

Strike vote underway: DFA goes to members this week

by Heather Hueston

Although conciliation is still in progress between the Dalhousie Board of Governors and the Dalhousie Faculty Association, the DFA began yesterday to ask its members whether they wanted to go on strike. An affirmative vote does not necessarily mean that a strike will happen. Only after the conciliator files his report and the two-week waiting period is over can the DFA legally walk out.

DFA president, David Williams, says that about 70 per cent of the members agree that a strike is necessary or at least unavoidable.

The 700 faculty, librarians and counsellors have been without a contract since June 30, 1988.

The DFA is asking for increases to the step system for grading rank and salary. They also want a guaranteed cost of living agreement separate from any salary increase.

President Howard Clark has stated that DFA demands would absorb 25 per cent of the university's operating budget over two years.

VP(Finance) Bryan Mason says that Dalhousie still hasn't recouped from years of cutbacks. He is exasperated by what he sees as faculty's inability or refusal to

understand the restrictions on the budget. "They say they want libraries to be a priority, they say they want updated equipment," says Mason, "but that money has to come from somewhere."

The DFA also want pay comparability for its members. Mason says he agrees as far as faculty is concerned, but says there is no evidence that any unfairness exists in female-dominated fields such as libraries and counselling services.

The voting will continue today, tomorrow and Monday, October 3.

Killam open until 11pm again? Administration might back down

by Heather Hueston

Students should know by tomorrow whether the Killam Library will restore its hours of operations lost due to budget cuts last spring.

Assistant University Librarian Anita Boyd says that talks are underway between Dalhousie administration and the library to

find ways to extend or restore the lost hours — but only "in part."

Boyd confirmed that the discussions resulted after Dalhousie Student Union President Juanita Montalvo met with Chief Librarian William Birdsall and VP Academic Dennis Stairs.

Montalvo says she's happy that hours may be restored but notes

this won't apply to either the Kellogg or the MacDonald libraries.

Six library staff positions were cut last spring. Closing time was reduced to 10 pm from 11 pm Sunday to Thursday; to 6 pm from 11 pm Friday; and to 5 pm from 8 pm Saturday.

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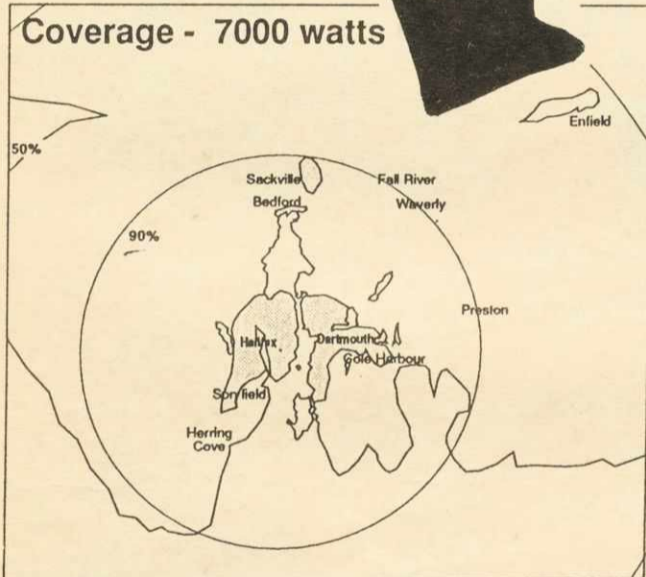
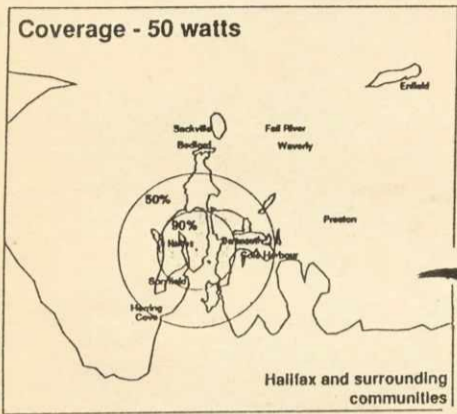
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CKDU awaiting power boost

by Michael Folk

CKDU has come a long way since the days when it was a strictly local endeavour heard only in a few on-campus locations. Station manager Mark MacLeod is heading the station's drive to expand services by increasing its prime transmitting area to as far as Sackville.

MacLeod says he wants to reach many would-be listeners, including Dalhousie students who currently live outside the radio station's range of coverage.

"Quality service has always been the first priority at CKDU," says MacLeod.

CKDU presently transmits with 50 watts of power from atop the Physical Plant beside the SUB. Reception in the Halifax/Dartmouth area is hampered by

both the low height and power of the transmitter.

The proposed 7000 watt transmitter, possibly located on top of Fenwick tower, would increase the prime reception area, in which 90 per cent of all radios receive satisfactory reception, within a radius of 18 km.

Even with its power boosted to 7000 watts, CKDU's range would still be substantially smaller than other FM stations such as 100,000 watt C100. However, MacLeod says CKDU is interested less in reaching Truro audiences than in serving the Halifax/Dartmouth community.

The project is awaiting approval from the station's Board of Directors and the Dalhousie Student Union. If it is approved and a loan secured construction could begin by Christmas.



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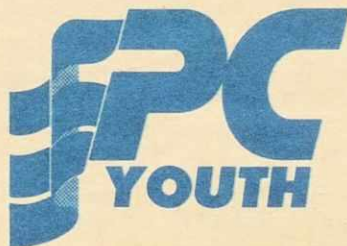
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Is this your idea of alien intelligence?

Extraterrestrial intelligence explored

by Shelly Galliah

Some people may believe that the definition of Extra Terrestrial Intelligence (ETI) is accurately portrayed by furry, cynical ALF while others prefer to envision lovable film star ET as the description of this alien life. Whatever your ideas of alien life are, the likelihood of the existence of ETI is very real, according to astronomer Dr. Philip E. Barnhart.

Barnhart, of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Otterbein College in Westville Ontario, spoke last week at Saint Mary's University about the quest for ETI. Barnhart, a solar astronomer and physics teacher, has recently been involved in the recovery of lost satellites. Although he approached the subject with modesty, commenting that he was not a philosopher trained to deal with such worldly matters, his discussion proved to be both captivating and enlightening.

Barnhart stressed that it is foolish, even vain, to assume that earth contains the only intelligent life in the universe. The earth is an insignificant planet in a universe consisting of billions of galaxies, each of which is composed of billions of stars. He emphasized the modern cosmology principle where the universe is considered to be "homogenous in space and time." Therefore, nothing in the universe can be

unique and, as Barnhart stated, "the intelligent life that earth possesses can not violate this maxim."

Barnhart elaborated on a few hypotheses proposed on the probability of ETI. He referred to an early biological experiment by pioneer scientist ???????? Miller, where he tried to recreate the conditions of the primordial atmosphere by placing various compounds in an isolated chamber and exposing these to electricity. The end result was the production of many of the building blocks required to create life. Barnhart said that it was possible for these organic compounds to be created on other stars. Considering our galaxy has been around for ten billion years and the earth itself is a youthful five billion years old, there is a high probability that life as complicated as ours exists elsewhere in the universe.

The search for this ETI is an expensive one, involving both time and money. A few of the various strategies to conduct this search as aiming large antennae at the nearby stars or monitoring the entire sky. These methods are either economically costly or not feasible in our lifetime. Barnhart chooses not to use either of these approaches in his study, which he conducts at the Radio Observatory of Ohio State University. The search is performed with the world's largest and most efficient radioscope. Although the entire project operates on a zero budget and is managed entirely by volun-

teers, Barnhart does not complain, implying that he is motivated by the intrinsic quality of his work.

Barnhart is researching the concept of the "water hole", which is best described as a window or calm spot in the background noise present in the universe. It is at this point of cosmic commotion that communication to and from an extra terrestrial source is most likely to be detected. Barnhart's study involves an automated survey to identify the occasional signal on this water hole. Scientifically, the term refers to a frequency between microwave radiation emitted by ions H and OH which combine to form water — hence the name, "water hole". Barnhart finds a deeper meaning. As an oasis in an arid desert causes animals to gather, the water hole will serve as a "common ground, a place that extra terrestrial cultures will seek and come together."

Recently, there have been protocols developed governing the behaviour of scientists who first encounter this ETI — an event which Barnhart believes will be "one of the most significant discoveries in modern science." Of course there are skeptics who scoff at the likelihood of such life existing, or the possibility of us ever finding it in this millennium. But if we on earth are really the "intellectual infants of the universe" that Barnhart suggests we are, that "prove it to me" attitude is not too surprising.

Sexual harassment charges from jock pub night

by Erin Goodman, ARCUP Bureau

A student at St Mary's University in Halifax is charging administration with inadequate response to an incident of sexual harassment on campus.

The incident took place in the campus pub last November, involving two female students and twenty-nine members of the St. Mary's football team. The case was finally closed in mid-September, nine months after the women filed their original complaints with the sexual harassment committee.

"Initially, we put faith in the system," says Rachel Osborne, a complainant in the case. "I can say in retrospect that it was a mistake."

The incident occurred on a Friday afternoon in late November, when Osborne and two female friends dropped by the campus pub after class. The pub was packed with members of the campus football team, who had been invited by the management to hold their end-of-season celebration there.

"They dominated the pub," says Osborne. "Basically what was going on there was a private party in a public place." Osborne and her friends began to feel uncomfortable as the team's celebrations grew rowdier, and drowned out the musicians hired to entertain the pub's patrons that afternoon. Eventually, the musicians gave up and

left the stage. At that point, a team member took over the microphone and initiated an "awards ceremony".

"He was saying, 'an award for the player who fucked the ugliest girl, who fucked the fattest girl, for the guy who got a blowjob from a retarded woman'," says Osborne, who recalls that there were about five women in the pub at the time, including a female bartender. A male security guard was also present, but according to Osborne, "nobody made any attempt to intervene at all".

On December 10th, Osborne and classmate Dina Desveaux decided to file a complaint with the sexual harassment committee at SMU, a committee which had only been in existence for a year. The complaint was filed against the team member who had made the offensive comments at the microphone.

Osborne and her classmate decided to try mediation with the perpetrator. The session was mediated by Vicki Wood, a sexual harassment advisor at SMU who served as an advisor to both parties. According to Osborne, the four-hour mediation session produced a lot of compromises.

Osborne asked the respondent to forfeit his right to enter the campus pub, but had to settle for him leaving the premises if she was present. The respondent was also asked to donate 10 hours of his time to a local women's shelter.

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More space for Dal tots

by David Woolcott and Heather Hueston

Next month the University Children's Centre will offer 48 new spaces to children of Dalhousie University students, staff and faculty.

UCC plans to renovate space in the Life Sciences Building to accommodate 24 half-day spaces and 24 full-day spaces. UCC currently operates two facilities on campus; Peter Green Hall and the Dal Campus Daycare.

Dalhousie administration is providing the start-up costs of the new Life Sciences facility. Although the UCC falls under the auspices of the Halifax Student Housing Society, Dal administration gives them free space on campus.

Spaces are allotted evenly between staff, faculty and students, although UCC manager Eve Wright noted that it is staff and faculty that really "keep the ball rolling." A recent report on university daycare received few responses from students.

Job for women's union?

Make the men feel welcome

MONTREAL (CUP) — McGill University's women's group will have to stop alienating students with its "strong lesbian views" or it could face further cuts to its budget, says the council's vice president.

"The Women's Union has alienated a lot of women on campus because of its strong lesbian views," said Titi Nguyen, student council vice president, finance. "It is a small clique of about 30 people. We can't spend that much money on so few people."

McGill student council's budget committee cut the group's

funding by 13 per cent this year, to \$4,500. It had originally recommended the allocation go down to \$2000 because the union was "not serving the entire community."

