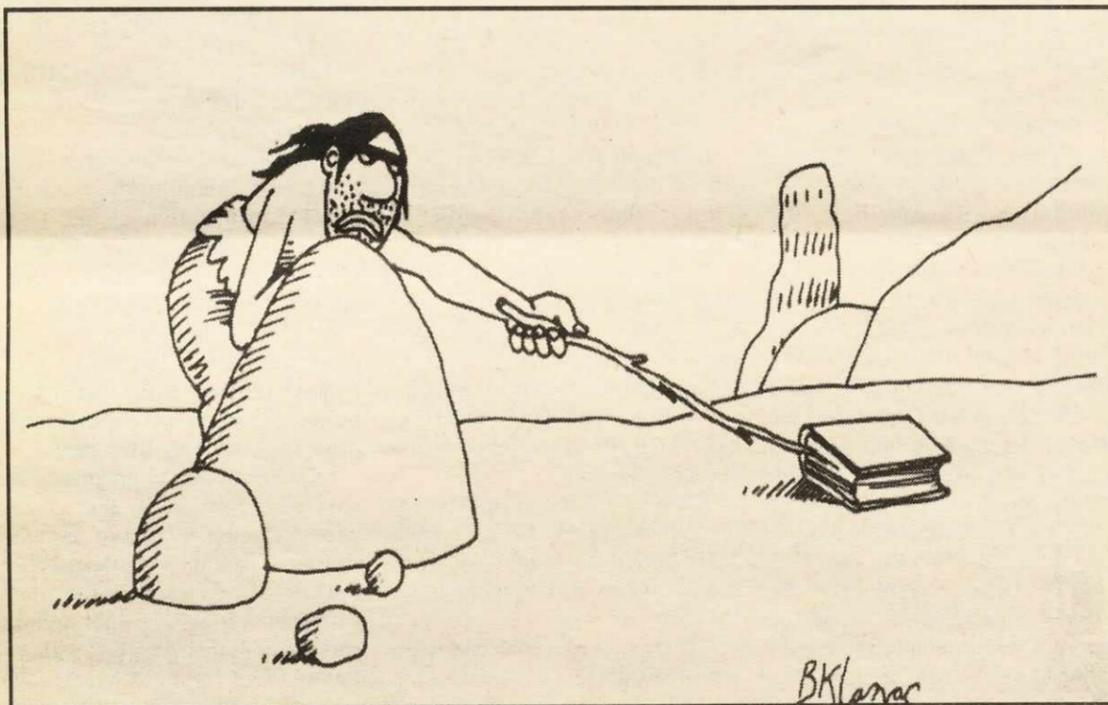
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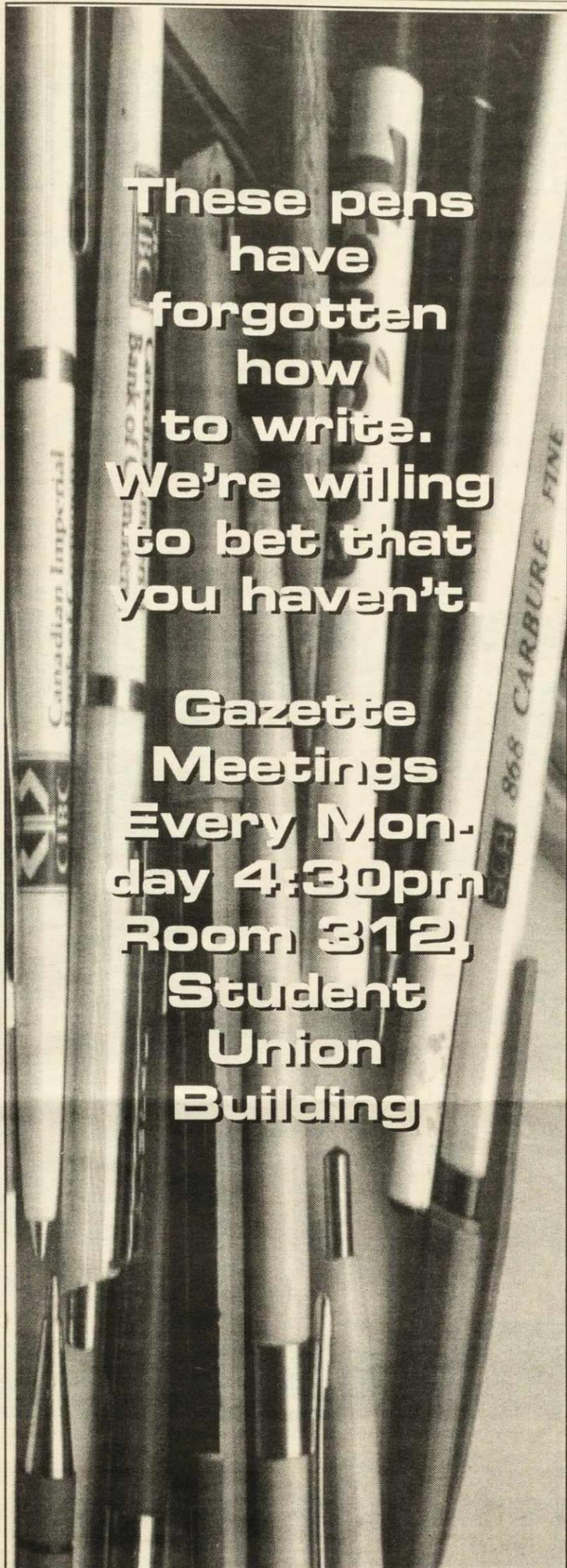
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If looks could kill

As we grow up, we are taught to treat people as we would like them to treat us. Unfortunately, such lessons have taught some people nothing.

This is how it works nowadays, "I don't know you, but I don't like you, so I'll just give you a dirty look when I pass by." How about that?

The other day, I was hanging-out outside the SUB with a friend of mine. We really hadn't noticed the people walking by because they were of no concern to us. But we both took notice of two girls walking toward us. We didn't know them, so my friend and I kept chatting. As the girls got closer, I looked up and they were giving me the dirtiest look ever! And it wasn't the first time! Huh? My friend had noticed and asked,

"What's their problem?" I was in total shock! I mean I don't know these girls and they didn't know me! Well, to tell you the truth, one of them is quite a celebrity at school (Like anyone cares). I've also seen other students being given dirty looks for no apparent reason. What is your problem?

There are lots of people out there from different places and backgrounds. So what? It's the nineties. If you dress funny, dye your hair blue, have a nose-ring, have a tattoo or even smoke, then I automatically dislike you because of the way you look. WHAT KIND OF CONCEPT IS THAT? You are judging people you don't even know. Before you judge a person, try and think what that person would be like if you

spoke to him/her. They might have a great personality you could get along with and you might even share the same interests. You might even learn a thing or two from each other.

The best thing of all is that it's not even that hard to get to know a person — then maybe you could judge them. So if you don't want it done to you, don't do it to others, because they have feelings just like you.

As Sara Grand once said, "Our opinion of people depends less upon what we see in them than upon what they make us see in ourselves." In other words, if you want to judge someone, judge yourself before judging anyone else.

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Andrew: [screaming] Go to hell asshole.

John: [also screaming] Oh yeah, well what makes you think that you, of all people, have any right telling me where to go?

Andrew: I've been stuck in this office for the last two months with your lazy ass, and I think its about time you moved it, your lazy ass that is.

John: [Incredulous] Me, lazy. You're the drunken shit who never makes it into work before 2...

Andrew: [screaming and annoyed] Oh... stop your yipping, boy. You can't think of anything bad to say so you make stuff up.

John: I believe it's your lying ass that makes shit up.

Andrew: [still screaming] Now you've gone over the top. I can't believe that even you — the king of fabrication, prince of generalization... uhh... the Queen Mother of outright,

stinking, dirty lying — would be in such denial that you would project your problems onto me.

John: First of all, you could never be so lucky as to inherit even my worst fault...

Andrew: [interrupting] Don't get haughty with me, I can be a bigger snob than you anyway.

John: Congratulations.

Andrew: Yes, well... ahem... thankyou.

John: [calming, a bit] You're a prick.

Andrew: Ahah! See what I mean, gutter-mouth!

John: [Annoyed] Give it a rest.

Andrew: No Johnny, you should know the worst thing about snobs is that we can never forgive you slob for being less-perfect than us.

John: You're seriously delusional.

Andrew: No, my belly-crawling, sewer-dwelling friend, I think you are suffering from shock. A head-on collision with reality,

perhaps?

John: You're a moron.

Andrew: Sloth!

John: Slug!

Andrew: Bitch!

John: Do you know what this is, man. Do you know what this is?

Andrew: [suddenly calm] It's Filler.

John: [excited] Pure, pointless, 100 per cent filler!

Andrew: Yup.

John: Now Andy, tell the good people why this happened.

Andrew: Because people are too goddamn lazy to write simple...

John: Yeah! Testify brother...

Andrew: Please don't interrupt, John... Um, anyways, they're too lazy and apathetic to sit down, for just a few easy minutes, and write a letter or an article for the Gazette's opinions section.

John: Disgusting.

Andrew: Pathetic.

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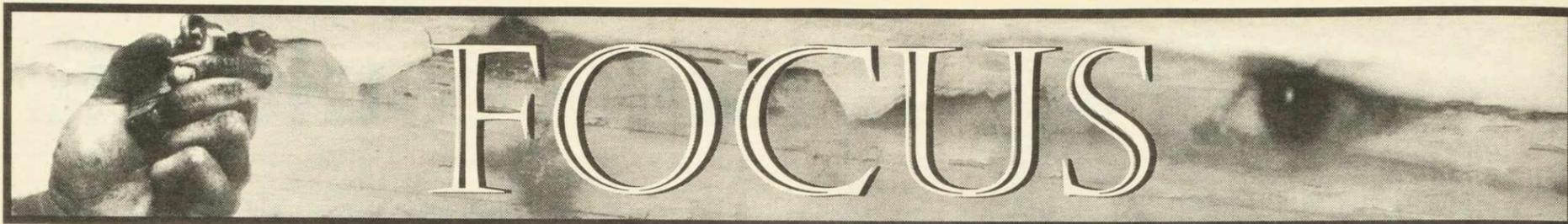
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Rats, mazes and dolts, Clark's comments on Dalhousie

BY LYNN DECKER

Dr. James Clark retired last year from Dalhousie's Psychology department at age 65. He was hired by Dalhousie straight out of graduate school in 1959. Due to his popularity with the students, Clark has returned this year to teach his History of Psychology class. The textbook he created for the course is also used in classes at Harvard.

Clark has received Dalhousie's Alumni Teaching Award. He is also one of those rare professors who makes a lasting impression on their students.

Gazette: Have you done any interesting research in the past?

Clark: I would characterize my research career as undistinguished. For almost a decade I did research with rats and mazes. I once made the mistake of going home at summer and telling my mother all about it... As I told her about this ever-exciting research I was doing, I saw my dear mother fall asleep.

Do you have a specific teaching style?

I would hope that to all classes I would try to bring a certain informality... Formality can be brought in books; formality can be brought on tape; formality can be brought in other forms... It is the fallible human being who, it seems to me, is perhaps capable of bringing to students something they don't get in other ways — something they don't get over television. The only reason I would ever willingly go to attend a lecture on anything is with the expectation that the lecturer would make a fool out of himself... I have tried to leave myself open, I suppose, to making a fool of myself.

What are the best and the worst things about Dalhousie?

Dalhousie I think has proved, on the whole, very tolerant of my eccentricities; which I think would not have always been as well received elsewhere. They gave me a great degree of freedom to do what I wished... Maybe that aspect of a certain tolerance, of various kinds of eccentricity, does affect the way Dalhousie is received by students. I would like to think so.

What is worst about Dalhousie? What is worst in my mind about Dalhousie, [which is] shared very commonly by other universities, is the condition under which we teach... Over the 40 years that I have taught here... large classes have advanced from the first-year level... I have been here long enough to see second-year classes become large, third-year classes become large... I blame Dalhousie for that. It is not particular to Dalhousie... I suppose one can say it is imposed upon all of us. I don't know, but it's made, in some ways, a mockery of university education.

Do you feel you get paid enough?

[laughs] I wonder if I can tell you the truth about this. I do. I would not want my reply generalized to others. There are professors at Dalhousie who have large families, there are professors at Dalhousie who I dare say have expensive tastes, and those professors are not paid enough I bet you.

How has Dalhousie changed since you've been here?

It changed from a small college to a big University. In sheer numbers Dalhousie had started to expand when I arrived. For example, the Psychology

department that I joined was a department of three people. I made the fourth. By the end of the sixties there were going on 25 professors in Psychology. So there was that decade of extraordinary expansion, as students and money flooded into the place.

Biology 1000 is being taught in the Rebecca Cohn to 800 students. The possibility of having Introductory Psychology classes in the McGinnes Room, which would hold 350 students, is being discussed. What do you think about jumbo classes?

I think that I retired just in time for fear that I would otherwise have been asked to teach one of those. The argument can be made that once you reached the sort of standard around here of 150... that once you've gotten that big, it doesn't much matter if you multiply into the hundreds... If I was going to have to spend 50 minutes, 3 times a week, addressing 800 people, I would rehearse.

I would know exactly what my slides would be, I would want them to be as big as possible, as bright as possible and my jokes to have been tested in advance. I would be a performer and we're saturated with performers. When we go home and turn on the television set we see performers that are far better than any of us dolts could possibly be. The great tragedy of postwar education is that we are in the business of doing that.

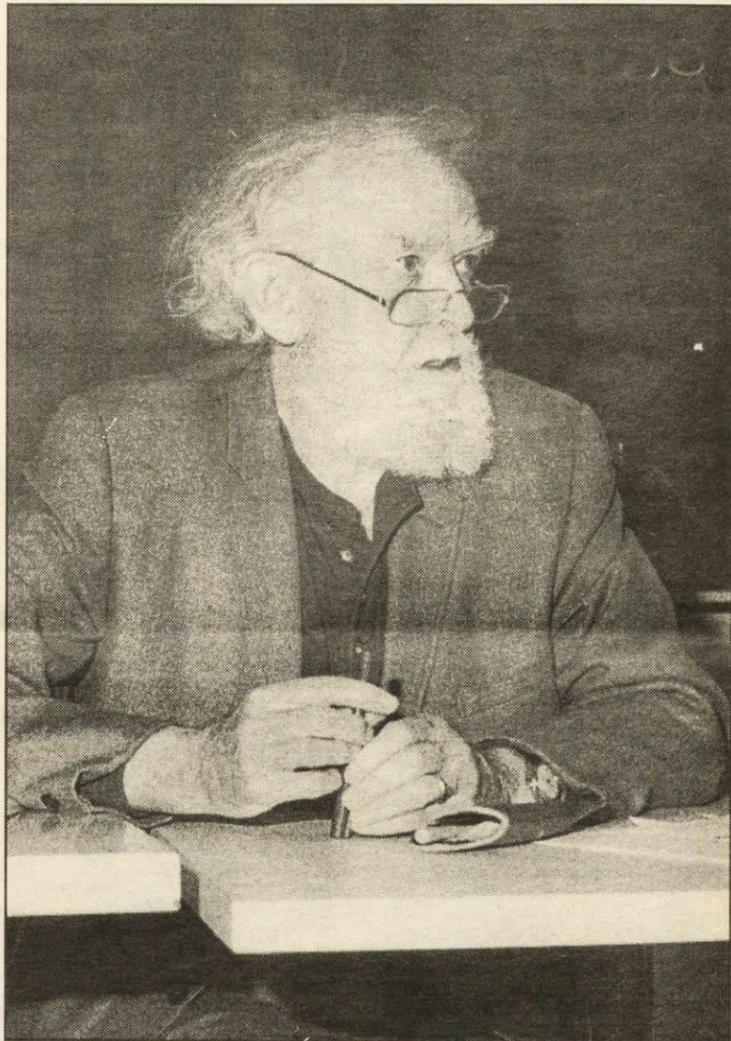
The Canadian Federation of Students released a report called "Strategy for Change". It states that zero tuition can be achieved by implementing a long-term funding formula

paid for by a taxation system on the wealthy. Do you think this is a reasonable goal and, if it is possible, do you think this plan should be implemented?

Can I opt out of the part of that question that supposes that I am an expert on economics? I long ago discovered that on all economic questions, at least beyond the level of barter, that I am incompetent. I just don't know what the economic ramifications of this would be. I wish

very much that all students who are capable of getting something out of a place like Dalhousie could be here if they wish... That is another postwar tragedy of student life which I have seen growing over the decades... students who are running from one damn job to the next including, among those jobs, attending classes... If we could subsidize... it seems to me that of course the answer to any sensible person would be yes, let's do that.

PROFESSOR PROFILE



The ever lucid Dr. Clark speaks to his History of Psychology class. Photo by Ryan Lash

Growing support for corporate involvement in schools

BY CRAIG SAUNDERS

VICTORIA (CUP) — Canadians want more corporate involvement in education but are wary of advertising in school, says a recent survey.

Environics, a Toronto-based polling company, recently released their biannual survey on educational issues. It noted that 90 per cent of Canadians favour more corporate involvement in post-secondary education. Further, it said 75 per cent of Canadians favour more ties between business and secondary and elementary schools.

At the same time, 74 per cent of Canadians oppose advertising in classrooms, while 64 per cent oppose it in hallways and 57 per cent oppose it on computer programs.

"Canadians aren't scared about corporations becoming a

little bit more involved in universities," said Elizabeth Keller, a research associate at Environics. But she added that people prefer involvement to be in job training areas such as co-op positions and internships.

Teachers are not altogether enthused with the results of the survey. "We are opposed to the corporate intrusion into the classroom," said Marc Chevalier, a spokesperson for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. "We certainly have some concerns about the corporate agenda inserting itself into the curriculum... Education is one of the areas where public funding is essential," said Chevalier. The federation does not oppose job training in schools, but Chevalier said, it should be within the context of a broad education.

Some academics, however, are much more eager about corporate-educational

partnerships. "The links that do exist between corporations and all levels of education have helped a lot, both business and education," said Norman Wagner, president of the Corporate-Higher Education Forum.

The forum describes itself as an organization of corporate and university chief executives, focusing on issues and opportunities in higher education, and corporate communities.

When Wagner was president of the University of Calgary, the university solicited donations from corporations for a new building on the campus. In recognition of its \$500,000 donation, the facility was named after Esso.

Wagner says the naming of a classroom or a building after a corporation is a legitimate return for a donation, but, he adds that a line must be drawn when it comes to the corporation presence on campus. Wagner pointed out that

"The donor of a classroom never had any say on what was taught."

Wagner said that he is also in agreement with the majority of Canadians on the issue of advertising in schools; he is against it. "By and large, we can't go any farther, or we risk public education in Canada," he said.

Some say it is not so easy to separate an increased general corporate presence in Canadian schools from a growth in advertising in schools.

Bill Bruneau, president of the Canadian Association of University Teachers said that "There is an obvious inconsistency if the public would welcome more business relationships... They will have to take what comes with it, and that's advertising."

Brad Lavigne, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, says that he is concerned about both the growing corporate presence on campuses and its

subtle and not-so-subtle links to advertising. He cites a number of examples where corporations are both indirectly and directly establishing a greater presence on Canadian campuses.

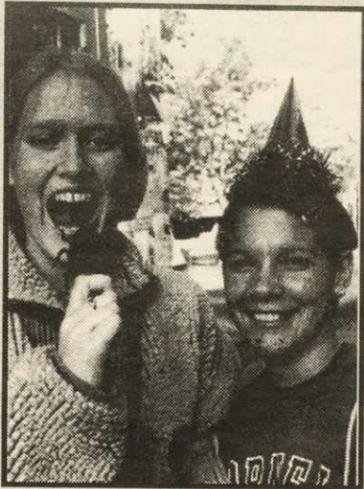
The University of Montreal, says Lavigne, is looking to sell names of professors. Faculty would get funding from corporations in return for training corporate staff. Atkinson College at York University is looking to sell the names of classrooms to corporations, he adds. And at Carleton University, the Bell Amphitheatre goes so far as to have sponsored chairs.

The situation is reaching the point, says Lavigne facetiously, where "you can sit at the NorTel seat in the Bell Amphitheatre taking Sprint Economics 101 by the GM professor of economics."

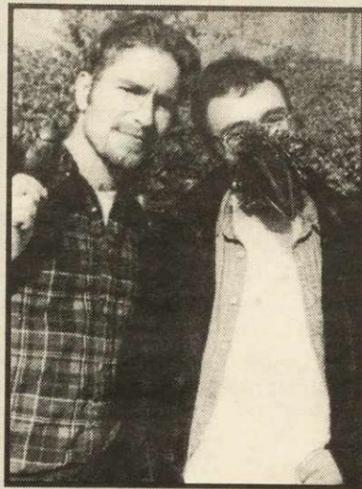
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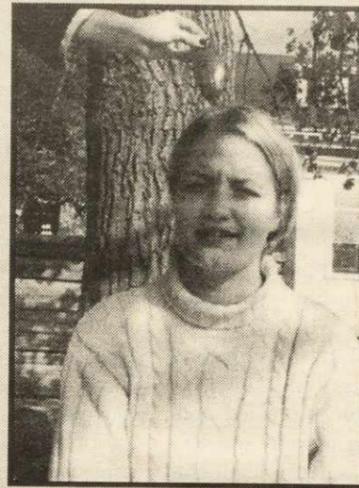
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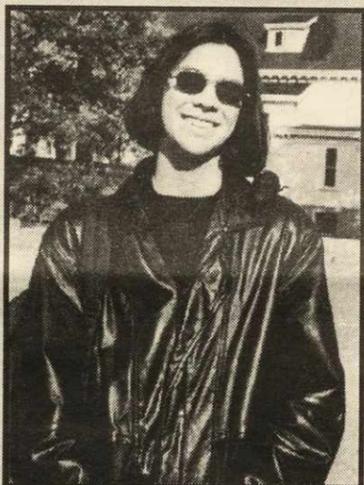
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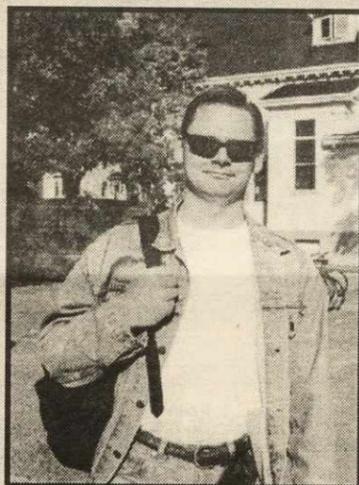
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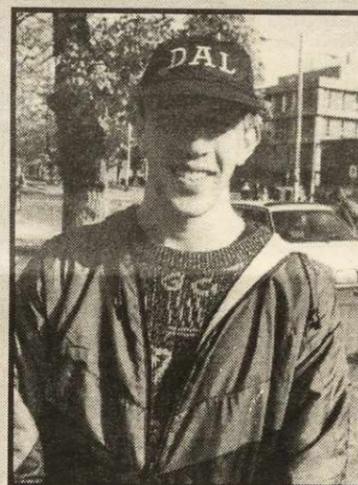
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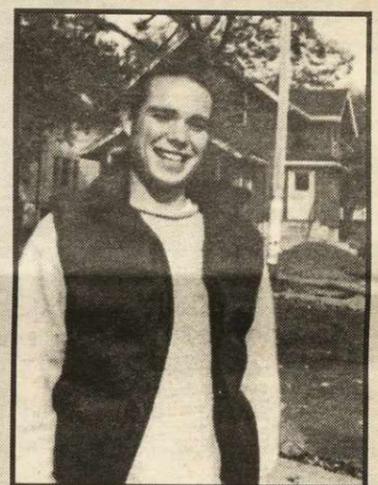
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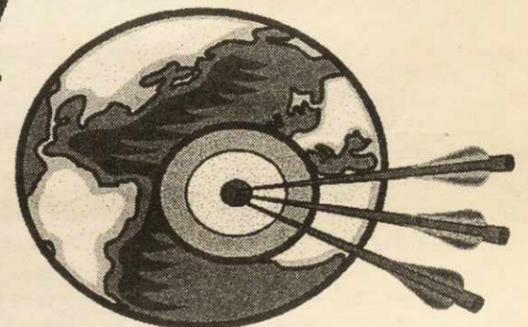
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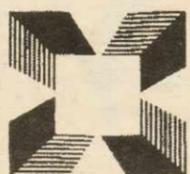
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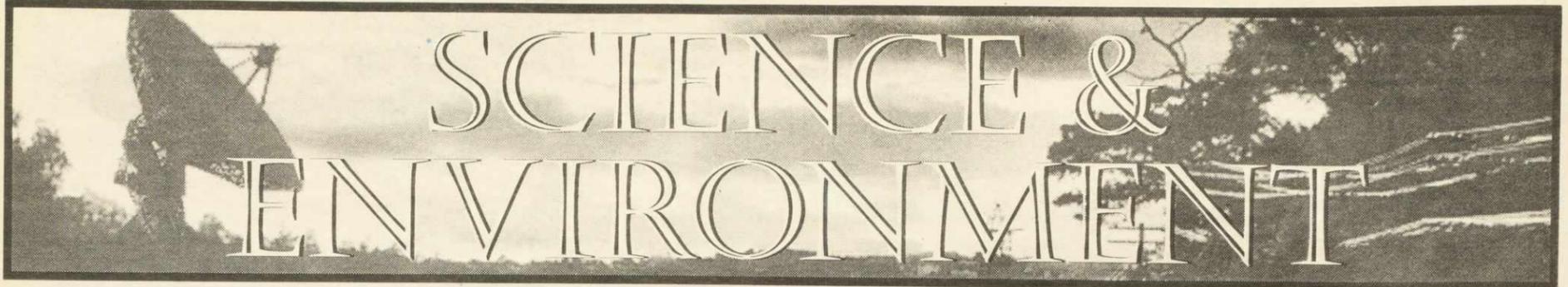
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Barren lost to sell-out science and politics