But Women's Union co-ordinator Gwen Burrows said the attitude is misguided.

"Why are we running a birth control co-op if we have these 'strong lesbian views'?" she said. "And what business is it of his anyway?"

"This is a way of undermining what we're trying to do here. No matter who is running it, the

Women's Union deals with issues that affect all women at McGill — sexual harassment, sexism in academia — and people should

Jock night

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but ended up making a cash donation of \$25. He refused to donate time or money to the Association for the Mentally Retarded, as requested by the complainants.

"He was very hostile," says Osbourne. "He kind of had the attitude that 'you bitches don't have the right to do this to me'."

Appalled by the attitude of the respondent, Osbourne and Desveaux decided to make the rest of the team accountable for their alleged role in encouraging the act of harassment.

She filed a second complaint against the remaining team members on January 2nd, and again decided to try mediation.

The women decided to let Vicki Wood represent them in mediation, after receiving implicit threats from a member of the team. Wood was able to negotiate a tougher settlement with the remaining team members than that which had been reached with the initial respondent. The punishment was stiffer, producing cash settlements of \$25 from each player for both the Association for the Mentally Retarded and a battered women's shelter. The respondents forfeited the right to enter the campus pub at any time, with the exception of Fridays. Eleven respondents agreed to the settlement; seventeen did not.

"A lot of them just didn't take it seriously," explains Osbourne. "They thought it would just go away if they just didn't deal with it." Osbourne and Desveaux decided to force the issue by calling for a formal hearing, requested in a letter sent to the chair of the sexual harassment committee on February 19th. "Unfortunately, at that point, we all lost power of negotiation," says Osbourne. "Now the case fell into the lap of the administration."

Two months after requesting the hearing, Osbourne was finally called to testify, on a day coinciding with a final exam. And three months after her hearing, she says, "I hadn't heard a thing."

When Vicki Wood left her position at Saint Mary's in early June, she told Osbourne that she should be receiving a summary of the final report of the sexual harassment committee in the

be made aware of them."

Titi said no one has complained to him about the politics of the Women's Union. He does not know how many lesbians are members of the group, nor can he give examples of anything done to alienate women.

He wants the group to pay more attention to how many people use its services, keep better track of inventory and change the constitution.

mail "within days". Instead, Osbourne found that no one would answer her queries about the case, not even the new sexual harassment advisor, who arrived in July and was apparently not authorized to release any information on the progress of the committee.

It was late July before Osbourne was finally granted an appointment with the chair of the sexual harassment committee, Dr. Joseph Jabbar, also the vice-president of SMU. He told her that the final report of the committee had already been submitted to the president, and that the matter was out of his hands.

Osbourne sent a memo to Dr. Kenneth Ozmon, president of St. Mary's, asking him to contact her regarding the case. Two days later she received a letter from Ozmon, stating that no final report had been issued, and scolding her for being too forward with her questions to Dr. Jabbar. Osbourne replied to his letter that same day, pointing out that Jabbar had informed her that the investigation was finished.

After that, says Osbourne, "He made absolutely no attempt to contact me whatsoever. He left me with the impression that he cared very little about the matter."

In the meantime, Osbourne decided to educate herself about the sexual harassment policy at SMU. She found that the administration had failed to adhere to at least two of their own set policies in dealing with her case.

Under the dictates of the university's official sexual harassment procedures, she should have been provided with a copy of Vicki Woods' summary of the case prior to her formal hearing, and granted access to files used by the sexual harassment committee. She was provided with neither.

Frustrated, Osbourne decided to make up a press release, charging the administration with failing to adequately address the problem to sexual harassment on campus. In the press release, issued on September 8th, she states, "By failing to respond with prompt disciplinary action, the university sends a message to future offenders that this type of sexual harassment is acceptable behaviour at Saint Mary's University."

Within days, a local radio station had picked up the story.

The constitution, last revised in 1982, says men cannot become voting members. They can work for the Women's Union, and attend meetings and get-togethers, but women can vote to exclude them from events.

While he doesn't think men should be able to vote in Women's Union matters, he said they should be able to play a greater role in the organization.

Finally, Osbourne received a phone call from Joseph Jabbar, who told her that the final report had been drawn up, and that she would be receiving a summary of the committee's findings.

On September 14th, she received a summary of the report. She found that five of the team members never showed up for a hearing, and the committee pronounced the team members who refused to settle through mediation not guilty of sexual harassment. At the same time, the committee declared that "some of the offensive behaviour which took place at the Gorsebrook Lodge on the afternoon of November 27, 1988, constituted acts of sexual harassment" and "their behaviour did violate the rights of other patrons of the Pub and may have been subject to disciplinary procedures governing other aspects of behaviour on campus".

Osbourne asks, "Did it take them ten months to realize, 'yes, this was sexual harassment, but no, you guys aren't really guilty'?"

Although the case is officially closed, the committee has recommended that the five team who failed to come before the committee be referred to the president of the university, who "should take appropriate disciplinary measures with regard to their behaviour".

President Ozman was unavailable for comment on the case, and Joseph Jabbar, chair of the sexual harassment committee, refused comment.

The chair of the sexual harassment committee at Dalhousie, Barbara Harris, is able to explain the sexual harassment procedure at Dal and comment generally on aspects of the St. Mary's case.

She says, "What we've tried to do is to recognize that sexual harassment is a power issue." If the committee set hearing dates that are inconvenient for the parties involved or ignores requests for information, says Harris, then that's an abuse of power.

At Dalhousie, she points out, "The complainant is not a fringe part of the procedure. We tried to structure it so the complainant is kept very much involved." Adds Harris, "People tend to go through a lot of questioning — people who are dealing with sexual harassment have a responsibility to recognize that and to go about minimizing it."



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Schedule subject to change

DSA: Intends to stop the flood of layoffs

by Lyssa McKee

The Dalhousie Staff Association (DSA) could be in a legal strike position within a month, says Executive Director Bette Yetman. The union, which represents approximately 740 clerical, secretarial, and technical employees at the University, has entered the conciliation stage of negotiations with the Dalhousie administration. A conciliator from the Department of Labour has been assigned, but has yet to meet with the DSA's five-

member negotiating team. If the conciliator fails to bring the two sides to an agreement, the union will legally be able to strike two weeks later. A strike vote is to be held October 3, 4, and 5th, and it is expected that the majority of the DSA members will vote to strike if necessary.

The major issues on the negotiating table are job security, wages, and pay equity. Many DSA members are very concerned about the number of lay-offs that have occurred in the last few years, and they wish to see a "no

lay-off" clause in a new contract. Management's wage increase offer of 1.85% is far below the level of inflation, and is a major point of contention. The union says that their wages have not kept pace with the rising cost-of-living, and note that their members' buying power has decreased over the years.

Pay equity — equal pay for equal value — is another serious issue, particularly for this union whose membership is about 80% women. Pay equity involves establishing a single job evaluation system for both clerical and technical employees. The present system treats these two occupational areas separately, a practice which creates gender bias.

The union as a whole is very concerned about how the students will be affected in the event

of a strike. They do not wish to see students' education suffer, but they feel that in many ways, the students are already suffering. For example, cutbacks in library staff have meant a decrease in library hours, and a general decline in library service. By stopping the continual stream of layoffs, the DSA says it hopes to improve the state of education at Dalhousie.

Though a DSA strike would less directly affect classes at Dalhousie than would a faculty walk-out, Dal students would still notice the lack of staff. Almost all library personnel, lab technicians, and support staff are members of the DSA. If faculty did not take over the staff workload, most departments would grind to a halt. The DSA say they hope that the faculty would not

step in, but would in fact support the DSA in such a situation. There is also, of course, a good chance that the DFA will already be on strike when and if the DSA takes to the picket lines.

Bette Yetman stressed that the union does not want to see a strike happen. "The most common misconception about unions," he said, "is that they go on strike lightly, just to get what they want. That is not the case here. The staff feels it is in a forced choice situation; they have seen declining undergraduate services for years, and to let it go on would hurt future students. It's just a shame that the students have to be the playing field for our football game with management. They're the ones who are going to get hurt."

DSA issues

Three DSA members were interviewed on September 27th, and they made the following comments on the union's three major demands:

JOB SECURITY

Connie de Sousa, technician, Biology dept: "It doesn't matter if I get a 5% or a 25% raise; it won't do me any good if next month I don't have a job. Give me the job security so that I can be around for the next round of negotiations and I'll fight for higher wages then."

John Barry, technician, Audio Visual: "Job security is the most important issue for me. I've seen it happen: they use the best years of your life and then they drop you. I would like to see a no lay-off clause."

Diane Landry, clerk, Killam Library: "It's not even personal security about your job. I consider the union as a whole: whether it's you or somebody else, a lay-off is still a loss, a cut in service for the students."

WAGE INCREASE

de Sousa: "I think that the offer of 1.85% is an insult. I think we're

being generous only to ask for 5%. We've been losing money for a number of years. I think 6, 7, or 8% is reasonable."

Barry: "I think that closer to 4% would be reasonable, looking at inflation."

Landry: "I think we should at least get the cost-of-living increase. It's not great, but at least you're breaking even. But I wouldn't necessarily vote for the contract if that's all we got, with none of the other articles, like job security."

PAY EQUITY

de Sousa: "It's not a big concern in this department. Most of the people here are technicians, which is a 'male-dominated' occupation."

Barry: "I'd be a lot more concerned about it if I were a woman. But it's not a big issue for me; job security is my big concern."

Landry: "Pay equity on its own isn't worth striking for. It's all the issues together which make the difference."

Negotiations begin for CUPE

by Lorna Irons

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), representing 135 Dalhousie workers, has entered into contract negotia-

The union whose members include Dal cleaners, trucking staff and mailroom staff, has had two meetings with the board of governors but according to president Florance Logan there is no

sign of an agreement. "We've just had two meetings, we're just getting started." She also said that it is still too early in the negotiations to predict a strike.

Ms. Logan would not comment on the demands of the union nor would she say how the negotiations are progressing. "I can't divulge anything like that." CUPE members have been without a contract since the end of March.

by Geoff Stone

A strong strike vote from Dalhousie faculty may well be the bargaining chip needed to settle the ongoing negotiations between Dal faculty and the Dalhousie Board, says Caroline Savoy, spokesperson for the Dalhousie Faculty Association.

"The best bargaining tool is a massive strike vote," says Savoy, noting that a 70 percent strike vote at Acadia University brought the two sides together and averted a strike.

Savoy says quality of education, assurance of fairness, pensions, and salaries are the main issues as they continue negotiations with the Dalhousie Board.

Savoy says Dalhousie faculty have only been offered what amounts to a 0.9 per cent increase in their cost of living by the board of governors, only aggravating wage disparities that put Dalhousie Faculty salaries at 17 per cent below those at the University of New Brunswick.

Savoy says pensions at the university are also sub-standard. "There is a very poor pension here (at Dalhousie)" Savoy says, pointing to the fact that pensions end up less than 50 percent of previous income, while most other universities give pensions ranging from 70 to 75 per cent.

Savoy says at present the Board has refused to discuss the two money issues, stating that "non-monetary" issues should be settled first.

But according to Savoy, one non-monetary issue of great concern to students isn't even being considered by the Board. That issue concerns the quality of education at the university. The DFA

says that to adequately service the students, the administration attrition of faculty (not hiring new faculty after faculty leave or retire) must be controlled so that students' class size and quality of instruction remain high. But the Board maintains such attrition will continue.

Savoy says the DFA will negotiate the issue of replacing lost faculty, and ensuring that students get the high quality education that Dalhousie is noted for.

Along with salaries, pensions, and the quality of education, Savoy says the DFA is pressing for a fairness article in the collective agreement. This article would ensure that professors are treated fairly by the administration,

according to rules of "natural fairness".