BY CHRIS MILLER

A story is unravelling in the rolling hills of the Cape Breton Highlands that can rival even the most poorly written Hollywood script. It is a tale of RCMP investigations, suspected cabinet leaks and back-room politics, as well as allegations of sell-out science and insider trading.

Similar to seal hunting on the East Coast and clear-cutting of old-growth forests on the West Coast, environmentalists once again find themselves squared off against developers in an epic battle to conserve what remains of Canada's biodiversity.

A tiny piece of rugged wilderness in Nova Scotia, known as the Jim Campbell's Barren, is causing all the controversy.

Conservationists argue that the 1,709 hectare site is a unique ecological treasure that contains an unusual combination of habitats. It protects the headwaters of three major watersheds, provides a critical forested corridor for the endangered Canada lynx, and is home to numerous rare plants, one of which contains a known cancer-fighting chemical called taxol.

On this basis, the Jim Campbell's Barren was chosen for protection in 1995 as an integral component of Nova Scotia's Systems Plan of parks and protected areas — a plan that recently won the province a national award for conservation by the Canadian Council of Ecological Areas (CCEA).

The Systems Plan established 31 protected areas in Nova Scotia, one of which was the Jim Campbell Barren, and raised the total area of land protected in the province from two to eight per cent. This initiative won Nova Scotia an "A" in the World Wildlife Fund's *Endangered Spaces Progress Report* that measures the achievements and failures of Canadian provinces and territories in preserving biodiversity.

The uniqueness of the barren, however, is not limited solely to ecological interactions on the surface. Mining exploration companies maintain that the rocks beneath the Jim Campbell Barren contain deposits of precious and base metals, most notably gold, that should be mined.

The suggestion of potential job creation, in a region as economically depressed as Atlantic

Canada, sent local politicians into a frenzy and set the stage for yet another tug-of-war between economic and environmental interests.

A local exploration company, seeking claims within the Jim Campbell Barren protected area, partially funded a study by W.G. Shaw & Associates Ltd that examined the mineral potential of the site.

This report concluded that the barren should be "withdrawn from the process that will eventually establish a series of protected areas in the province." It was then used by a group of local business leaders, known as the Cheticamp Development Commission (CDC), to lobby the government against protecting the site.

Following a "fly over" of the barren by the former Premier of

Nova Scotia, John Savage, the provincial government decided to do just that.

To the dismay of environmentalists, the Jim Campbell's Barren lost its status as a candidate protected area in favour of mineral exploration in the fall of 1996, despite an intense open public review process that recommended protecting the site in the first place.

Regal Goldfields Ltd, the

Ontario company interested in exploring the barren for gold, experienced a dramatic and immediate increase in the volume of its shares trading on the stock exchange. This surge occurred, however, prior to the public announcement on December 3, 1996 that the Jim Campbell's Barren was to be de-listed, but after the decision was actually made by

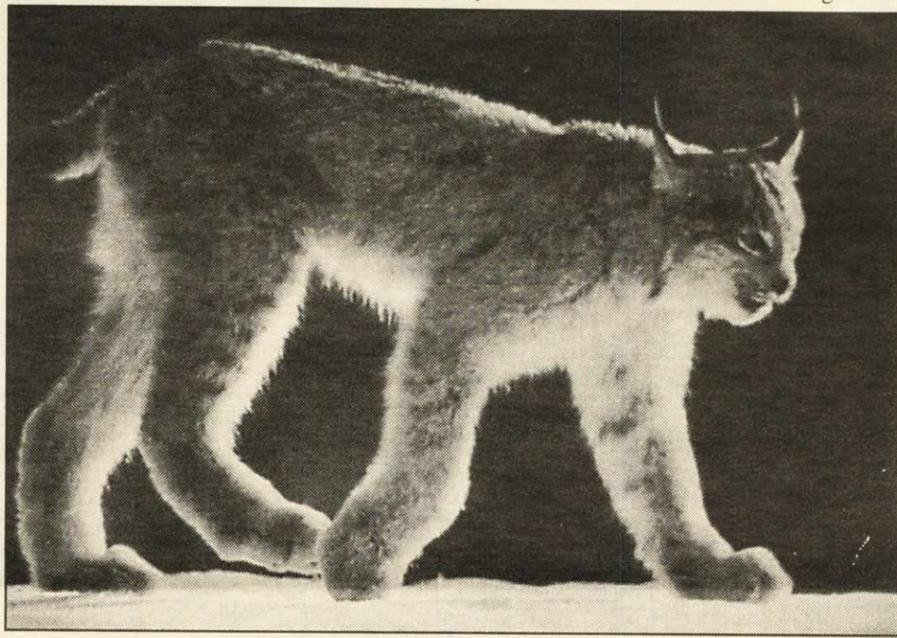
cabinet on Nov. 21, sparking allegations of insider-trading.

The volume of shares traded in Regal Goldfields jumped from 5,200 on Nov. 20 to more than 300,000 shares a few days later, driving the stock price from 10 cents up to 90 cents. The single day of trading was more than occurred during the entire previous month of October. This spike in activity has prompted the Ontario Securities Commission to investigate Regal Goldfields for insider-trading.

Richard Brissenden, Regal's president has publicly denied having advance knowledge of the Jim Campbell Barren decision and suggests that the increase in volume probably resulted from a bid to takeover two Cape Breton exploration companies, or from speculation of mineral potential in the vicinity of Kidd Creek near Timmins, Ontario; also a project of Regal Goldfields.

A letter dated Nov. 15, 1996, however, appears to show that the local business leaders of the CDC knew, sometimes within hours, when cabinet discussed the barren issue, and they subsequently relayed this information to the directors of Regal Goldfields. When asked about their involvement with the cabinet, the CDC refused

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The Canada Lynx: just one of the rare species living in Jim Campbell's Barren

Oceans '97: 500 years since Cabot

BY ERIN SPERLING

It has been 500 years since John Cabot graced the shores of the Maritimes. We have come a long way since those days of wooden ships and burly sailing men. Marine science and technology are paving the way into the next millennium of ocean exploration, and Halifax is playing a part.

The days of October 6 to 9, 1997, were important in the progression of Halifax, especially in the realm of marine science. For more than twenty years marine scientists and technologists from around the world have been gathering to share their research and ideas at *Oceans* conferences. Held at the World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax was hosting the conference for the first time in ten years.

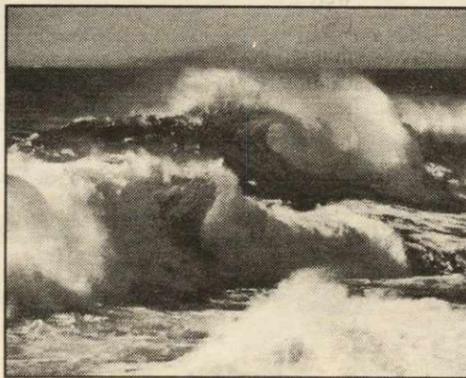
Ross Piercey, executive director of Nova Scotia Oceans Initiative (NSOI), seemed pleased with the overall success of the event.

"It was very effective. We had one of the best attendance rates in

several years," he said.

NSOI, who were themselves exhibitors, represent 80 Nova Scotian constituents from private sector, education and government agencies.

Many of the volunteers at the



conference were students. Each volunteer, although responsible for certain duties, were also able to attend many of the seminars and exhibits that took place.

"By having student volunteers, [the students] were enticed into attending the

technical sessions," said Piercey.

"In order for Canada to remain as a leader [in marine science and technology], we need to attract new blood."

Darla Day is a third-year student at Dalhousie. She is studying Marine Biology and spent two days as a volunteer at *Oceans '97*.

"I got a lot of information from stopping to talk to people at the exhibits. [The conference] was really beneficial for students. It is a perfect place to make contacts — there was a wide array of companies and business," said Day.

Michael Browne, a fourth-year Marine Biology student at Dalhousie, agreed. He worked 14 hours as a volunteer, and appeared surprised by the amount of industry-related science and technology.

"I thought there was a lot of cool

and interesting technology. Some companies were there that I had heard of before. It was useful to get an idea of what the future of oceanography is going to be, the kind of equipment that will be used in the field," he said.

Browne was particularly interested in the smaller companies, such as Jellet Biotechnology.

"They were designing their own equipment for the toxicity testing of algal blooms."

Overall the conference was well attended, on local, national and international levels. There was a positive atmosphere and much sharing of ideas and information.

"There were many scientific introductions to foster the oceans community on an international level," said Piercey.

Leaving the event, there was a sense of community about the maritime and oceanography industry.

Oceans '98 will be held in Nice, France.



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The weight is over - quick fixes and harsh lessons

BY SHARON ASCHAIK

TORONTO (CUP) — Obtaining the ideal weight is not a new aspect of the North American image-conscious culture. Neither is the belief that there's a quick fix solution to shedding excess pounds.

An attractive method to lose weight, popular diet pills like Redux and the phentermine/fenfluramine combination, known popularly as Phen/Fen, have over the past couple of years flooded the North American market. But the recent removal of these popular drugs from the market because of health concerns have forced many patients to reconsider their promises about easy weight loss.

Findings by the American-based MAYO Clinic and other studies indicate that as many as 30 per cent of North American patients using the Phen/Fen combination developed serious heart valve disease — a potentially fatal side effect. Other reported symptoms include heart murmurs, fatigue, and right-sided heart failure. The health problems were linked to the second of the two drugs used in the combination, fenfluramine. Also linked with heart valve problems was the diet pill Redux, which contains fenfluramine or other closely related drugs.

The findings spurred both Health Canada and the US Federal Drug Association to issue alerts regarding the prescription of the drug combo and Redux. Phen/Fen was officially removed from the market by manufacturers last month, as was Redux. (Phentermine, however, is still available on the market on its own or in other drug combinations.)

The drugs withdrawal caused people to once again question the effectiveness of diet drugs, and to ask why there is such an obsession with weight loss in North America.

"We live in a culture which makes a fetish out of slenderness, and makes it a moral imperative, and with slenderness comes a slew of perceived attributes such as happiness, success, sexiness, health, and wealth," said Merryl Bear, director of the National

Eating Disorder Centre. "Therefore there is an enormous pressure on North American women to link self-esteem with a slender body."

Bear attributes the enormous popularity of Phen/Fen, Redux, and other diet drugs to the quick-fix attitude held by people who demand instant solutions to every problem. "In a culture which hopes for that magic solution, a quick-fix, a diet drug is an obvious, very seductive tool," she said.