Savoy says the DFA has been so picky in details of the collective agreement because they have already had verbal agreements that were later denied by the Board. "We can't trust each other," says Savoy, "we need an iron-clad agreement, which makes it (negotiations) very difficult."

Savoy says it will be very important for students to support the faculty during the strike, in order to help negotiations for quality of education, and for adequate salaries to keep good professors at the university. "If students put pressure, it will make those issues," says Savoy.

DFA issues

Attrition-

Dalhousie faculty who retire or otherwise leave the University are not always being replaced. This attrition has meant departments are losing professors and there are fewer courses available to students. The DFA wants new faculty to be hired so that Dalhousie faculty levels are maintained.

Pensions-

At present, Dalhousie pensions are: 2% x the number of years teaching x a professor's final average salary. This often comes to well below the 70 to 75% of former earnings in retirement which other university professors enjoy.

Salaries-

Average salaries at Dalhousie are 17% below those at the University of New Brunswick. Associate professors earn \$6,000 less than St. Mary's and UNB profs. The DFA wants an increase in wages to close that gap. They say this will help to keep good professors at Dalhousie, and maintain Dalhousie's present quality of education.

Fairness Article-

The DFA wants fair treatment (i.e. reasonable procedures) for professors at Dal. This would ensure that the Board could not suddenly impose restrictions or other rules on professors without due reason.

NDP applauds Lewis

by Kirsten Nichols

Stephen Lewis, Canada's former Ambassador to the United Nations, is back commenting on the political life of Canada, in a rather direct fashion.

Lewis came back to Halifax to make his first purely political speech since returning to public life at the NDP fundraiser, held Thursday September 22. As an ambassador, one can not make critical comments about the government's policies. This was not always easy for Lewis, a social democrat.

"I've been well behaved these

many years. . ." said Lewis. The implication was that he was going to speak his mind — and he did.

Lewis had faint praise for the government's handling of the day care issue. The legislation which we had waited four years to get, he felt did not go far enough. Although it is a first step which starts Canada down the right road, it does not ensure equal access for all.

"The Free Trade Pact is an offense to this country and does not deserve to be consummated," Lewis said as he began his attack on the Free Trade Deal worked

out between Mulroney and the United States. Admittedly, Lewis was not in the country for most of the debate, but has had a ring side view on how the U.S. honours its international treaties. It was only recently that the U.S. finally started paying off some of their debt to the U.N. Although one of the original signatories to the U.N. Charter, the U.S. has shown no concern in the past about the possibility of the U.N. going broke due to unpaid bills.

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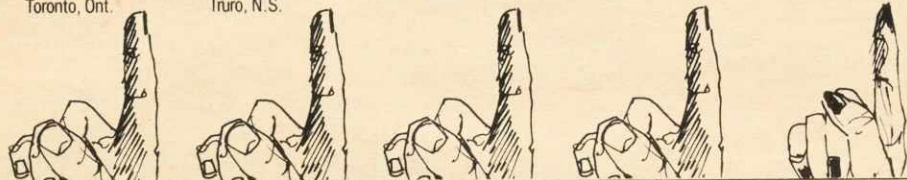
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CUP BRIEFS

Students charge Shoppers

TORONTO (CUP) — Three University of Toronto law students laid charges September 21 against Shoppers Drug Mart stores in an effort to stop the sale of tobacco to minors.

The campus-based advocacy group the Student Movement Aimed at Restricting Tobacco, or SMART, sent three minors into 30 Shoppers Drug Marts in Ottawa and Toronto.

Twenty-five of the 30 stores approached sold cigarettes to the under-18 year old customers, SMART charges. All but five stores had signs posted which stated such sales were prohibited.

"This is not an isolated incident," said SMART vice president Eric LeGresley. "We cannot mortgage off the lives (of youths) for the sake of corporate profit."

The group laid charges based on an alleged sale at Shoppers Drug Mart's Toronto Eaton's Centre outlet. The chain must enter a plea in family court October 27. If convicted, the retailer faces a maximum penalty of \$50. The Ontario Minors Protection Act forbids the sale of tobacco to those under 18.

Course advisors

MONTREAL (CUP) — English majors at McGill University are starting up their own academic advising service to make up for what one student calls professor's lack of time and knowledge during course change week.

Students see faculty advisers to get the go-ahead for course changes or if they just want advice.

"We think advising in the department just isn't good enough," said Marie-Helene Lambert, vice-president of McGill's English Students' Association.

Lambert said professors often have no better idea of what courses are required than the students they are supposed to be helping. Increased enrollment and a dwindling faculty have made it hard for professors to give proper advice, she said.

So this fall, student association executives drew up a list of required courses for all programs in the English department and recruited final year students to give advice to first- and second-year students.

While the student advisors can't approve course changes, they can take time to give one-on-one advice.

Quotas enforced

SASKATOON (CUP) — The University of Saskatchewan has turned away more than 500 students after imposing enrollment quotas on its Arts and Sciences programs.

And provincial Education Minister Lorne Hepworth is telling rejected applicants that as an alternative to a university education, high school graduates can attend the regional colleges located throughout Saskatchewan.

The colleges offer only the core classes of the first two years of university programs. Most college instructors are university professors based in Saskatoon or Regina who commute to the outlying centres to teach night classes.

"The system has been pushed as far as it can go," said A.R. Knight, the university's dean of Arts and Science. "Quotas keep it from getting worse."

Arts and Science refused 450 students in 1987-88, the year the quotas were implemented, according to registrar Ken Smith.

He said the restrictions mean that a grade 12 student must have a final average of approximately 75 per cent to get into the 16,000-student university, one of the province's two.

Before the quotas, the minimum average required for admission to the University of Saskatchewan was 65 per cent, with the actual cut-off varying according to the number of applicants.

"In light of the financial situation at the university, the quotas are a necessary evil. The alternative to quotas would be overcrowded classrooms and professors who don't have the time to talk to students."

"Of course the best solution would be to increase funding and be able to let more people in," said student council president Ed Zerr.

Administrators say the quotas were implemented as a two-year emergency measure to deal with the problems of an overcrowded, underfunded university.

Arts and Science enrollment is limited to 1700 first year and 4300 upperclass students for 1988-89.

Acid rain fight focused on tourists

Courtesy of **Between the Issues**
by **Lois Corbett**

When the federal department of the environment decides to do something about acid rain, it does it in a big way.

Forget about the press releases that have the minister, Tom McMillan, decrying the effects of acid rain and the damage it does to our lakes and streams. Forget about pressing the United States administration into signing a bilateral accord with targeted emission reductions. While those

things are important, the heads at Environment Canada know, they really *know*, that to reduce acid rain, you have to talk to the important people in America.

The tourists.
The department is spending over half a million dollars to convince the Americans who visit Canada to "join us in the fight against acid rain." Using billboards, radio and magazines, the campaign is attempting to get its message to the 10 million Yankee tourists who will venture north for their summer fun.

Students in court

TORONTO (CUP) - The seven University of Toronto students arrested by campus police for trespassing on university property during the summer Economic Summit will appear in court in November.

Altogether, 13 people — including a student from York University — were arrested at U of T when they set up tents on June 14. The activists were protesting the presence of the leaders of the world's seven biggest industrialized nations on the campus.

The protestors carried citizen's arrest warrants for each of the seven heads of state, charging them with environmental, human rights and economic crimes against humanity.

Campus police moved in early on June 15 to dismantle the squatters' tents. Ten of the protestors were arrested a second time by police for trespassing near the university's Convocation Hall.

Maggie Helwig, one of the demonstrators, said the group will handle its own defence in court.

Steven Lewis

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the Palestinian Liberation Organization at the U.N. Somehow in their moment of passion, the Americans forgot that the Headquarters had been set up by an international agreement and if they had a dispute with this, they should have taken it to the binding dispute settlement board. This board, based on a binding dispute settlement agreement, is comparable to that set up by the dispute resolution pact in the Free Trade deal which was also agreed to by the U.S. At the time the U.S. decided they were not bound by their previous agreement. After seeing this first hand, Lewis has his doubts about the sincerity of the Americans.

Lewis had much to say against the Conservatives' planned nuclear powered subs purchase. "The idea absolutely assaults the common sense," said Lewis and he feels the money could be better spent elsewhere; in universal day care, paying off the deficit, or even increasing our foreign aid to the level we promised in the 1970's — 7% of our GNP.

Canada receives respect from all corners of the globe. Lewis feels we do not use this respect

and reverence to the extent we could. Former Canadian prime minister Lester B. Pearson developed the idea of United Nations Peacekeeping troops, which increased respect for Canada in the international community.

"We are the Peacekeepers par excellence," said Lewis.

Stephen Lewis has a vision of Canada fulfilling its obligations to its humanity and history; a Canada which isn't afraid to set comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South Africa. He sees a Canada which has the courage to speak strongly to the United States about the destructive consequences of supporting the Contras. And a Canada which pays more than lip service to a comprehensive test ban by supporting a nuclear freeze and by refusing the cruise.

Lewis has a vision of a just world and he sees Canada leading the way to it.

NDP leader Alexa McDonough said in her introduction, "Stephen is back!". She was right; Stephen is back and more inspiring than ever.

Stephen Lewis will be speaking Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. in the McInnes Room of the Dalhousie SUB.



Debit cards are to replace journal circulation in a one-year experiment.

Debit cards at Dal

by **Scott Randall**

Two weeks ago the MacDonald and Killam libraries stopped circulating all academic journals and popular magazines. But library officials promise users that this one-year experiment will increase the availability of journals to more people. To meet the resulting demand for photocopying services, the library is offering a debit card system.

Library officials say it will be easier and cheaper for library users to buy either a \$4.00 card good for 50 copies or an \$8.00 card good for 100 copies. There will be a \$1.00 deposit on each card, refundable when the card is turned in. (Each time the cards are used, the number of copies remaining will be shown on the digital read-outs for the machines.)

Journals will be lent out under "exceptional circumstances" such as class presentations or to faculty who need to have them

photocopied on their machines in their department.

The decision to stop circulating the journals resulted from concerns about research material not being available at all times. Students and faculty had complained that signing out a journal for one article deprived other researchers of material in that same journal. According to Dr. William Birdsall, University Librarian, "The whole idea was to make journals more accessible."

Larry Swatuk, president of the political science graduate students society, says that the new policy gets "three cheers" from his group. He said that many of them come from other universities across Canada and are used to journals not circulating. Often they would go to Saint Mary's University library to get certain journals.

However, Dr. Virginia Miller, professor of Social Anthropology, says that many of the faculty

are worried about the long line-ups for the photocopiers and poor quality copies. Humanities professors will be most affected she says, since articles in that field tend to be longer than most.

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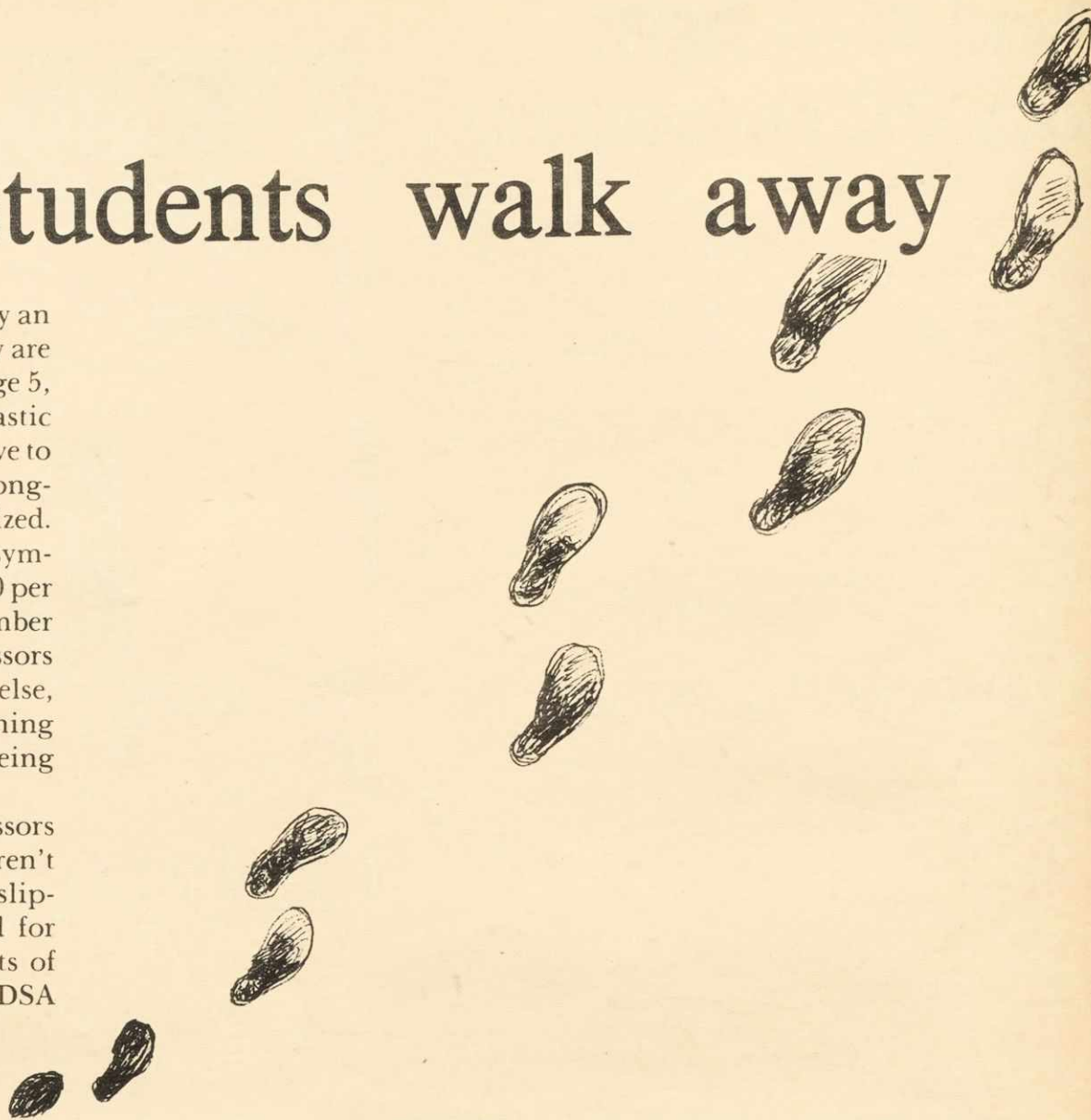
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Faculty and students walk away

It's going to take a strong stike vote and possibly an actual strike before the demands of the Dal Faculty are met. Taking a look at some of the statistics on page 5, one can see why the DFA is resorting to such drastic tactics. Faculty salaries and pensions are low relative to other universities across Canada and the long-promised faculty appointments have yet to be realized.

As a student perhaps it's somewhat difficult to sympathize with someone who earns more than \$40,000 per year but even if quality of education isn't the number one issue, it is directly related to salary. If Dal professors aren't earning as much as they could somewhere else, we are liable to lose them. This is already happening and professors lost through attrition are not being replaced.

The quality of education is suffering and professors aren't the only ones turning away. Students aren't going to attend a university which is so quickly slipping downhill. A new set of priorities is called for Dalhousie University and with any luck and lots of persistence, the strong measures of the DFA and DSA will provoke some positive action.



LETTERS

Mandatory AIDS testing

Dear Editors:

I am writing the Gazette and the general public of Dal to address the touchy subject of AIDS. Now I understand that at all universities sexual activity is an unavoidable fact of life. I do not advocate wild, uninhibited sex with every other John/Jane but let's face it, if it weren't for AIDS such practices would be quite acceptable.

But this is not applicable and I propose that Dalhousie and indeed other universities lobby the MPs of N.S. to get mandatory AIDS tests put in place for the good of all students as well as the general public. It may seem to be quite unacceptable at first glance but stop and consider the gains. The number of AIDS cases in general would be known and those people could be dealt with. I'm not advocating sending them to the Antarctic or banishing them forever to some desert isle, I'm merely stating that such an affliction as AIDS cannot be ignored. Unfortunately the current government is doing just that. Just because AIDS has a fatal connotation, we shouldn't ignore it, we should give it special priority. I think AIDS is infinitely more important and more

relevant than Free Trade. Stop and consider this, think how much more popular a government would be if they helped cure AIDS. (Infinitely more popular than the inventors of the wheel, the lightbulb or the cabbage patch doll rolled into one). Notwithstanding this, we have to consider the personal gains. I have known three 'acquaintances' who have contracted the evil disease and they wouldn't have if someone had thought of AIDS testing. We aren't talking about constitutional rights, we're talking about the lives of 3 young women. When will Nova Scotians and all Canadians wake and smell the coffee?

Sincerely,
Sherley Leigh, BA

Frosh squads build spirit

Dear Editors:

Oh no, not another letter about the Frosh week issue! Sorry, but I want to put my two-cents worth in this one. I can understand that onlookers (such as Brian Hill) would find Frosh week activities at Dal too militarized. But as with all things, there are many viewpoints on this issue. The "marching" parts of the week (which take maybe 5% of the whole week) are meant to build spirit. And they do! Unfortunately, it is mostly the marchings that the rest of Dal students seem to remember. The Squad does not get power-high. In order to have a

morning walk at 5 am., the Squad must get up at 4. The Squad is made up of volunteers who donate a lot of time (and some money) to welcome the Frosh.

I was new last year, and enjoyed Frosh week so much that I wanted to participate again this year. Only alternative: be on the Squad. We are no longer meant to be so authoritative, but more "motherly". Example — on 4th Floor, each leader trotted through Halifax with some Frosh on a scavenger hunt. The leader was NOT EVEN ALLOWED to participate, but rather to assure that Frosh didn't get lost or run over. Example — each leader was assigned 6 Frosh who had to be personally contacted and cared for.

These "little brothers/sisters" were to be helped with registration and other problems. Example — for each leader, participation in Shinerama was MANDATORY. Example — bus tickets, ferry tokens for scavenger hunts, etc. were often paid for by Squad. All in all, the 1st year students and Dalhousie at large got a pretty good deal out of us volunteers.

Alex Burton called for "activities such as barbeques, evening cafes and friendly sports competitions". Did he check the activities calendar? We had 2 BBQs, a banquet, a sports competition on Studley Field, dances, fundraising (Shinerama), etc. What could be so embarrassing or humiliating about that?

Yes, peer pressure about alcohol is a touchy subject with me, too. As someone who drinks very little, I was glad/impressed that

the Floor Presidents repeatedly stressed that we were not to lend out I.D.s or buy liquor for the Frosh. As I notice these days, warm-ups and dances are even more strictly monitored than last year.

So maybe instead of judging

Frosh activities by the marching that goes on periodically, one can listen to the frosh and Squad and make up an opinion that way. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion.

Nikola Czerwonka
4th Floor Sherriff

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Book-buying 1000

By Scott Neily

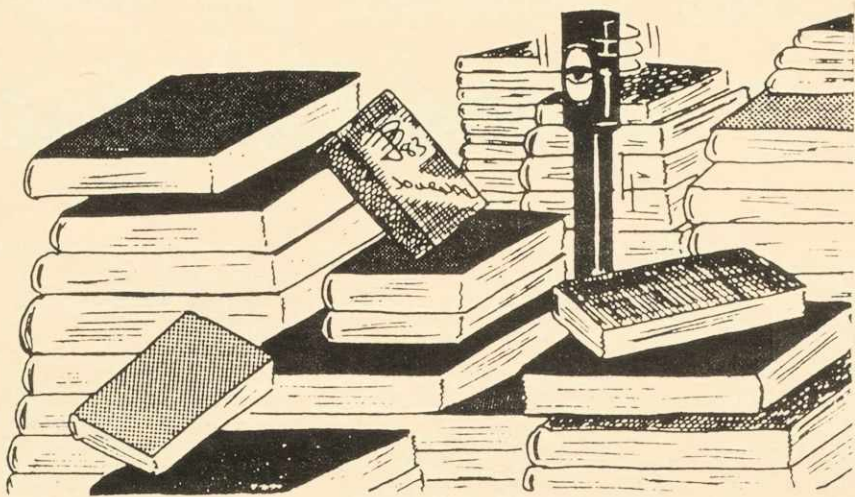
Agreed, for most students, it is a bit too late to hand out tips on how to navigate through the demilitarized zone the Dalhousie Bookstore has become. However; class changes do occur, there is always next year, grad school, etc.

As is well known, most departments hand out supplements on the texts expected to be used in the coming year for their various courses. As soon as they are released, the normal procedure is to run to the bookstore like a bat out of hell and hope to blaze that the other umpteen dozen students that have overloaded the course haven't been there first. Of course, when running like a dog with his butt on fire through the bookstore, one does not stop and

read the sign that says "STOP! Go to classes first!" No, one continues on like a shopper at supermarket coupon riot and promptly discovers on the first day of classes that most of the book list has been changed due to difficulties in obtaining sufficient quantities of the proper textbook. At this point, some options are available. One is suicide. The others are not.

One could go through the madhouse of Week One in the bookstore to exchange your books. Or, you could wait until the crowd dies down to go for the exchange and hope that there are still some copies left of the books you need. Of course, the problem of prices higher than the national deficit remains and many students die every year from the prospect of

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Book-buying

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buying books that only Donald Trump or Bill Cosby could realistically afford.

However, the hindsight solution (and foresight for next year) to all this mess is to consult the course professors directly. They should have been notified of any possible availability trouble and would know if alternates are required. From them, get a list of all, repeat all, (the books and the editions) you will need for the coming year and prepare thyself for a mighty long quest.

The first step is ye olde second hand bookstore in the Dal SUB. Although the selection is not the greatest and the markup is horrendous (15%), buying books there can still be far less expensive than at Billy-Bob's Boffo Bucks Bookstore in the basement.

As an alternative, the various second hand bookstores around town often contain materials that would be useful to English, history and poli-sci majors, among others. Back Pages on Queen Street, Schooner Books on Inglis, JWD on Granville, Attic Owl on South, and the The Book Rack in the Woodlawn Mall are good places to start. Their prices are usu-

ally quite reasonable and the selection is varied, especially for popular and classic novels.

Should these options fail, there are numerous retail bookstores around town that would be likely to hold a fair number of texts, with the exception of certain science and medical books, of course.

Another possibility is to locate the desired texts through friends or advertising. Be warned, though! The success of either method depends greatly on the materials used. Choose carefully!

After trying the above suggestions with little or no success, the only remaining option is to attack the bookstore itself. Therefore, walk softly and carry a big stick. That way, it is much easier to sneak up and beat senseless that student ahead of you who is stealing the last copy of *Wuthering Heights*. Seriously though folks, shop carefully in the bookstore. Many classes, particularly English, will place a classic piece of literature on the book list that has been printed by several different companies. Invariably, the prices on each edition will be different. For example, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* is on at least three different class lists this year and each class has its own 'special' edition to suit the needs of

that particular class: Granted, some of the editorial stuff might be interesting but, judging by the prices, the students' best interests are not at heart. One edition sold for \$6.95, one for \$3.95 and one, a Penguin Classics version, for \$2.50. Guess what? The Penguin edition was not only cheaper but it was far better in terms of editorial content. Of course, far be it for a lowly student to question the almighty wisdom of the departments, professors, bookstore as to why 3 different versions, in sets of 35 copies each, were ordered instead of 105 copies of the single cheap edition.