Evelyn Michaels, editor of Woman's Health Matters, a newsletter funded by the Toronto Hospital, emphasises the importance of being sceptical about taking any type of drug, including diet medication.

"People have to be more sceptical as consumers about everything they take," she said.

But that sill didn't stop the over 600,000 Canadians who received prescriptions for diet drugs between July 1996 and July 1997. Less surprising is the number of patients on diet drugs for longer than the recommended period of time.

Also of concern is the number of patients not diagnosed as "morbidly obese" who insisted that doctors prescribe them diet drugs anyway.

"I begged," confessed a 44-year-old Toronto resident wishing to remain anonymous. "I heard about [Phen/Fen] one-and-a-half years ago in the news. Although the doctor was reluctant, I got the prescription anyway."

The Phen/Fen combination, however, was recommended for patients with a Body Mass Index (BMI) over 30 percent. (This index is used to determine how much over- or underweight a person is for their height.) But some doctors prescribed the drug, albeit for short periods of time, regardless of the patient's BMI. The Toronto resident says she was prescribed Phen/Fen for a month, to help her lose only ten pounds.

When Redux was introduced to the Canadian market in July 1996, it was hailed in the media as a miracle drug, a safe and easy way to lose weight.

But earlier this year, reports

emerged which linked the drug to significant side effects, including pulmonary hypertension, memory loss, mood swings, and personality disorders. And then, just last month, the warnings about the heart valve problems were issued.

But what is unusual is that Redux has been on the market in Europe for over twelve years (and other similar drugs for over thirty), and problems with heart valve abnormalities have

not surfaced in the research of Servier International or Wyeth-Ayerst, the two companies which market the drug in different parts of the world. Both companies have stated however, that they intend to conduct further research into the matter to determine if there is a casual link between the drugs and the reported side effects.

There are concerns from some that Redux and other similar drugs were

brought into the market too quickly in North America.

"Those drugs were adopted too quickly. The company didn't do sufficient research, and the drugs should have been tested more thoroughly," said Josee Garry, a psychologist with the Toronto Eating Disorder Centre.

Michaels agrees.

"I don't think the regulatory bodies really looked at this thoroughly before the drugs reached the market," she said.

Dalhousie's \$165-million stove

BY BRIANNE JOHNSTON

The myth about Dalhousie having a Nuclear reactor is simply that: a myth. Every couple of years the rumours of a "nuclear reactor" hit the campus and raise questions and concerns among students.

Dalhousie's "nuclear reactor" is in fact, a simple research reactor.

After speaking with Dr. Chatt — a chemistry professor at Dalhousie and Director of Slowpoke-2, Dalhousie's research reactor facility — the myth was soon put into perspective.

When I first asked Dr. Chatt if

there was a nuclear reactor at Dalhousie, he laughed and reassured me that there was no nuclear reactor anywhere on campus. He said that this is something that circulates around campus every couple of years.

Dalhousie does not have a nuclear reactor that generates enormous amounts of energy or has the capacity to cause mass destruction. It is merely a research reactor, used for nothing but research. The amount of energy it produces is equivalent to the firing of all four burners on a kitchen stove.

Slowpoke-2 was purchased by Dalhousie in 1976 for \$165-million. Today such a device would cost a

couple of billion dollars. It was bought to help train students doing research in environmental pollution, for example determining the toxic elements in water and air. It can also be used for finding nutritional values in food and analyzing and taking samples from meteorites.

Slowpoke-2 is not just used by Dalhousie students and staff, but is open to anyone. It is the only research reactor facility east of Montreal and, as a result, is used quite frequently.

Slowpoke has little to no danger associated with it. It is operated by a qualified staff and is equipped with standard safety devices.

Alleged insider trading, Regal stock surges

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by cabinet, to specific individuals that may have profited from inside knowledge of the government decision.

In an attempt to understand the circumstances surrounding the barren controversy, the Chronicle-Herald, through the Freedom of Information Act, discovered that the date of an official government document concerning the Jim Campbell Barren had been altered. The RCMP is now investigating whether someone in the government back-dated an official memo, explaining the pros and cons of de-listing the barren, to make it appear that cabinet considered these points before they made their decision not to protect the site.

Several independent assessments of the ecology and geology of the site were undertaken this summer. Parks Canada concluded that the lichen-dominated communities of the Jim Campbell Barren "...are the only

areas of such habitat on all of the Cape Breton plateau — and possibly in all of Nova Scotia." Field surveys, conducted this summer by researchers from four different universities in the province, discovered an unusually large concentration of rarities, including several species of rare vascular plants, mosses, lichens, and insects, some of which were first known occurrences in Nova Scotia.

The mineral resource assessment, conducted by W.G. Shaw & Associates Ltd., that was instrumental in persuading the government to de-list the barren, has also come under fire.

The author of the Shaw report, William Shaw, has admitted to withholding significant ecological data about the barren because he found it to be "weak and untenable".

In a May 3, 1996 letter, Shaw explains that the true purpose of his so-called independent mineral resource assessment was to de-list the

Jim Campbell Barren as a protected area, and not solely as an independent mineral resource assessment. Shaw wrote, three months prior to the completion of his report, that his analysis will be "...designed to initiate the process that will see the withdrawal of the Jim Campbell's Barren candidate protected area from the protected areas plan."

Local and national salmon fishing groups are concerned that the development of a mine on the barren could destroy a lucrative recreational fishing industry that provides over \$1-million per year to the local economy. Environment Canada hydrologist, Bill Brimley, stated in the Daily News, "The benefit of a possible gold mine must be weighed against the certain damage that would be done to these marvellous natural systems."

Dr. Martin Willison, a conservation biologist at Dalhousie University, has been examining the events surrounding the barren.

"The story of Jim Campbell Barren draws a stark line between respect for biodiversity, indeed life itself, and plain old greed," said Willison. "The barren is a place of rare living riches, while gold is the ultimate symbol of materialism."

"As Earth reaches its capacity to support human greed, this fundamental conflict between the need to preserve the basis of life on this planet and the desire to consume will be repeated many times."

Partially in response to the government's decision not to protect the barren, the World Wildlife Fund has dropped Nova Scotia's grade to a "C-" in their Endangered Spaces Progress Report.

Russell MacLellan, Nova Scotia's current premier, is presently reviewing the Jim Campbell Barren affair, and a decision to reinstate the barren as a protected area or to leave it available for mineral exploration will be made by the end of the month.

Martin Willison hopes the new premier will reinstate the barren. "If we are lucky, Jim Campbell Barren will become an allegory for the future — an example of a right decision at a critical moment of choice."



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The Process of Evolution: an interview with the Grace Babies

BY GORD ROSS

Spawned in Halifax in 1994 by Damion Dunphy and Kevin Hilliard, *The Grace Babies* have wasted no time getting noticed. From their first release *Duct Tape* (1994), they have been receiving positive attention. After signing with No Records in 1995, they released their debut CD *Lure*, which, like its predecessor, lit up the college charts. While continually allowing their sound to evolve, the *Grace Babies* have toured with a lot of great Canadian bands like *Furnaceface* and *Wide Mouth Mason*; gathering important experience and expanding their fan-base. The band also includes Stu Whitehead and Chris Loane.

The guys pulled up to the Tim Horton's in Sackville, NB in a noisy, black, converted OPP van, stopping for our interview on the way to their next tour stop in St. John, NB. If their latest album, *Frequency* is any indication, the path is just beginning. On *Frequency*, the band's trademark catchiness has been refined with intelligent lyrics and more musical synchronicity. Fresh off their previous show the night before at the Grawood, the guys seemed tired, but pleased with the way things were going. After eyeing the long line for coffee, we decided that we might as well start into an interview. The following are some highlights of my chat with the *Grace Babies*.

Gazette: Who does your songs, is it a collaboration or just one individual?

Damion: There's a lot less collaboration than there was in the

beginning. As we learn more about song-writing, we need less help with the basics. So, instead of bringing in ideas and jamming out a song, now it's like somebody is bringing in a song and we work out the nuances. Mostly, now someone will bring a song to the table and we'll work with it. Sometimes we use it sometimes we don't.

Are you guys always looking for new stuff?

Damion: Yeah, we're always ready to give something a shot, even if you don't necessarily hear it right away. You've got to remember, you're hearing the origins, the very basics of the song. So, even if you don't hear it right off, you've got to give them [band members] the benefit of the doubt. **Where do most of the band's song ideas come from?**

Damion: We all draw from different experiences.

Kevin: Well, Stu writes exclusively about racing and

relationships related to racing!

Damion: I find a lot of the songs I write are about reactions to different events in life, or about life in general.

Where do you see yourselves in 5 years?

Damion: I don't know. I guess we really don't look that far ahead. There's a lot going on with us right now.

How do you like travelling?

Damion: It's great, the only bad thing is that we don't have time to

minute tape that just has "I'm all outta love" by Air Supply over and over and over.

Damion: You haven't pulled that out yet this tour.

Chris: Thank god!

Do you guys model yourselves after anybody?

Damion: The only way that we would ever do that would be in terms of the where they've got and how they've [made it] there. We're not like a lot of other bands. We don't make compromises... they're

Stu couldn't say "wings" and ended up just waving his arms like a bird.

Damion: It's definitely good for a laugh.

Which do you enjoy more, studio work or touring?

Damion: They're both rewarding. The thing about touring is that playing live is the greatest thing. It's fantastic... it's an immediate rush, it's adrenalin, you're getting it, whereas the studio is more slow paced and calculated.

If somebody was to have their first taste of the Grace Babies, would you suggest that they buy your album or see you first?

Damion: I'd say either way, you're all right. I think one thing that we've accomplished is a real symbiosis between those two things.

What's going on with you and Shoreline Records?

Damion: They're just new. We're actually only their second release. It's an excellent small

label... small but mighty! They're really taking care of us.

Kevin: They're an indie label that operates like a major label.

Which band have you most liked playing with?

Damion: I'm pretty sure that Chris would say *Wide Mouth Mason*.

Chris: For sure!

Damion: For me, it might have to be them [*Wide Mouth Mason*] too, because the promoters are treating us incredibly well. And the *Wide Mouth* guys are great, aside from being smokin' musicians.

Kevin: I'd have to say *The Pursuit of Happiness*.

Damion: That is so true. They actually siphoned gas for us from their own van when we ran out.

Kevin: You don't get much sweeter than that.

Damion: We've really enjoyed all the bands we've toured with.

End of discussion. Grace Babies have to peel.



The Grace Babies bring pop to the Grawood. Photo by Ryan Lash

enjoy any of the places we visit. We spend a lot of our time in the van.

You don't mind spending that much time in the van?

Damion: It's actually not that bad. Just the other day we finished construction of the bunk. Plus, with Kevin's excellent DJing skills, no one is ever bored. **I'd imagine you guys make a lot of mixed tapes for the road?**

Kevin: Oh yeah, I've got a torture tape set up. It's a thirty

unnecessary. I love this, this is what I want to do, and I believe that's an ethic shared by all the guys. We work our tails off and it keeps getting harder.

Any good tour stories?

Chris: I think the best would be Stu's lack of speech.

Kevin: Yeah, sometime last week Stu lost the ability to form a lot of words. It only happens every once in a while, but it happens at the funniest times.

Chris: Like at wing night, when

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Experimental fest showcases underground acts

BY NEIL FRASER

There was something slightly blasphemous yet somehow fitting about holding the second annual Halifax Experimental Music Festival at the Church on North street. Blasphemous because a style of music that sets out to de-construct the traditional forms and rearrange them in patterns hitherto unthought of was being performed in a building that is a symbol of all things traditional.

We arrived at the North Street location just as Ellipsis were taking the floor. It was an informal setting; most of the concert-goers were seated at tables, while some were forced to sit on the floor. There was space set aside to the left of the stage for dancing,

above which scenes from the stage were projected.

Ellipsis are a local collective who's live incarnation consisted of a man with a really big hat, a man with a clarinet, and a man with little flashlight glasses. In front of them was an array of electronic equipment which the players used to make a variety of sounds and noises. Watching the men with the funny headgear pressing buttons and adjusting knobs made me feel like I was in a "Dr. Who" episode, and I kept expecting the Tardis to appear on stage.