Another thing to watch out for is different prices on the same book. Supposedly, the differences in shipping times cause the price increase. Ha! More likely a plot to keep escalating the prices of books without anyone noticing it. A student walks in, picks up a book and finds one copy, left over from last weeks shipment, that is

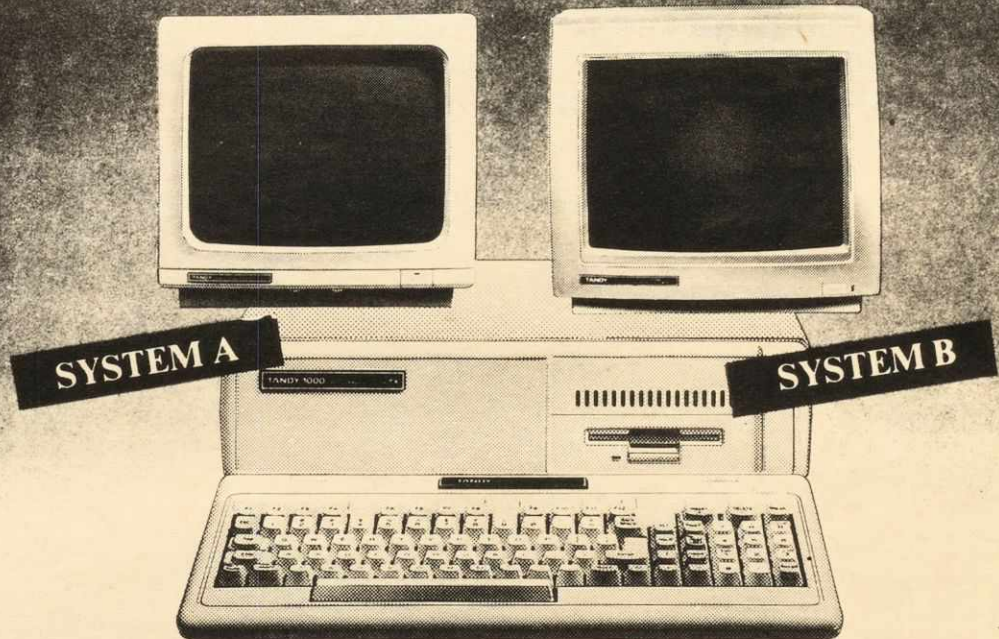
cheaper than the newest order (which is purposely too small). Feeling pleased that he is getting the better end of a bookstore mistake, he buys his book and walks off all happy and smug. What he does not realize is that as soon as the current copies dwindle to non-existence (causing a re-order and a justifiable price hike) the new copies will be placed on the shelf with no-one the wiser that the price has increased.

Granted, the above ideas are only theories. Unfortunately, the only thing that would get the truth out of the bookstore is a Spanish Inquisition. Changes are needed... and soon. With increasing tuition and living costs, many students may not have to worry about buying books from Dalhousie University Bookstore ever again. Yes indeed, Canada has instilled the true spirit of capitalism in her entrepreneurs: steal from the young and poor and pay alms to the rich and powerful.

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Linda Frum continues her attack 'U of T National disgrace'

by Isabel Vincent

TORONTO (CUP) — The author of the controversial book **Linda Frum's Guide to Canadian Universities** has struck again with a recently published article, *Reach for the Mediocre*, which contends that Canadian post-secondary education has dropped below international academic standards of excellence, and that most universities are "soulless and alienating."

The piece, published in this month's Saturday Night magazine, calls the universities of Toronto, Manitoba, Regina,

Windsor and Laurentian a "national disgrace".

University officials are already attacking Frum's research.

"Linda Frum's article is as ill-documented as possible. I'm fed up with journalism that deals in generalizations and blanket statements. The article is bullshit," said David Klausner, acting director of the University of Toronto's Medieval Studies department.

U of T president George Connell called the article "a worthless piece of journalism."

Frum called the University of Toronto "the most tragically

wasted opportunity in Canadian education."

The writer isn't surprised by all the criticism.

"I didn't expect any of the universities I wrote about to be happy," she said. "But everybody is entitled to their own opinion."

The article is anecdotal and unsubstantiated, claims Terry Johnston, liaison officer at U of T's Association of Part-Time Undergraduate Students.

He cited use of the 1984 Report of the Task Force on the Student Experience compiled by the university's Faculty of Arts and Science. The study showed that 42 per cent of students felt alienated, but methods used to obtain the results were 'unscientific', Johnston said. The information was compiled from randomly distributed questionnaires and open forums. Only 800 were returned.

Frum dismissed complaints about her research methods, suggesting that they are a defensive and easy form of attack.

"I feel better already. It's very hard to get figures on student satisfaction. I feel that the surveys I cited were extremely comparable. If people are criticizing me on these points I feel I'm in pretty good shape. I think it (the article) stands on its own." Frum said in her article that the solution to university problems included restricting accessibility and hiking tuition fees.

The U of T's Klausner feels Frum doesn't address the root problem of Canadian universities: government underfunding.

"We have our problems here and we could be better, but the provincial and federal governments have chosen not to fund us adequately," said Klausner. "Our capacity to deliver good undergraduate education is down."

Klausner also disagrees with Frum's notion of a two-tiered university system that would place "gifted" students in two or three elite universities and mediocre students in middling universities.

"It's a hateful idea. The two-tiered system goes against the accessibility of education," Klausner said.

Fred Wilson, president of the U of T Faculty Association, notes that Frum recalls with nostalgia the elitist system of the 1950s. He said the sentiment is "misplaced" as it recalls a time when women and ethnic minorities were barred from post-secondary education.

Officials in the university's admissions department are concerned that Frum's negative publicity may affect U of T enrollment.

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(Alan Sharpe is a second-year student in the Peace and Conflict Studies Program at the University of Toronto. He joined the Royal Marines at age 16 and served nine years, including two tours of duty in Northern Ireland and active service in the Falkland Islands-Malvinas war.)

Walking the walk

By Alan Sharpe
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"Put all your kit (equipment) on the deck!" yells the instructor. "Stop acting like a bunch of brown-hatters (homosexuals) and start switching on! (thinking)," shouts another.

To the civilian, each instructor looks frighteningly fit and good at what he does. He also speaks a language the recruit has never heard before.

The British Royal Marines need nine months to turn civilian men into fully-trained fighters (there are no women in the corps). When he first steps off the train at the Commando Training Centre in Devon, the civilian is met by the training team and the person who appears to be in charge assure the new arrivals that he is reasonable and fair.

"I'm Sergeant Madsen, your TL (training leader)," he says, "and I'm the one who is going to turn you from nods (recruits) into bootnecks (Royal Marines). I'm a wazzer egg (great guy) and a good run-ashore (night on the town). You play ball with me and I'll hit you over the head with a cricket bat."

The civilian may not realize it yet but he has just discovered the language of the Royal Marines. In nine months, if he is not part of the 70 per cent who fail commando training, he will have mastered him.

The civilian now has short hair, wears a uniform and the training structures his life, but these conditions he expected. It takes more time to get used to the new way he must speak.

He is now in "The Corps" — one of the Royal Nova's soldiers. Even on dry land, nautical terminology is mandatory. He sweeps the deck, not the floor. He goes to the galley (kitchen) at scan time (meal time) with his yaffling spanners (knife, fort, etc.) in order to get Harry toppers (very full). He sleeps in his pit and, in the morning he no longer gets dressed, he puts on his rig.

Surrounded daily by the language, the recruit finds it the only method of communication. The idiosyncrasies of the Royal Marines must be accepted. To do otherwise is folly.

What is this in the gash can, Sharpe?" asks the instructor (a gash can is a shallow chrome garbage can used in barrack rooms).

"It's garbage, Sergeant," replies Sharpe.

"Give me 20 good ones (push-ups), Sharpe. Now, what is this in the gash can?"

"Oh, it's gash, Sergeant," says Sharpe, panting.

"And what is it doing in the gash can, Sharpe?"

This is the puzzling part. "Well," says Sharpe, his mind racing, "it's gash . . . so I put it in . . . the gash can, Sergeant."

"We don't put gash in the gash can, Sharpe. It has to be gleaming-spankers-clean every time I walk into this room; do you understand?"

"Yes Sergeant," says Sharpe, lying.

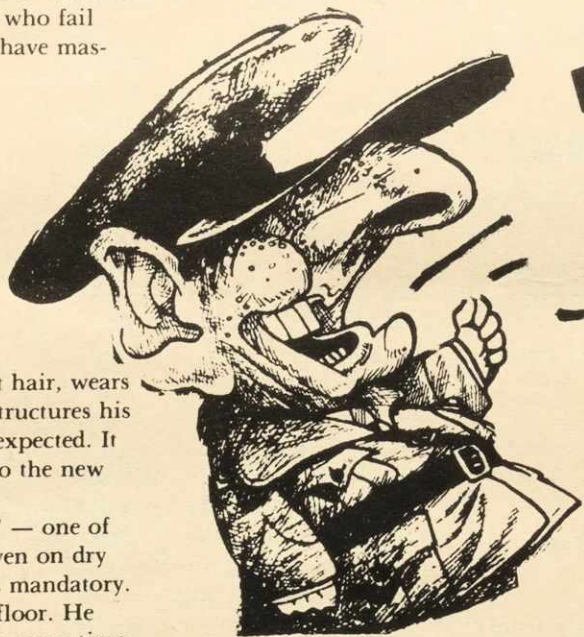
Eventually, the recruit understands that his life is not his own anymore. He moves closer to becoming someone who

Upon completing training, the Royal Marine is posted to a commando unit of 800 men where he generally serves as a rifleman in a section of eight. The language no longer serves to shape him but to keep him apart from civilians and other services.

In the Falklands, he dehumanizes the Argentine enemy by saying he is going to "frag some spics" with fragmentation grenades. In Northern Ireland, when an IRA terrorist blows himself up, he calls it a "home goal", after the soccer phrase for players who score into their own net by mistake.

While he is in the Corps, the Royal Marine's language makes him feel part of a small, tightly-knit community of like-minded men. They dress, act and think the same. He is part of the team. He travels the world. He is paid well. He is admired by his parents, respected by other armed services and feared by his enemies — as long as he remains "inside," walking the walk and talking the talk.

To most, leaving the Corps, or "getting outside", is unpleasant. Back in



Talking the talk

no longer thinks like an autonomous individual but like a Royal Marine.

By deciding to stay, the recruit now identifies more with the Royal Marines than with civilian life. He calls those out of uniform "dumb civvies," calls a night on the town a "run-ashore", and when going out with his buddies ("oppos") to meet women ("parties") he talks not of picking them up but of "going trapping".

He no longer just dresses and talks like a Royal Marine, he begins to feel like one.

But unlike defense intellectuals and nuclear war strategists, the Royal Marine uses little abstraction to distance himself from the reality of war.

He refers to enemy gun positions as being "destroyed by friendly (his) artillery fire," not as having been taken out. When artillery falls on the ground, he does not call the spread of bombs the footprint but "the killing area". Innocent civilians killed in the line of fire aren't collateral damage, they are "civilian casualties."

civilian life, the ex-Royal Marine begins putting his feet on the floor, not the deck, and starts dating women, not trapping girls.

All ex-Royal Marines quickly stop using the old language. But none, at least none very quickly, can stop thinking the way they used to, for they have mastered the language and the language has mastered them.



54:40 played Pub Flamingo on September 22 to 24, giving an impressive show of older songs and new material from "Show me", their newest release. Here we have (from left to right) Phil Comparelli, Neil Osborne and Brad Merritt.

54:40 thunder through old and new

by Payne Schwarz

You can't describe 54:40 live. You can't describe 54:40 live. You can't describe 54:40 live. All you can do is experience it.

54:40 played three nights at Pub Flamingo last week to packed crowds, giving undoubtedly some of the most impressive shows ever seen at the pub. They thundered through their latest release *Show Me* as well as other previously released songs from their 2nd L.P. *54:40*.

Opened by local band, **Black Pool**, each concert displayed an impressive variety of energy, from restraint and control, to pure passion and fury.

The mood of the evening was initiated by the up-and-coming local band **Black Pool**. They served as an appetizer, playing a well balanced mix of original and cover songs.

When 54:40 came to the stage, they did it with a wall of power. This was kept up constantly for well over eighty minutes as the band played their hard-edged alternative rock music. The impassioned lyrics, sung by lead singer/guitarist Neil Osborne, captured the audience's attention better than the driving, forceful rhythm of the band itself.

They were tight, and always together, as they breathed new life into their older singles *Baby Ran* and *I Go Blind*. Their newer songs had a maturity and complexity about them that demonstrates exactly how good this band is. The most recent singles *Walk in Line*, *One Day in Your Life*, and *One Gun* demonstrated a newfound vitality in the undiluted energy and

exceptional clarity of the songs, both musically and vocally. The live power of these songs is absolutely captivating. Throughout each concert, the dance floor was constantly overflowing as people danced their way through the entire set. Neil Osborne portrayed the aloof professionalism of the band, seldom talking to the audience, yet always managing to keep the intimate atmosphere of the small pub intact; he had a magnetism that was only magnified by the presence of the rest of the band. The fluid bass lines, the graceful, driving guitar, and solid drumming served as an excellent base on which to put Neil's impassioned lyrics. Listening to 54:40 live, one can't help but wonder how the band can record anything so powerful on vinyl.

Indeed, a comparison of 54:40 live to their records will cause the listener slight disappointment; 54:40's albums are excellently recorded and produced, but they unfortunately fall short of capturing the live energy of the band. 54:40 have the urgency, power, and aggression of the raw garage band, with the polish and finesse of a seasoned group. Their live show is an undeniable mixture of intensity and skill, power and passion. Indeed, the only criticism that can be given on 54:40's recent *Show Me* tour is that the show was not long enough — even with the twenty minute encore, and a solid sixty-five minute concert.

After all is said, 54:40 live is difficult to describe; they have to be seen to be believed, and they are beyond comparison. You can't describe 54:40 live, you must experience it.



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Sweaty poetry write-off

by BTHill

Streams of Consciousness from the middle of the very first Grawood Poetry Sweatshop, Tuesday, September 27.

I see lots of poets sitting nervous but pretty. I know some of these people. They told me and I told some of them to come tonight. I know some other people here. They came to eat and drink. I don't know the rest. Alex Gigeroff, programme director and general campus rat, introduces the rules, bla, bla, bla . . . a page from thesaurus, bla bla, bla . . . 30 minutes, bla, bla, bla . . . Go!

We started and everyone's talking at my table. "Maxine", "Ziggy", "Frances Malone" and "Boots" (that's me). A bit tense. We're at a small table and this ain't bridge. No little sandwiches with the crusts cut off. Julie is the first to break away and hit the rug. I hit the jackpot. Near the middle of my thesaurus page I find "see circumscription, limit, subjection, retention, punishment, dissuasion." I go for dissuasion, lots of sweat, beer, "Ziggy" hits the floor and my food arrives — a Chimo burger I designed myself, sauerkraut, Cajun sauce, fresh mushrooms and fries. Thanks.

The woman at the next table takes over while I eat. She writes, "The woman at the next table comments on how gross my meal looks and I guess I have to admit it does look pretty bad . . . I pounce my burger anyhow. Yet another woman shrieks as she is "thrown" into a writer's block . . ." I can't read the rest through the Cajun sauce, improvise.

Finished. The burger, the poem. Still got half a beer left, sweat is pouring. I wish for naked. (Poetry, eh?)

Soon. It's over. 30 minutes up. I'm hot but clothed.

Some comments. (We're waiting for Maxine Tynes to adjudicate) . . .

"Worst piece of trash I ever wrote." (a sure winner)

"We all should have been more drunk." (kids these days)

"My ribs are sore from lying on the carpet." (Julie)

"Hey, things are looking up, Terry's buying rounds." (me again)

Best poet in the house is serving beer. I recognize him from the English department. Oops, better get a lid on these barfly sentiments.

Finally. The top ten, "Bud Egg", "King King", "Fish", "Wilson the Sheep", "Kathy" (she left earlier), "Dino", "Edward Noon", "Boot" — say what! me? I walk up, shaking, read, shark. read. shake to finish. I'm shaking while "Ann Smith" talks through her poem. I'm calmer but that's not a word. Last call . . . "Jim" (she left too). Alex fills in.

Okay. Maxine is checking out the winners, top three. I want the money; the Bukowski persona is edging me off my stool. More beer.

Unspoken

God walks into the bar

And saunters over to the counter

Orders a bitters

What luck!

I have a million questions to ask
And Im in need of a good healing, too.

My God,
It's gotten complex.
How does anyone arrive
At a peaceful resolution
Even with themselves?

But God has a perfect plan
He could sterilize us all
And make us perfect too.

Instead, he's only speaking
in Hebrew

And my questions remain
Unspoken.

by Andre Norbonne ("Dino")

Humbug

The sky is black and blue — a
potential flurry of snow hovering
above us.

We huddle, in our thick winter
coats,

Standing on our own corner.

The three of us,

far away from the howl

and the hullabaloo of downtown.

In this city of humans

we can hum together, with

no one to hear under the

huge hug of

the sky.

by Heather Adams ("Kathy")

habit of non-birth at the abbey

abbey . . . abeo

a beowulf in the background?

perhaps amongst the others.

hear their stories,

kept short to get it all on the

stones — rid of fear or other silly

sentimental details.

count the headstones

buried deep, he doesn't feel Meorot Hall

quaking is the wind, buffeted by

the monster's whims.

kindly Dane, dead now but so young

count the headstones.

in the land, below your heart

behind your eyes. you had sinned;

had you revealed to all the men

in black behind the curtain

(Hail Mary mother of God, Hail Mary . . .)

or did God leave your soul behind

to be eaten with the rest

by the worms. or had you sinned yet?

count the headstones

and they are small stones

to commemorate small lives.

few have names for few were

named.

abbey — abba

father please; wish that i could do

something

anything, that you would take me

back.

count the headstones

i am lost, i am found

i am six feet underground

i am tossed, i am torn

i am dead and yet unborn.

dig in with both hands — and pull out

a little life . . .

by Roy MacLean ("Wilson the Sheep")



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Take 15 on Atlantic film focus

by Christina Frei

It was with some trepidation that I went to the National Film Board Theatre on Argyle St. last Friday night to see a sample of the work done by Atlantic Canadian filmmakers over the past fifteen years. Running from September 9

to October 28, *Take 15* is a series which showcases a variety of films done by the Board's regional studio, the Atlantic Centre, over its fifteen year history.

The sense of foreboding I felt upon going into the Theatre was due to the idea I have had about documentary films dating back to

my elementary school years — that they are little more than monotonous educational experiences.

Happily though, I found myself being not only enlightened, but even agreeably entertained. The films I saw focussed on some historical aspects of the

maritime provinces. *Empty Harbours*, *Empty Dreams*, the 'signature film' of the NFB Atlantic Centre, uses contemporary cartoons, photographs, and film footage interspersed with interviews and folk songs to evoke a realistic picture of 19th century Canada. The film details the history of the Maritimes, as a part of Canada which was betrayed by Confederation.

"It is difficult to do films on economic history which are also visually strong", says Harold Rennie, NFB's information officer for the Atlantic region. Not only does *Empty Harbours*, *Empty Dreams* succeed in that, but, adds Rennie, it has also "made its mark nationally." The film has been screened on T.V. and in theatres across Canada.

The second film shown was called *Fixed in Time*. Wittily narrated by John Neville and starring Sherman Hines, it is a vivacious little portrait of Halifax in the 19th century, as seen through the eyes of photographer Oliver Massey Hill.

The films in the *Take 15* series range in length from 2 minutes to almost an hour. They are grouped according to a common theme such as history, community, or social action. Together they comprise either the best or the most controversial works ever done by the regional studio.

Harold Rennie describes how the focus of the predominantly Atlantic Canadian filmmakers has changed since 1973.

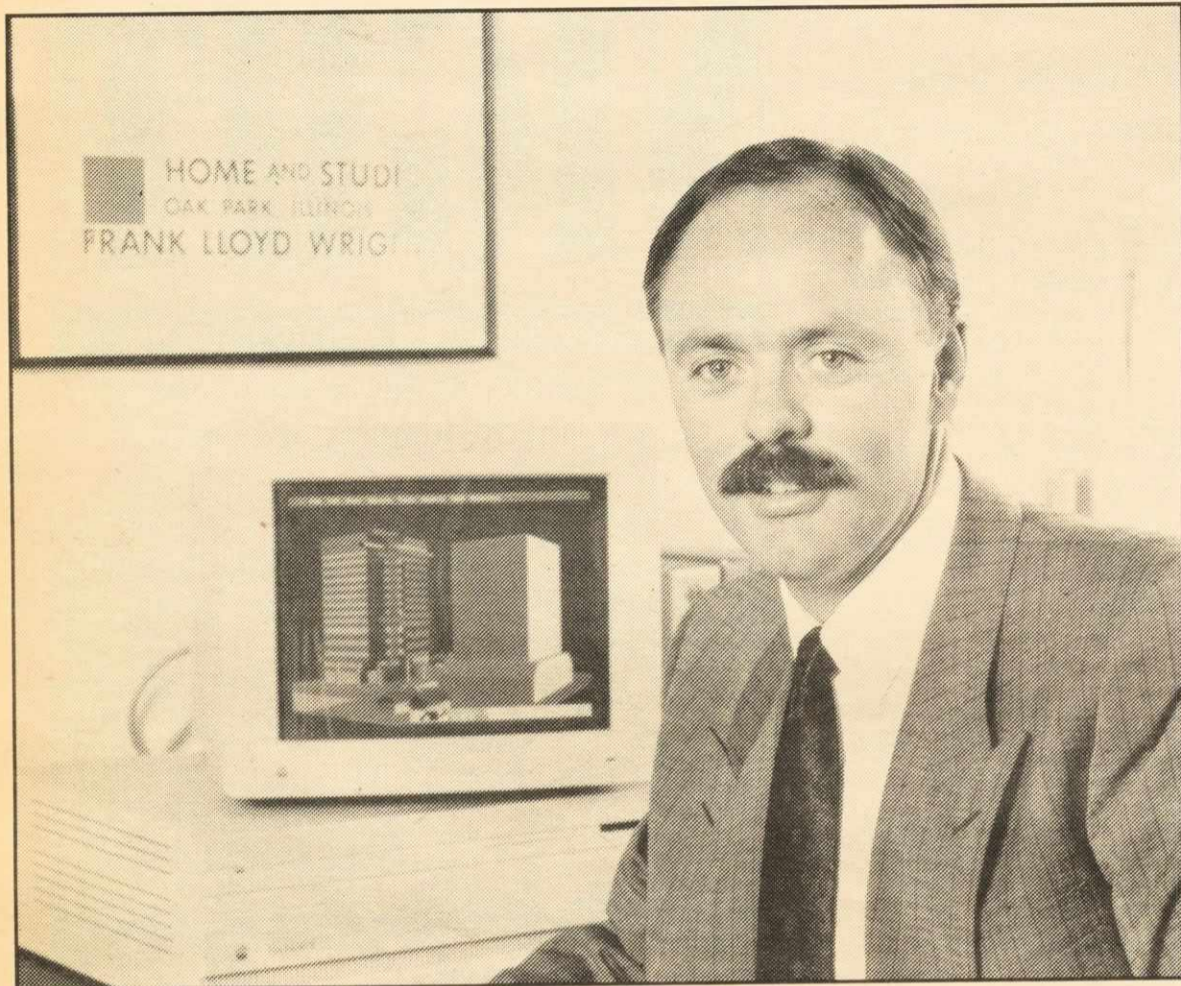
"In the first years of the Atlan-

tic Centre, there was a tendency to do a lot of historical films due to the rich history of the region and because little of it had been recorded on film. History is not the only aspect anymore. There are more attempts now to deal with more social activist issues. The interest is still there, but we are looking at other things."