The sounds they made combined to form an aural soundscape; atmospheric, moody, and dark. Having just arrived, I found the ten-minute-long journeys into sound quite interesting, but for some of the audience who had been there for three

hours already, it seemed quite tedious.

Headlining the festival was The Dinner is Ruined from Ontario. This trio is promoting their latest album, (*Elevator Music*) for *Non-Claustrophobic People*, which was released on the Sonic Unyon label. This is a band that knows how to have fun on stage. At the end of the night, the stage was littered with various toys and noise makers used throughout the set. For most of the night the band consisted of a guitar player and two drummers, but this changed occasionally; sometimes a band member would leave his instrument for something more interesting, and another would take his place.

It is hard to describe the sound of a band when you have nothing to compare it to. The closest thing I can think of is

trying to tune in a transistor radio on a jumbo jet as it hurtles towards a densely populated city; very chaotic and surreal, with a hint of impending doom. Once you let yourself slip into that frame of mind, it is very enjoyable.

There is a certain form of integrity inherent in this style of music, because the performers know they will never gain mass acceptance, and there is no

way they could be in it for the money. You could only perform this sort of music if you have a deep love for the art.

It is good that there is a festival to showcase experimental music as there are very few venues around to support it. Here's looking forward to the third Halifax Experimental Music Festival.

Grace, Addiction, and Rain

BY CHRIS DAY

On Friday, Wide Mouth Mason, Dayna Manning and the Grace Babies brought the dormant Grawood to life as part of the *Belvedere Rock* fall concert series. The three acts created an unforgettable night.

The Grace Babies kick-started the night around 10pm. They faced the almost impossible challenge of reminding the loud crowd they were at the 'Wood for a concert, not just to drink. They succeeded with most but not all of the crowd and played a technically solid performance.

Dayna Manning appeared on stage carrying a broom and she proceeded to sweep the area in front of the stage. She then invited the crowd to come sit on the now clean floor in front of the stage. The crowd accepted her invitation and seemed to be awed by Manning's beautifully mellow set. To the disappointment of some, Manning didn't play her new release "My Addiction" or any of her upbeat songs.

Wide Mouth Mason took to the stage and brought the crowd to its feet. The band played all their biggest hits, including "Sister Sally", "Mary Mary" and "Midnight Rain", with incredible intensity and energy. All their songs are powerful when listened to on CD, but can't hold a candle to the excitement and life the artists give them while live on stage.

If it is even possible, the band looked like they enjoyed the

performance more than the crowd. Earl Pereira (bass) and Shaun Verault (guitar) went head to head on many songs, with competing solos, and it looked as though they were playing to a stadium crowd and not just the packed Grawood.

After a brief lighting fiasco almost ended the already long set, the band returned and took requests from the crowd. As requested, the band played Jimi Hendrix's "Castles Made of Sand" with Verault giving an amazing guitar

solo that equalled Jimi's own performance. It is impossible to fully describe how good Verault's performance was, my friends drooled over it and I would have believed it was actually Jimi playing (I also would have believed anything by that point of the night).

The band's final few songs demonstrated their impressive range and diversity, moving from their own blues rock to the classic 60s rock & roll.

CD REVIEW

Volume I
Dayna Manning
EMI Music

Combining seemingly effortless talent, heart-wrenching emotion and contagious melodies, Dayna Manning has certainly bowled audiences over with her first album *Volume I*. There's nothing specific about Dayna Manning that makes her stand out from the plethora of folk singers out there, but yet she achieves this original, distinctive sound. Perhaps, being a collector of riotous chick-folk music, my opinion is biased, but this CD did not leave my CD player for a week.

The most obvious property of *Volume I* is Dayna's hypnotizing, sweet but powerful voice. Her vocal talents are best demonstrated in songs like "Walk on the Moon", which is a breathtakingly powerful ballad.

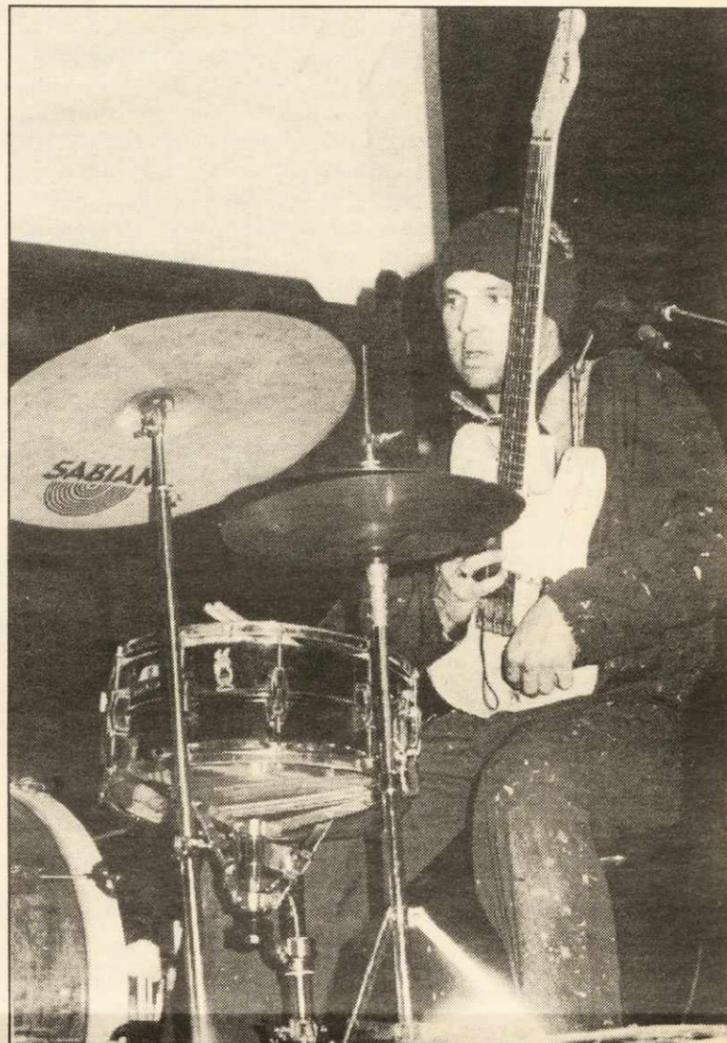
Although some might describe Dayna Manning as "mellow", her music is diverse in that each song is an individual statement and there doesn't seem to be a restrictive "Dayna Manning Sound". Her lyrics are poetry, void of cheesy rhymes — thank goodness.

The one small tiny itsy-bitsy annoying thing in this album is the way Dayna sings some of her vowels. As anal as this sounds, the track "End of the Game" always gets skipped because of the bothersome way she sings the "a" sounds. Still, if the worst thing that can be said about an album is vowel pronunciation, how bad can it be?

Volume I was a pleasant musical surprise and seeing in her in concert at the Grawood was a real treat. This chick kicks ass.

JANET FRENCH

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The Dinner is Ruined rocks the Church. Photo by Ryan Lash

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MORE CD REVIEWS

The Carnival

Wyclef Jean
Ruffhouse/Columbia

As the CD's title might suggest, Wyclef Jean's *The Carnival* is a hodge-podge of musical styles, packaged and presented in a festive, merry tone. Wyclef's first foray into the market as

a solo artist following his astounding success with the rap/pop outfit The Fugees is, despite its noble ambitions, bound to be viewed as a disappointment, both in terms of quality and sales.

Ignoring major industry trends, Wyclef displays both originality and guts on the album. Significant are his attempts to portray interpretations of his

many influences, such as soul, disco, rap and — most pervasively — traditional, classic and contemporary reggae. For this he should be applauded.

On the same token one must fault him for failing to do anything new with the styles he performs. "Mona Lisa" sounds very much like Marvin Gaye, and "Gunpowder" bears a strong resemblance to later Marley songs, but

both fall far short of the masters' original work. Furthermore, "Anything Can Happen" and "We Trying To Stay Alive", the latter complete with a Bee Gee's sample, were poor choices for singles, as they are possibly the most half-hearted and unfortunately annoying tracks on the CD. "Jaspora", the album's best track, is a dancehall jam reminiscent of a young Shabba Ranks.

Wyclef also has two other major failings on this album. First, the fact that he can't really rap is unmercifully exposed. Second, Clef fails to tie in his numerous stylings in any sort of cohesive manner. The end result is a confusing and careless collection of sugar-coated cuts, full of fun and ambition, but void of skill and cohesion.

SOHRAB FARID

Tubthumper

Chumbawamba
Universal Music/ MCA

These guys rock! They have a great beat, a great sound and provoking lyrics. A punk band gone synth-pop and it works. You can even hear a bit of the old English punk sound.

The beats are so catchy that I'm presently typing to them. The music is really dynamic and doesn't feel the least bit repetitive.

The first song on the album, "Tubthumping", is most definitely the highlight of the album. The song is about what a wastefulness of the bar scene. The chorus line "pissing the night away" says it all.

Some songs seem slightly nonsensical, others are politically pointed and some are probably a bit of both. The jest and sarcasm of this band allow them to say just about anything without being too offensive. Besides, by the time you realize you're being insulted, you've already been pulled in by the beat.

The only sad thing about *Tubthumper* and Chumbawamba is that the band have been around forever and no one has known about them. Now I have to go search for their other seven albums.

TAMARA BOND

Karma
Delerium
Nettwerk

Delerium's creation, *Karma*, is a completely entrancing collection of music that creates a distinct mood wherever it is played. This album is amazing because it combines the sounds of the pop world's well known



new-age artists while incorporating a great deal of originality in their sound.

Following in the footsteps of groups such as Enigma, Dead Can Dance and Sarah McLachlan (who incidently does some work on this album), Delerium have created a truly unique world of their own that is haunting and ethereal.

Highlights of their musical range include Spanish guitar riffs, eerie, yet melodic vocals and occasional Tibetan monk chants. It can honestly be said that there is something for people of all tastes on this album. Some songs, such as "Euphoria (Firefly)", receive a fair bit of airplay because of their melodic dance-pop nature. However, songs like "Enchanted" and "Duende" have sampling and other sound effects that just make it sound downright creepy.

The only disappointment in this album was that the lyrics sometimes go astray to facilitate the style of the singing, which is a damn shame, because the lyrics are for the most part great. Overall, what makes the album stunning is merely the aura it creates every time it is played.

JANET FRENCH



Sold for a Smile
The Gandharvas
Watch Music

A little lighter, a little simpler, a little more raw, the third offering from the mystical minstrels indicates a definite change in musical direction. It's Rock 'n Roll! The band recruited local producer Laurence Currie and recorded *Sold For a Smile*
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BOOK REVIEW

Cape Breton tale disturbing, gripping

Fall On Your Knees
Ann-Marie MacDonald
Vintage

Ann Marie MacDonald has gone from scriptwriter/actor to renowned novelist, with the most gruesome piece of work I have ever read. Fall on Your Knees is about a Cape Breton family and their legacy of tortured madness.

The book is narrated by a character reminiscing about a dead family. It is at once sad and intriguing. We hear the story of a successful man, James, who has come from a disturbing past. He has risen above his past and is determined to make something of himself.

An immaculately groomed gentleman, James meets a beautiful young girl. He falls in love with her, despite the fact that she is a girl and he is a grown man. They marry and her family is enraged. James resolves to someday show his in-laws that he is much more than they believe him to be. In the meantime, his mother-in-law predicts something horrible in the couple's future.

As the family grows, James finds himself attracted to his daughter.

The history of New Waterford, Cape Breton and all the areas influencing it are intricately woven into the story, fashioning a net of fact and fiction to catch the reader. The reactions of the characters are all too real. They seem like the genuine reactions of the abused and disturbed.

Each few moments of sanity and clarity for the stricken disappears into the fog of the cold Atlantic

Ocean. Sometimes the coast's mist passes through the story, obscuring who is sane and who is not. At the end of the book you finally understand what happened; but I don't think the reader was ever meant to know why it happened. There is so much pain and misery and all of it seems to have happened for no reason.

Never before has a book made me feel so many emotions. I have never felt anxiety at turning the page or sweat trickle down my forehead and my gut wrench as the innocent souls are torn apart by unrelenting vultures. The good are not always as good as they seem; possibly because the madness never ends. When the weak turn strong they also turn corrupt. The ones that might seem the most evil often turn out to be the most caring characters. What seems to be a positive action

turns into disaster.

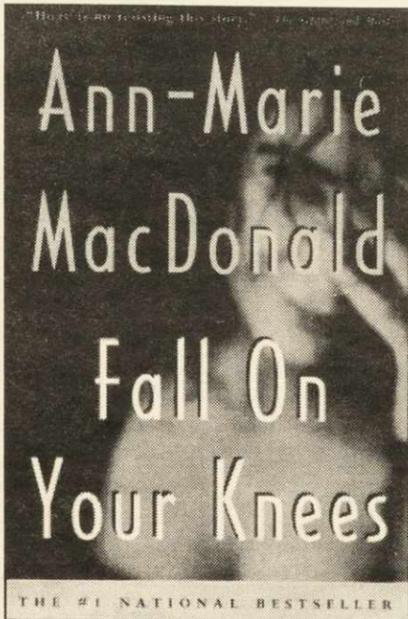
The characters are so vivid you want to reach out and touch them. They are on their knees begging for your help and there is nothing you can do to release them.

Fall on Your Knees touches on abuse, incest, prejudice, politics and religion. The story is about what happens when all of these things coexist. Every chance for happiness is ruthlessly crushed by the author's cruel constructs.

The book was at no moment uplifting, but at every moment riveting. It places the work of V.C. Andrews and her series which grew from Flowers in the Attic and Colleen McCullough's The Thorn Birds in the category of children's stories. Only descriptions of autopsies have caused my stomach to churn so relentlessly. When I think back to medical procedures I have heard of, they have nothing close to the gruesome air of this novel.

Stunning, shocking and all too real, it is easy to see why this writer has received so much attention. However, this novel being a #1 Bestseller surprises me slightly. This is not a book that you pass to your friend lightly, warn them to take a deep breath before they begin and a long shower to relax when they're done.

TAMARA BOND



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in Halifax. I guess they were looking for a little bit of that pop magic that seems to be in the water here.

The Gandharvas are from Guelph, Ontario and take their name from the celestial musicians of the Hindu faith. While their past releases dealt with more spiritual concerns and showed off their many musical influences, this album is much more simple and down to earth.

The music is very hook based, and if I was not already familiar with the band, I would have a hard time distinguishing it from the droves of other indie guitar-pop

bands out there. There are some tracks that do stand out, like "Milk Ocean" and "Watching the Girl", but overall it is missing something. There is nothing awful here, but there is nothing outstanding either.

Lyricaly, Paul Jago is still writing clever words to go with the music, but he also seems to be holding something back. The lyrics are more extroverted than his typically introverted fare. With an album titled *Sold for a Smile* and song titles like "Into the Mainstream", one has to wonder at the irony.

This is a mediocre album from a great band.

NEIL FRASER

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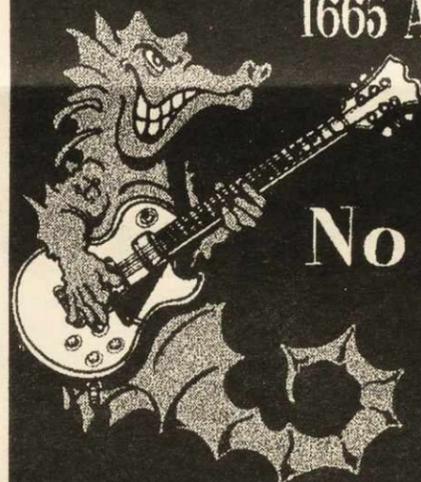
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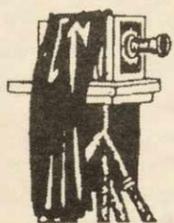
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SPORTS

Dalhousie topples defending Kelly Division champs

BY GREG WHITE

One game into the '97-'98 hockey season and the Dalhousie Tigers have already sent a message. 1500 fans packed Dalhousie Memorial Arena on October 15 to witness the season opener between the Tigers and the Acadia Axemen. Losing to Acadia has almost become expected from the hockey Tigers but, as the lights went out and showtime took over to start the new season, fans were "Thunderstruck" by the new-look Tigers.

At last it was Dal who was bullying the smaller and slower Axemen. The superstar names of the past — Skoryna, Clancy, and Weaver — have given way to those of Pittman, Kalmakoff, and Naylor.

Following a 3-0 exhibition loss to the Axemen in Wolfville the week before, the Tigers bounced

back to beat Acadia in a convincing 7-4 win.

Acadia opened the scoring in the first period on a goal from Jeff

Mercer, but Chad Kalmakoff responded just 38 seconds later for the Tigers. Acadia added another in the first and took a 2-1

lead into the first intermission.

Head coach Darrell Young had the Tigers flying to start the second frame as the Tigers scored four times in the second period, including two shorthanded goals, to gain the lead and take a 5-4 advantage into the third.

Chad Kalmakoff scored his third of the night with about four minutes left in the game and captain David Haynes iced the game with an empty net goal in the final minute of play.

This year's Tigers have an abundance of offensive potential.

The tandem of Kalmakoff and Derrick Pyke combined for seven points, popping the twine four times between them. Rookie centre Chris Pittman seemed to skate through the Acadia defense at will, despite some difficulty solving the Acadia netminder.

Defensively, the Tigers had a couple of miscues that resulted in easy goals for the defending Kelly Division champions but, as the team continues to gel, the Tigers will be tough from top to bottom. Dal's Neil Savary got the start between the pipes and denied the Axemen 31 times.

After only one game, it is way too early to start thinking about playoffs and dethroning Acadia, but one thing is clear — the Tigers looked solid in the season opener. If the first game of the year sets the tone for the rest of the season, then the Tigers are off on the right foot.



St.FX holds Dal to second place after weekend tie

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

Dalhousie remains in second place in the East after a 0-0 draw against first-place St. Francis-Xavier. Dal went into Antigonish last Thursday fighting to move up in the standings and for an opportunity to host the AUAs in November. With only three games remaining in regular season play and St.FX still winning, that prospect seems unlikely now.

"Lack of intensity has been our biggest problem all year — you can see it," says co-captain Marc Rainford. "We have a team that should dominate."

"Overall, we need a lot of improvements," adds Richie Tobin. "We definitely didn't play as well as we should have. We came out with a lacklustre effort and I think we were lucky enough to get away with a tie."

"[During the] first half, the team was flat and they weren't as hungry as you would expect for a game of that magnitude" commented coach Ian Kent. "[During the] second half, they picked it up a fair bit. We had strong games from [Grant] Spence and [Marc] Rainford. In the last fifteen minutes we created a lot of good scoring opportunities. We learned some things from that and we hope to build on it."

"Some players say 'We are satisfied by just being Dal soccer players because these guys [more experienced players] will take us to the next level,'" continues Rainford. "This attitude is starting to show. It is too much work for the guys who are expected to carry us through."

"Some of the young players see themselves as apprentices. They come along for the ride and take their time developing, and next year they will step in and fill the roles."

A big effort is going to be needed if Dal expects to beat St.FX in the AUAs.

"I think it is going to take a one

hundred per cent effort from every team member," says Tobin. "We had a good effort from Marc Rainford and Marco Cesario [this week], but other than that everyone else was kind of sub-par."

"It will take complete sacrifice by the sixteen players who dress," adds Rainford. "Intensity isn't something you can motivate out of somebody,

either you have it or you don't. It takes something extreme.

"No player that is at Dal right now will ever have the chance to play in the Nationals at home again... so it still boggles my mind that we are playing the way we are."

Right now the toughest competition doesn't seem to be St.FX, but the Tigers themselves.

One can only hope the Tigers will be able to pick up the pace in time for the playoffs which are just two weeks away.

"We really have to re-evaluate where we want to be at the end of the season, where we can be," says Tobin. "We will have to take it from there."

"I don't know if it is a question of

whether we can or can't; we have to," says Rainford. "If we don't have it, we won't win. Playoffs are not about skill, it's about who wants to win more and if we want to win we have to get it."

Dal has another big weekend coming up with three games at home, so get out there and cheer on your Tigers.

The turf is always greener... Dal remains atop East

BY RACHEL JONES

Once again, Amy Harding has scored a key goal for the women's soccer Tigers. The team defeated St. FX 1-0 last Thursday afternoon, earning their seventh win of the season, and maintaining their position atop the Eastern Division with only three games left to play in the regular season.

Harding's goal came early in the second half of what was described

as a very physical game. St. FX, once tied for first in this extremely competitive division, has now dropped to third, and Acadia, also tied for first mid-way through the season, now have more losses than wins and replace the SMU Huskies at the very bottom of the East.

Unlike Dal's men's soccer team, who failed to seize the opportunity to host, the women never had a chance. The playoffs will be hosted by the winner of the Western Division — in

all likelihood, at UNB whose stats look very impressive and are comparable to those of Dalhousie. UNB is ranked seventh, one place above Dal, by the CIAU. The only problem with the statistics is that they do not reflect the inequalities inherent in the East/West Divisions as they now stand.

The teams in the Eastern Division (Acadia, Dalhousie, Memorial, St. FX and SMU) have historically been the stronger teams in the conference, while the Western Division teams (Cape

Breton, Moncton, Mount Allison, New Brunswick and UPEI) have failed to dominate. This historical trend is clearly reflected in the current standings by the 11-point spread between the first and last place teams in the East, compared to the 19-point spread in the West.

Also underlying the statistics is the fact that UNB played the teams in their own division twice for a possible 6 points, while only playing the Eastern Division teams once. The Eastern teams, on the other side of the fence, can only pick up a possible 3 points from games against Western Division teams while fighting the stronger teams in their own division for 6 points, resulting in points being much more evenly spread throughout.

UNB has not done so badly and this year they are a fairly strong team. They tied Dalhousie in their only match-up. Yet, as winner of the West, they would have made playoffs regardless of their record against Eastern teams, and one can only speculate whether they would be among the top four in the conference, or ranked above Dalhousie nationally, if they had to fight the same fight.

No doubt the teams ending up in fourth and fifth places in the Eastern Division, and shutout of the playoffs will have plenty to say on the subject, as will the men's Eastern Division teams when playoff hosting flips to the Western Division for the men next year. The turf may be perpetually green on Wickwire field, but sometimes the grass is greener... We haven't heard the end of this debate yet.

Good swims outweigh losses

BY SCOTT SANCTON

The Dalhousie Tigers swimming teams were defeated by the UNB Varsity Reds in Fredericton Sunday.

Memorial (MUN), Mount Allison (MTA), UNB and Dal all competed at the two-day James Burrowes Memorial AUA Invitational. The men's team lost to UNB by a score of 147-182. MUN came third with 42 points and MTA came in last place with 37.

Despite the loss, the Tigers kept the pressure on UNB throughout the meet with several rookies having good finishes. Chris Swift came third in the 200m breaststroke (2:45.00) on Sunday night. Danny French surprised the field by winning the 400m Individual Medley (5:07.71). Chris "Foo Man" Stewart won the

50m breaststroke (32.36).

Senior Stuart Kemp once again led the Tigers in a number of first-place finishes. He achieved the top placings in the 200m freestyle (1:59.54), 400m freestyle (4:11.30), and the 1500m freestyle (17:08.56).

The men were also short-handed, with four seniors swimming exhibition. Even though these swimmers could not swim finals and score points, their presence was felt in the pre-lims.

The UNB women's team defeated the Tigers 202-145. MTA came third with 57 points and MUN followed with 23. Sarah Woodworth swam five finals, coming first in the 200m Individual Medley (2:30.35) and in the 800m freestyle (9:38.09). Sister Amy Woodworth also had two top finishes in the 400m freestyle (4:46.42) and in the 400m

Individual Medley (5:22.44). Lindsay Eller put out a good showing with a first place finish in the 200m freestyle (2:13.74). Third-year swimmer Megan Hannam placed third in the 200m butterfly, with a personal best of 1:09.83. Rookie Kelly Zwicker was a finalist in the 200m and 50m breaststroke. She is new to the Tigers after competing in a summer swimming program.

Women's team captain Gail Seipp described the meet as a chance for all swimmers to try a variety of events. She commented that the focus was not necessarily on winning the Invitational, but to build experience. Seipp believes that the Tigers will be a threat in the future.

Out of a total of 36 events, UNB won 24, Dal won 10 and MTA won 2 events.