These 'other things' include the radical documentary *Herbicide Trials*. Describing Cape Breton environmentalists' fight against pesticide spraying, it is a film which has elicited both positive and negative response across Canada. It will be shown together with *Offshore Oil: Are We Ready?* tomorrow night. Both films have had a "good deal of attention and impact on many other parts of the country," and, as Rennie points out, "have really struck a chord in other audiences."

There can be no doubt that Atlantic Canadian filmmakers are proving themselves both creatively and technically. And it is to the NFB's credit that its initiative in founding a regionally-based studio in the Maritimes has allowed such fine films to be made.

The *Take 15* retrospective will coincide next month with the annual Atlantic Film and Video Festival during which new NFB films will be presented. Award winners from both the past and the present can be seen on October 21 thus effectively highlighting the development of the studio's work.



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Parking lot muddies playing field

Studley field sodless, Admin not

by Brian Lennox

For new students to Dalhousie who are unfamiliar with the university, Studley Field is this school's playing surface for varsity sports and intramurals during the fall. For those returning

fence the field off are wasted. By late September, Studley Field begins to resemble a thinning hair line. The grass that does remain, usually along the sidelines, has more weeds than grass. To add further embarrassment, the field is surrounded by one of

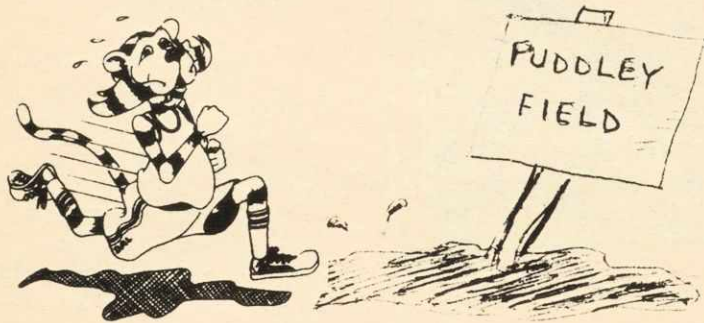
excellent track surface that Dalhousie track athletes and other athletes could train on. Today, it has been turned into a parking area. During soccer games that begin at 4 p.m. on weekdays the ball on many occasions hits parked cars. It is surprising that a soccer ball has yet to smash a car window. If a soccer ball hits one of the administrations' vehicles something would probably be done. Dalhousie's soccer field and parking lot have become the biggest joke of the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association.

With the Dalhousie men's soccer team winning its first four games, it is a shame that they will have to play on such a surface. If the men should happen to host a playoff match Studley Field may not be playable as late October rainy nights can turn Studley into a mud bowl.

There are some things the university could do to improve the situation. They could try to re-

sod the field every two years, especially down the middle. Improved maintenance of the field during the fall when it is in heavy use would help. When there is heavy rainfall the field should be reserved for varsity

events only. These are only short term measures, there really should be some long term plans to upgrade Studley Field such as having a real track surface which the students, faculty, and the whole community could use.



students you must wonder when, if ever, the field will be improved. How can this university have such a poor playing surface?

Studley Field is fenced off during the summer so that the grass can grow back, especially down the middle of the field. However, the efforts of the Physical Plant to

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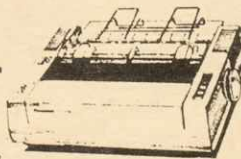
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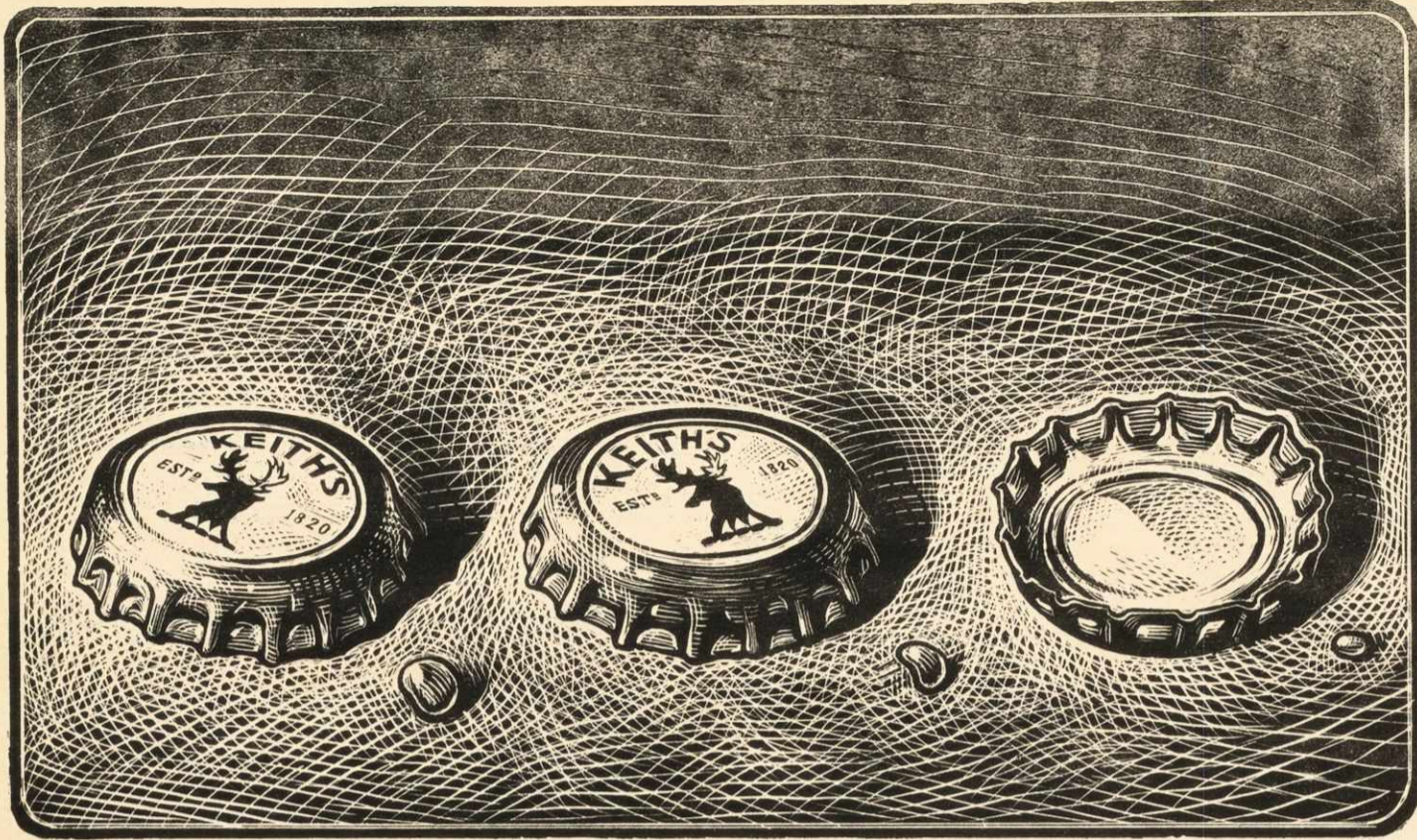
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Soccer Tigers claim first place

by Brian Lennox

Barring a complete collapse, the Dalhousie men's soccer team will make the Atlantic Universities Athletic Association playoffs for the first time in six seasons. On Sunday, the Tigers beat Memorial University of Newfoundland, 1-0. The win moved the Tigers' record to 4-0 and left them as the only undefeated team in the AUAA.

Dalhousie head coach, Ray McNeil was pleased with the win but felt the game was rather sloppy. McNeil believed the physical style of MUN was partly responsible for the sloppy play. James Leiper scored the only goal at the 30 minute mark on a shot from 15 yards out. McNeil was also less than pleased with the playing conditions of Studley Field. Certainly, Dalhousie's more skilled players like Jeff Conatser, James Leiper, and Miles Page have difficulties controlling the ball on the rough playing surface.

The Tigers' first place standing is something new for every Tiger. In fact, McNeil believes the players may not yet realize what position they are in as a team. The Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union rankings this week may show the Tigers being ranked in the top ten in Canada, a position Dalhousie has not been in for a number of years. This weekend the Tigers will host Acadia on Friday and UNB on Saturday. Should the Tigers win these two games, they would certainly be the team to beat in the AUAA.

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Social Dance Classes at the Halifax YWCA with instructor Mair Davis will teach the basics of the foxtrot, jive, waltz, samba, polka and cha cha. Contact Lisa Boudreau 423-6162.

Weekly mass at the Campus Ministry of Dalhousie University takes place 11:45 Mon-Fri in room 310 of the Dal SUB and 4 pm Sundays in the

Coping with Cancer, an information and support group program for Cancer patients, their families and friends, meet the first Wednesday of each month from 7 - 8:30 pm at the Nova Scotia Treatment and Research Foundation, University Avenue entrance, Halifax.

ANGLICAN SERVICES - King's College Chapel, Coburg Road entrance. Sunday, 11 am, Sung Eucharist. Wednesday, 5pm, Evensong. Thursday, 5 pm, Solemn Eucharist. Daily said services at 8 am, 5 pm, and 10 pm. Anglican chaplain at Dal is Dr. Richmond Bridge.

EXTEND-A-FAMILY - Volunteers are needed to become friends with a disabled child. Get in touch with Extend-A-Family Halifax at 423-9464.

PHOTO BUFFS - The Dalhousie Staff Association is sponsoring an amateur photography contest. First prize is a 35mm Minolta Maxxum. Entry deadline is October 7th. Call 424-2150 for info.

WORSHIP — Real Life Fellowship at Dalhousie holds weekly worship Sundays at 11:45 in the Dal SUB Room 314 and a teaching class on Sundays at 6:30 pm.

SHARE YOUR LOVE of reading with a child. Be a volunteer with the reading support program. Contact Ruth Parkin 421-6987 at the North Branch Library or Dorothy Minaker at the Mainland South Branch Library 421-8766.

VOLUNTEERS — The Building Bridges Program is looking for volunteers to provide one-to-one support for adults with mental health problems. Orientation and training provided. For more info call Shelley at 422-3087 or 422-6114.

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING — Free Assertiveness Training Workshops Just for Women are being offered through Women's Employment Outreach and Veith House. To register or for more info call Cheryl Downton at 453-4320.

MacMechan room of the Killam Library.

The Nova Scotia Council for Multicultural Health is looking for members. The Council promotes culture-sensitive health care by linking ethnic communities with the health care system. Call Isaac, 424-2378 or Pat, 423-6534.

International

MISA - The Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association needs volunteers for the host program and for their English as a second language program. Call 423-3607.

HOST FAMILY - The Host Family Association of Halifax County needs people interested in learning about other peoples and cultures in a social setting. You don't have to be a nuclear family to reach out to the more than 1,500 international students studying in the metro area. The HFA offers an orientation session for volunteers at least three times a year. For more info, call Sally 861-1484 or Fran 443-3008.