A league of their own: 47 runs in hit parade

BY VIVEK TOMAR AND CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie Tigers captured their second Fall Classic title with a convincing 14-0 shutout over the Acadia Axemen in the gold medal game at the fifth annual tournament held in Kentville on October 11-13. The Tigers earned their third straight trip to the Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association National Championships giving them the opportunity to defend the national title they won last year.

The Tigers, despite losing CIBA MVP Craig Higgins and CIBA All-Star Jason Irvine, held a 9-3 regular season conference record before going undefeated in the playoff tournament.

The Tigers' ace pitcher and CIBA record holder, Trevor Wamback, needed only five innings to polish off the Axemen in the final. Wamback, a member of Nova Scotia Senior League's Sackville Chiefs, threw a two-hitter and only allowed one runner as far as second base when the mercy rule was enacted.

Dalhousie's Craig Cooper went 2 for 3 with a single, a double and 4 RBIs. Rookie Billy MacKenzie had a triple and a single. Brian E. Clarke hammered two doubles and the other Brian Clark had a pair of singles while teammate Curtis Falls also added two singles.

The Tigers were surprised to be facing last-place Acadia for the Fall Classic banner. The Axemen had a tough regular season and only made the final based on their runs scored against. SMU was favoured to make the final but had a tough tournament losing by one run to both Dal and

Acadia.

The opening game of the Fall Classic featured the Dalhousie Tigers versus the St. Mary's Huskies. After falling behind 3-0 in their tournament start, the Tigers rallied in the final inning, scoring 4 runs to take the win. Pinch hitter Kevin Abriel was instrumental in the win, driving in the tying run and scoring the winning run. Starting pitcher Jeremy Drumm went the distance, pitching 7 complete innings of baseball for Dalhousie.

The next day, the Tigers humbled the UCCB Capers 23-3, scoring 13 runs in the first inning alone. The starting pitcher for UCCB, Chris Corbett, only lasted two-thirds of the inning before being chased off the mound by the Tiger bats. The Tigers were determined to make a point in this game since head coach Cecil Wright was unable to attend the morning match up. However it appeared that UCCB forgot to show up for the game as the Tigers capitalized on their poor defense.

Tigers' pitcher Falls easily got the win as the Tigers beat-up on the Capers. Shawn Woodworth hit a home run, and had another scored as a ground rule double due to a bad call. Assistant coach Matt Christian was heckled by the UCCB bench for running up the score in the game, despite Dal taking out half of their starters by the third inning.

Their second match of the day saw a 6-0 shutout of the Acadia Axemen courtesy of pitcher Scott Sturgeon. Sturgeon, a CIBA All-Star, struck out 12 batters and tossed a complete game 1 hitter. Losing pitcher Iain LaPointe walked 4 batters in the first inning, all of which scored. He only

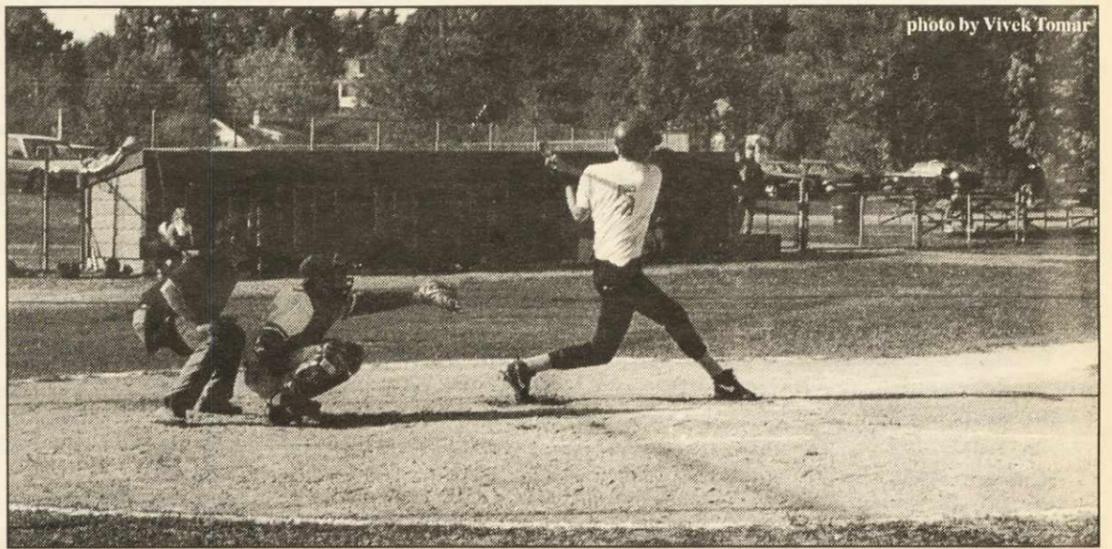


photo by Vivek Tomar

lasted 2 innings and was tagged with the loss. At the plate, Tigers outfielder Falls had a single, a double and a RBI, while third baseman Chris Sperdakes belted 2 singles.

Dalhousie's Woodworth was named tournament Most Valuable Player. Sturgeon was also named the top pitcher for his shutout performance and Clark was named the top defensive player. Other tournament All-Stars were: Dal's Falls (leftfield), Woodworth (rightfield), Sperdakes (third base) and Cooper (designated hitter); Acadia's LaPointe (centre field) and Chris Salsman (catcher); SMU's Rob Hanson (first base) and Jeff Murphy (shortstop); and UCCB's Donnie Burke (second base).

"The coaching staff has been pleasantly surprised by the depth and quality of the players, especially Bill MacKenzie," remarked head coach Wright. "He was originally ninth in our line-up and has worked his way to our lead-off player. All other

players have lived up to our expectations."

Wright is looking forward to defending the Tigers' crown in St. Catharines, Ontario in the Final Four Championships.

"Teams from Atlantic Canada get no respect. We have to go up there and take people's respect and defend our title."

The Tigers are nationally second-ranked entering the championships, behind top-ranked University of York. Laval University and Brock University will also compete for the title this weekend.

This year's Tigers roster is made up of outfielders Kevin Abriel, Ian Bower, Devon Covey, Curtis Falls, Bill MacKenzie and Shawn Woodworth; catchers Brian Bursey, Trevor Butler, Craig Cooper, Jay LaPointe and Mike Swim; pitchers Jeremy Drumm, Eric Hemphill, Ryan Clarke, Eric Neubolte, Aaron Rogers, Scott Sturgeon and Trevor Wamback; shortstop Brian E. Clarke.

Brian Clark and Jamie Fraser are at second base, Chris Sperdakes is at third and Nick Hounsel is a utility player.

TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11
UCCB 14 Acadia 6
Dal 4 SMU 3

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12
Dal 23 UCCB 3 (this is not football)
Acadia 11 SMU 10
Dal 6 Acadia 0
SMU 13 UCCB 7

SUNDAY OCTOBER 13
Bronze Medal Game:
UCCB vs. SMU
(cancelled at request of both teams)
Gold Medal Game: Dal 14
Acadia 0

Sweep victory for men's volleyball Tigers

BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie Tigers, national silver medalists from the 1997 CIAUs, started off their pre-season with an impressive 3-0 sweep of the Calgary Dinosaurs at the fourteenth annual Mizuno Collegiate Volleyball Challenge last weekend.

The Dinos, still stinging from last season's semi-final loss at the national championships which Dal won to reach the gold medal final, had hoped to avenge the loss with a strong showing at the prestigious tournament. Dalhousie trampled those intentions with a solid team performance by rolling over Calgary without dropping a set in the three game series.

The exhibition matches were held in Moncton and Lunenburg, before concluding at the Dalplex on Saturday where 200 fans watched the Tigers go undefeated with a 15-8, 15-8, 15-3 win over the lacklustre Dinos. Team captain and workhorse John Hobin was named player of the game for Dal with 13 kills and 6 blocks. Teammate Terry Martin, a 1997 All-Canadian, totalled 16 kills and 5 blocks while Mark Ellingson had 5 kills for Calgary.

Dalhousie opened the series at Moncton High School with a 15-12, 15-8, 16-14 victory over last year's CIAU fourth-place finalist. A confident Tiger squad showed solid all-round abilities with the offense provided by Martin, who pounded in 15 kills, 13 blocks and 3 digs for Player of the Game recognition. Dal powerhitter Jason Trepanier and Hobin chipped in 14

and 11 kills respectively for Dalhousie in the two hour match-up. Middle Neil Thember was Player of the Game for Calgary with 8 kills and 9 blocks.

On Friday night in Lunenburg, the Dinos played a more competitive game which was held at Lunenburg Junior/Senior High School. However, the Dinos were not able to overcome the determination and drive of the Tigers, who rallied over early deficits twice to take the second contest of the series 15-13, 15-11, 15-4 in just 95 minutes. Martin had 16 kills, 7 blocks and 2 service aces in the win. Continuing to impress for the Tigers was former Ontario provincial team member Chris Wolfenden with 10 kills and 7 blocks, certainly a contender for top rookie conference honours this year.

Head coach Al Scott, in his 18th season with the Black and Gold, illustrated the depth of the Tiger team by starting three different line-ups in each match. Setter Dave Cox was named Player of the Game in an outstanding performance for Dal. James Latkin had 11 kills in the Dinos' loss and was named Player of the Game for Calgary.

The aim of the annual tournament is to expose, promote and develop volleyball in various regions of Nova Scotia. That goal has certainly been accomplished this fall as over 220 enthusiastic local fans cheered on the Tigers with their second decisive win over the Dinos. Notes series host Derek

Nowe, "We made some fans of volleyball tonight."

Hobin is pleased with the positive outcome of the weekend.

"We had expected to be very competitive against Calgary and I think we have achieved that," says the fifth-year veteran. "We did make some mental errors which comes from not playing for a while."

"However, we want to keep improving and as long as we stay

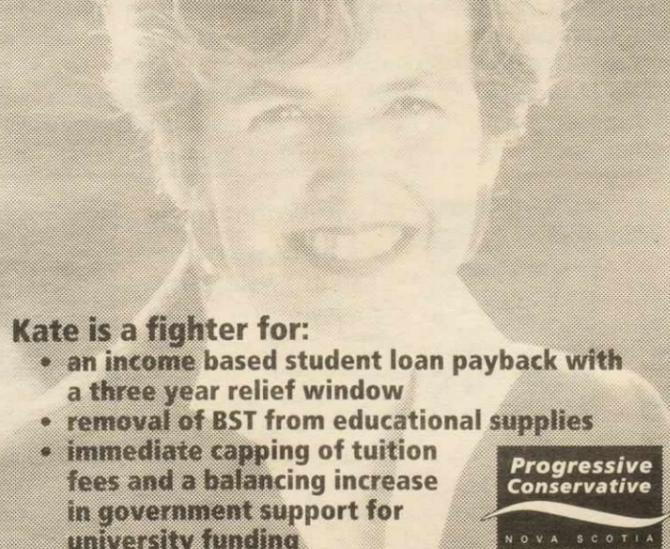
competitive, the results will come. Overall, we are satisfied with the results."

The Tigers' next test will be in Waterloo where they will defend their tournament title in the University of Waterloo Warriors Volleyball Classic on October 31 - November 2. In addition to their regular AUAA season, the Tigers are also competing at the esteemed Sherbrooke Omnium

Vert et Or Tournament next month, as well as Dalhousie's own Digs Classic in the new year.

The Tigers are looking to make a return trip to Calgary where the national championships will be held for the third straight year. If this weekend is any indication of what is to come, then the '97-'98 season will prove to be an exciting chapter for the Dal program.

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McFarlane takes soccer Tigers all the way

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

Dave McFarlane has quietly sailed through five years of varsity soccer at Dalhousie. Quietly, that is, to those who haven't played alongside him or against him. He is definitely one of those highly underrated athletes who continuously contributes to his team without getting the outside recognition he deserves.

McFarlane is an all-round athlete. He learnt how to play the game when he was four years old, and has played organized soccer since he was seven. He not only excels in soccer but has also attained great success in tennis. So why pick one over the other?

"Because my brother is better at tennis," says McFarlane with a smile, "I always enjoyed soccer more. If I wanted to play tennis I would have to go to the States and play for a school that doesn't mean that much to me. I would rather play soccer here in my home town."

McFarlane has contributed greatly in the midfield to the teams he has played for, which obviously include the Tigers but also the NSSL First Division's Mooseheads. He has attained great success in soccer at Dal as a 1995 CIAU Tournament All-Star, 1995 CIAU gold medal team member, and 1996 AUA All-Star.

Playing with the Mooseheads has been advantageous for McFarlane.

"Dal is really intense and serious, while the Mooseheads are serious but more relaxed. It gives you the chance to have a lot more fun and, when the season rolls around [at Dal], you are in good shape and you can get down and play really hard for two months."

"He brings tremendous skill and experience [to the team]," says teammate Richie Tobin. "Everybody is more confident when he is playing. He brings a lot of fun to the team as well. He is a great guy and a great player, and I have enjoyed playing with him at Dal and with the Mooseheads."

"He brings tremendous ball-handling ability," adds coach Ian Kent. "He is arguably one of the best dead-ball takers that we have ever had the fortune to have at Dalhousie."

"Dave brings a lot of composure. He is a very, very skilled player," comments team co-captain Marc Rainford. "He is remarkable at shielding the ball, he is very strong in the air, and he has an amazing free kick."

"The biggest thing about Dave is the fact that he is so successful yet he has remained so obscure [as far as media attention is concerned]," continues Rainford. "He is an all-round athlete who has strolled through soccer [at Dal] and nobody has paid attention to him. He has destroyed teams, and when he is on the field he is dangerous. He is all-round solid."

A lack of attention may be advantageous to McFarlane's game as he feels that there is less pressure

on him than there is on other Tigers — the focus is not on him. Yet his teammates know that they can rely on him as much, if not more, than some of the higher-profile figures of the Dal team.

"When our team is playing our best, it is when we are getting the ball to Dave's feet so he is allowed to control the game," says Jeff Hyles. "He doesn't get enough credit for his off-field leadership. Over the last five years, he has contributed more to the development of this team than anyone."

McFarlane has benefited greatly from the soccer program at Dal, owing in part to the coaching of Ian Kent.

"My game has improved from

practicing every day, with all of the technical things and practicing a lot of game situations," he says. "[Kent] has brought in a lot of good players, like Paul English, Marc Rainford, and Stuart Cochrane, and just playing with those guys helps your game too."

McFarlane is in his last year of a Computer Science degree with plans to go on to a Masters program. He leaves Dal with not only a degree but also a whole lot of friends.

"I have made a lot of good friends on the team, and there are a lot of guys I will keep in touch with," he says. "There are a lot of good memories because we have been successful. It is a really

tight team, and I have been able to play my whole five years with a couple of guys. It has been a really nice experience."

He has high hopes for the rest of the season, knowing that the CIAUs will be on home ground.

"It would be nice for me to finish off with my best year ever and, for the team, the best to hope for is to win [Nationals] again," says McFarlane. "CIAUs are a huge motivational factor for sure, with all of my friends and family coming out to watch."

Dal soccer fans are sure to witness the exceptional soccer abilities of Dave McFarlane as the season continues. Without a doubt, he will have a hand in any success that the team attains.

Women's cross country defend Tiger territory

BY MATT RICHARDSON

With the way that the Dal women's cross country season has been going, the other teams in the AUA were probably not holding any false hopes of beating the Tigers on their own turf. The last race of the season before the AUA championships was held on October 11 in Point Pleasant Park at high noon, and you can bet that the Tigers put on a clinic in front of the home crowd.

It was a bright and sunny disposition on the same kind of day that the winner, Dal rookie Kristen Lewis, possessed both before and after the race. The current top-ranked AUA runner was challenged only by her teammate and captain, Jessica Fraser, on the way to her third win of the season,

in a time of 18:26 over the rolling 5km course. Fraser finished six seconds later, and also six seconds ahead of independent runner Ena MacPherson, who had previously beaten both Lewis and Fraser in an earlier race. The third AUA runner and fourth overall was St. FX's Lavinia Gough, in 18:54.

Coach Al Yarr described both girls' performances as "awesome", noting that Fraser had "the race of her life" to lead the Dal team to the victory in 18 points, to St. FX's 63 and UNB's 85.

The Dal runners showed their unbeatable depth as the fourth AUA position went to Kelly McKean in 19:20. Sandy Smith moved up in the Dal ranking as she took the fifth conference position in 19:49. In sixth was Amy Higgins

(19:56), followed by Juliet Thornton (19:59) and Karen Martin (20:29) to take the next two consecutive spots. Rounding out the team for Dal was Gill Hamilton in ninth (20:39), Kate O'Connor in eleventh (20:59), and Sally Carpenter in twelfth (21:30).

This race also had special meaning, as the top seven in-team ranked Dal runners were selected as the racing team for the AUA championships.

Yarr summed up the strength of the competition: "We could take any seven runners from this group and win the AUA title hands down."

These words could not be truer as the women now prepare to head to St. FX in Antigonish to defend their decade-long AUA winning

streak on October 25. If you were to place bets on this one, the choice seems crystal clear.

Opposition hardly any competition

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The opposition proved no match for the women's volleyball team at the UNB Invitational over the weekend. The '97-'98 Tigers made their debut in Fredericton by defeating Acadia, Memorial, Moncton and SMU to capture the tournament title, dropping only one game in the process.

In round robin play, Dal swept Acadia (15-11, 15-6, 15-

8) and Memorial (15-11, 15-11, 15-8), and defeated the Université de Moncton (15-11, 16-14, 9-15, 15-11). They advanced to the semi-finals where they faced last year's conference champions SMU. The Huskies proved no problem for the Tigers and were swept 15-4, 15-8 and 15-3.

Dal faced Moncton again in the final and took the match 3-0 by scores of 15-12, 15-8 and

15-8. Tigers Michelle Aucoin and Jen Parkes took All-Star honours while Cara MacKenzie was the Tournament MVP.

"Obviously it's a great way to start the season," stated Tigers head coach Laurie Welsh-Hawley. "The weekend showed there are a number of strong teams but we're willing to work hard to take on these challenges."

Men's cross country ready for AUAs

BY SARAH GILES

It was obvious last Saturday that the weather Gods are hardcore cross country fans because the Dal Open could not have been held on a more perfect day. On that sunny afternoon the Tigers showed once again that Point Pleasant Park is their territory — they won the meet with a crushing score of 22 points. UNB, the second-place team, had a score of 70.

Jamie Blanchard took off to a fast start and held onto his first-place position until the end of the race. His time for the 7.5 km distance was an impressive 23:59. For his efforts, Blanchard, along with fellow Tiger Kristen Lewis, was named AUA Athlete of the Week for the week of October 6.

Hot on Blanchard's heels in third place was captain Trevor Boudreau showing that, after a bout of illness, he's back in form and hungry for

success. Scott Simpson, also back in form after a brief injury, came in as Dal's third runner, proving that our rookies have a lot to contribute. Chris Evers put in a great race to finish in sixth place (especially impressive when one considers that he did a half-ironman a few short weeks ago). Richard Menzies came in as Dal's final scoring runner — he was seventh. The five remaining men

came in fairly close together: Pat McGrath (8th), Tim Lindsay (10th), Matt Richardson (11th), Mark Gardner (14th) and Curtis Archibald (20th). Brian York, a business student on a work term in Prince Edward Island, was not available for the race.

Our men's team has shown incredible depth all season and the tough choice of narrowing down the list of runners to seven for the

AUA Championships falls on the shoulders of coach Al Yarr. While it will be a hard decision to make, it is an incredible luxury to have the choice.

This Saturday, the Tigers will be racing for Atlantic Canadian supremacy at the AUAs held at St. FX. We wish them luck in their quest to reach the CIAU Championships.

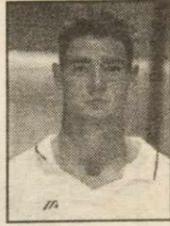
Athletes of the Week



SARAH WOODWORTH
SWIMMING

Sarah won two individual events, finished second in two others and placed third in a fifth event at the UNB Invitational over the weekend. Sarah

captured both the 800m freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley. Her 800m time of 9:34.04 set a new meet record for the event. Sarah is a fifth-year Pharmacy student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.



TERRY MARTIN
VOLLEYBALL

Terry led the Tigers to a three match sweep of the University of Calgary Dinosaurs in the Mizuno Collegiate Challenge held in Moncton, Lunenburg and at

the Dalplex over the weekend. Terry had 47 kills and 25 blocks as the Tigers won nine straight games against Calgary, a perennial national power. Terry is a fourth-year Science student from Burlington, Ontario.

Upcoming events

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Oct.25 Dal@UCCB Tournament
Oct.26 Dal@UCCB Tournament

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Oct.24 @ Moncton (Exh.)
Oct.25 @ Moncton (Exh.)

CROSS COUNTRY
Oct.25 AUAs @ SFX

HOCKEY
Oct.24 Dal @ UNB 7:30pm
Oct.25 Dal @ MTA 3:30pm
Oct.30 SMU @ Dal 7pm

MEN'S SOCCER
Oct.23 SMU @ Dal 6pm
Oct.25 UPEI @ Dal 3pm
Oct.26 MTA @ Dal 3pm
Nov.1 AUAs@winner of East
Nov.2 AUAs@winner of East
Nov.6-9 CIAUs@Dal

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Oct.23 SMU @ Dal 4pm
Oct.25 UPEI @ Dal 1pm
Oct.26 MTA @ Dal 1pm
Nov.1 AUAs@winner of West
Nov.2 AUAs@winner of West
Nov.6-9 CIAUs@Laval

SWIMMING
Oct.25 Dal Sprint Meet 2:30pm
Oct.26 Pepsi Relay Meet 2:15pm

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Oct.31 Dal @ Waterloo Tournament
Nov.1 Dal @ Waterloo Tournament
Nov.2 Dal @ Waterloo Tournament

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Nov.1 Dal@MUN 8pm
Nov.2 Dal @MUN 2pm



Calendar

October 23rd - October 29th, 1997

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

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 5:30 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.

Week Without Violence: Blye Frank, principal researcher of the "External Review of Cole Harbour District High School" will speak at the YWCA at 1239 Barrington St. For more info call 423-6162.

International Development Studies Seminar Series: Prof. Rodolfo Baldevaroma will be speaking about "Chemistry in Aquaculture: Soil and Water Management" from 4:30-6:00pm at the Lester Pearson Building, 1321 Edward St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Humans Against Homophobia will meet at 6pm in the SUB. Call 494-6662 for room location.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Taoist Tai Chi will be held by the Ward 5 Centre at 1:30pm. There is a \$2.00 drop-in fee. To register call Susan Nordin at 454-7003.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Overcoming Procrastination: A five session group for students who want to learn how to get their work done on time will be held from 11:30-1:00 in the Counselling Centre, 4th floor, SUB. Pre-registration is required.

Peers Against Sexual Assault is a student-run peer education group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and educate students and faculty about the prevention of sexual harassment. For more info call 494-1137.

How Does a Year in the South of France Sound? The Dal French Dept. offers a full-year (five credits) of study in Aix-en-Provence, France. There will be an info session Nov. 20th from 11:30-1:00 in the Killiam MacMechan Aud. or call 494-2430, or email: njwood@is.dal.ca

"Christmas At The Forum": The Festival of Crafts, Antiques, Art & Foods will be held from Nov.6-9 at the Halifax Forum.

For more info call 425-5656.

The DAL Women's Centre Has a Mom's Group, which gives student mothers a chance to talk about juggling school and kids. For more info call Patty at 494-2432.

A Four-Session Program on how to relax and think more clearly during tests and exams will be held at the Dal Counselling Centre. For more info. call 494-2081.

"The ABC's of Amino Acids": Professor Robert White of DAL's Chem Dept. will be lecturing on Friday, October 31 at 1:30pm in CHEM 226.

The School Of Occupational Therapy will hold a "Seminar on Occupation—A Panel on Work, Livelihood and Occupation," at 12:30pm in room 301, Forrest Building.

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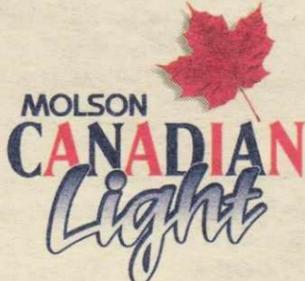
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