Exhibits

ANNA LEONOWENS GALLERY at the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design, 1891 Granville St. — From Sept 27 to Oct 8, in Gallery 3 *Sexual Difference and Power* by Steven Evans. In Gallery 2 paintings by Susan Vitale entitled *Dover*. Beginning Oct 4 in Gallery 1 is the *Design Office Exhibition* and in Gallery 2 a sculptural installation by Grace McKnight entitled *Nesting, Primal*

Stuff.

Sept 9 - Oct 15: **Visual Variations: African Sculpture** from the Justin and Elizabeth Lang Collection including over 60 domestic and ceremonial objects created by the people of West Africa is at the Dalhousie Art Gallery, 6101 University Ave. Tel 424-2403.

Sept 10 - January 2: The Nova Scotia Museum will present **Whales, Fragile Giants of the Sea**, a travelling exhibit of the Museum of Natural Sciences. Tel 429-4610.

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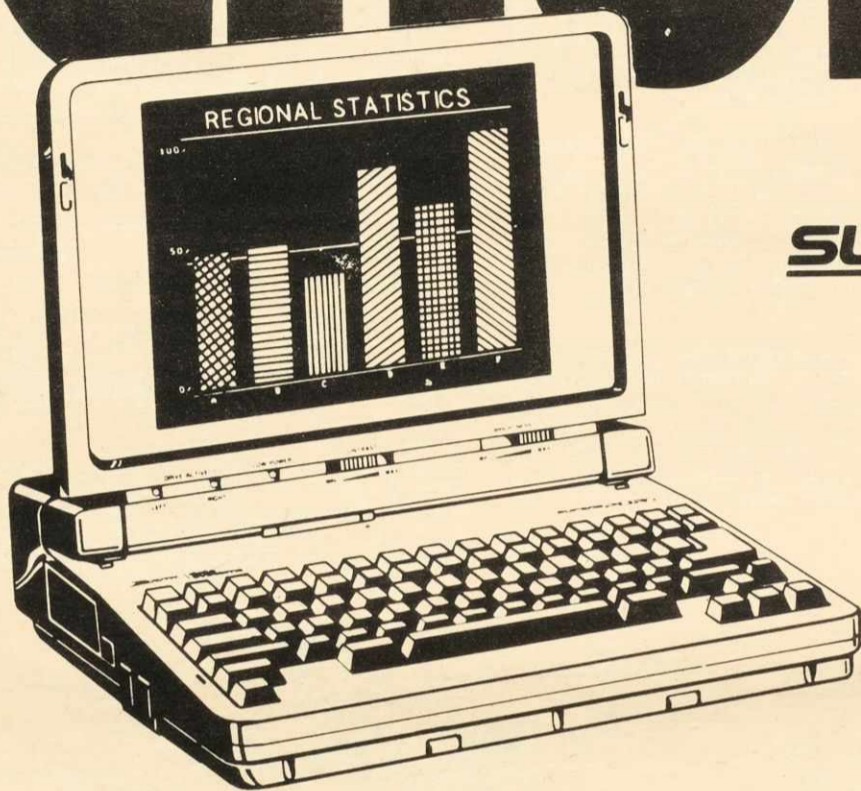
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CALENDAR



Check out this week's calendar of events if you don't want to miss out on anything.

September 29 to October 6

Thursday 29

GLAD MEETING — Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie are holding their bi-weekly meeting today at 6:30 in Room 314 of the Dalhousie SUB. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

OPEN HOUSE — Women Health and Medicine (WHAM) presents a Health Professions Orientation Reception with a Community Outreach Open House today from 7 to 11 pm in the Health Professions Lounge, Tupper Building. For more info, call Elaine 424-2562.

FILMS — Tonight is the last showing of *White Mischief* at Wormwoods Cinema (on Gottingen at Cogswell) at 7 and 9:15 pm. This film reveals the decadence of the British in Kenya during the second World War in soap opera fashion. *The Doors Live in Hollywood*, starring

Jim Morrison is the feature video at the Halifax Main Branch Library at 7 pm.

Friday 30

GENERAL MEETING — the Dal-Mount Caribbean Society meets today at 4:30 pm in Room 316

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CONCERT — The Early Music Society presents the first in a series of concerts tonight at 8 pm in the King's College Chapel on Coburg Rd.

FILMS — *A Handful of Dust* is playing at Wormwoods Cinema (on Gottingen at Cogswell) until Oct 10 at 7 and 9:15. A vintage Evelyn Waugh satire of the British upper crust

between the wars. *Dogs in Space* is the latest movie tonight and Sat at midnight. A mosaic of communal life in Melbourne Australia in the 70s.

LECTURE — Perestroika; Revolution or Correction of course? is the lecture being held in the political Science Lounge, A & A Building at 3:30 pm. Speaker is Alexei Izyumov of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

Saturday 1

CONCERT — The Port Talbot Cymric Male Choir will give a concert at Saint Mary's Basilica tonight at 8 pm.

ATLANTIC FAIR — Texas Instruments of Nova Scotia is holding the TI Fair at Acadia School, Lower Sackville. For more info., call 454-0232.

RED CROSS — Pre-school emergency first aid course for adults and Basic CPR for adults and children

will be held today. For more info call the Red Cross 423-9181

Sunday 2

FILMS — *Dogs in Space* is at Wormwoods Cinema today at 2 pm. It is a mosaic of communal life in Melbourne Australia during the late 70s.

Monday 3

TALK — Marguerite Andersen, the chair of the Women's Studies Dept at Mount St. Vincent will speak *About Love* today at 4 pm in the English Lounge on Henry St. Wine and Cheese will follow.

FILMS — The DSU Monday Movie Night presents *Stand and Deliver* at 8 pm in the McInnes Room of the Dal SUB. Bring your student saver card for a discount.

GAZETTE MEETING — The weekly staff meeting of the Gazette, Dalhousie's Student Paper, is at 5:30 on the third floor of the SUB (we're not sure what the room number really is). Come up and join us.

Tuesday 4

FILMS — Part 5 of the film and video series, *The Africans*, is at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. *New Conflicts* explores the tensions inherent in the juxtaposition of the three heritages. Screenings are at 12:30 and 8 pm and admission is free.

TALK — Cathy Shaw, silver medalist in the Laser Women's Worlds, will talk about the excitement of *Sailing the Canadian Designed Laser* tonight at 7:30 pm at the Maritime Museum, 1675 Lower Water St.

Wednesday 5

ORIENTATION MEETING — Amnesty International is holding a new member's orientation meeting tonight at 8 pm in Room 318 of the Dal SUB. All are welcome. For more info call Davies Bagambiire at 423-4535 or 420-1144.

MEETING — Of interested persons wishing to help start a N.S. Chapter of the Canadian Down Syndrome Society at 7:30 in the Progress Centre, 5867 Spring Garden Rd. Call 889-2099 or 454-6443.

Thursday 6

LECTURE — The Dorothy J. Killam Memorial Lecture Series begins tonight with a lecture by Jan Vansina called *A Past for the Future*. The theme of this year's series is *Africa, Past Present Prospective* and they are held in the Cohn Auditorium of the Dal Arts Centre at 8 pm tonight, Oct 13 and finally Oct 20.

SEMINAR — Professor Laurie Thompson of the Dept of chemistry of Memorial University, Nfld will give a seminar on *Binuclear Copper Coordination Complexes* at 1:30 pm in the LSC Rm 206. Coffee and donuts will be served at 1:15 pm in Rm 231.

DINNER — The Dalhousie Advocacy of Physically Challenged are having their First Annual Dinner tonight at 6:30 pm in the McInnes Room of the Dal SUB. It's \$20 per plate. For more info call Andrew Nurse, 420-1154.

YWCA - Handywoman series will help women become Wonder Women in caring for their homes and cars. And then there's Women and Wellness, a series of discussions on health issues, including video display terminals, depression and stress. Call the Y at 423-6162.

SPEAKEASY - Dal Counselling offers this free, five-session for those of us who freeze in group discussions. Call 424-2081 or drop in their offices, 4th floor Dal SUB.

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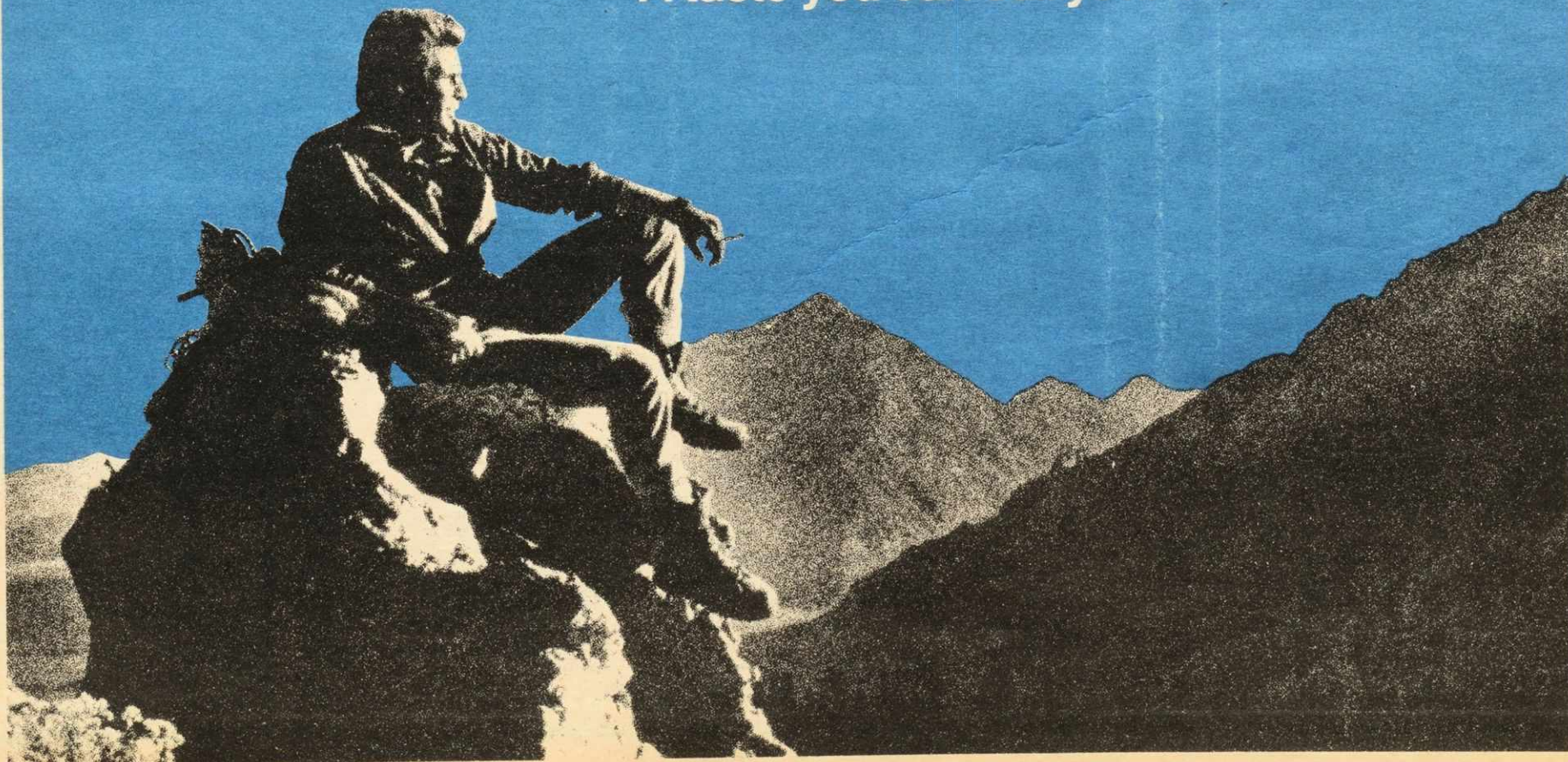
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