## PENGUIN LOST

words by: bruce d. gilchrist

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with apologies to Berkley Breathed

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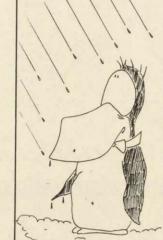
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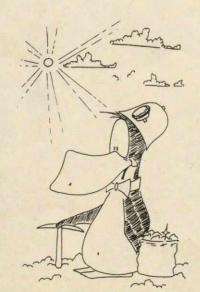




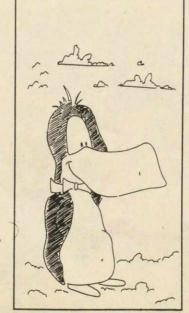
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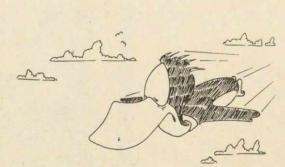
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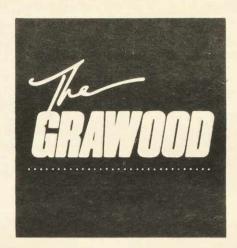
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## **CROSSCANADA**

### Santa gives CFS new plan

OTTAWA (CUP)-Delegates to the annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students sent a strong message to federal and provincial governments about post-secondary funding.

CFS delegates from across Canada soundly defeated a motion to withdraw opposition to the principle of an income-contingent loan repayment plan at its Nov. 17-22 meeting.

An income-contingent plan allows students to repay their loans according to a fixed percentage of future income after graduation.

In a report released last June, CFS said such a plan would give universities greater autonomy from government, giving them the right to increase tuition fees. The report said that would create an unmanageable debt load for students.

Delegate Shawn Rapley, president of Carleton University's student council, said only about 10 out of 52 university delegates supported the principle of income-contingent loan repayment. "That's a strong message to the federal and provincial governments," he said.

### Suede denim secret police

MONTREAL (CUP)-The classmate you borrowed a pen from last week may not have been a student. In fact, he or she might have been a plainclothes security guard casing your class.

That sounds like fiction, but Concordia University's security director Michel Bujold says it's not. Bujold says it's common practice for security guards at Concordia to go undercover, posing as students attending classes, to get information about students and others suspected of criminal activity.

But student council co-president Charlene Nero says campus security is not mandated to do plainclothes surveillance. "The department is called CSS (Campus Security Services) not CIA., "she said. "They're not supposed to be in there trying to collect intelligence. "We have the director repeatedly telling us he doesn't want to turn the university into a police state, and we find that we have undercover cops in our classrooms.

### The right burn to your bra

TORONTO (CUP)-Five Ontario women are on trial in Kitchener, Ont. this week for baring their breasts at a rally last summer.

The women-including a secretary at the University of Torontowere charged with committing an indecent act after they bared their breasts during a protest in support of University of Guelph student Gwen Jacobs at a Waterloo, Ont. park last July 18.

Jacobs was convicted of the same charge last year after she took off her shirt in the streets of Guelph, Ont.

"The issue is not about taking a blouse off in a park," Anne Hansen, the U of T secretary, said in an interview. "It's about equality under the law, and taking ownership of our bodies. I feel that I have the right to define my own sexuality."

The trial began Nov. 24. Final arguments will be heard Dec. 14

### This bud's for you

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)-Memorial University spent \$18,000 this fall maintaining an on-campus rose garden. And two campus administrators say it's been a wise investment.

The university wouldn't be giving students the fullest university experience possible if projects like the rose garden didn't exist, said Ewing Miller, director of university works, and Victoria Collins, the director of university relations.

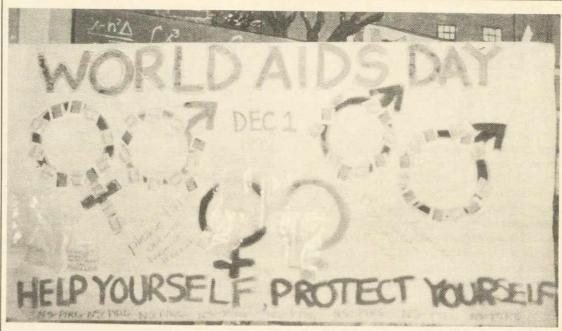
Collins said the area the rose garden is located in looked "untended." The university hoped that by upgrading that area, the campus atmosphere would be enhanced, and a place where students and faculty could gather would be created.

The money used to maintain the garden came from the university's general operating budget. The university decided to use surplus funds in the budget on the garden, said Ewing.

Collins said the garden upkeep should not be considered a frivolous expense. "One has to maintain things that they own. If you made an investment in anything like buildings or grounds, you are losing money if you don't maintain it."

The rose garden is now part of the university's "normal" landscaping budget. Its general upkeep-approximately \$2000.

#### news



## Global campaign hits home

December 1st marked World Aids Day. Among the events were No Art Day, whereby galleries were closed to commemorate lives lost due to AIDS in the arts world. At Dalhousie NS PIRG-Dal (Public Interest Research Group), sponsored skits promoting safe sex and awareness focussing on women and AIDS.

# Reflecting upon reflections

by Judy Reid

Think about the six women closest to you.

Now think about which one will be raped this year.

This was just one poster that could be viewed in the SUB during Week of Reflection. From November 23rd to November 27th, the Dalhousie Women's Collective in co-operation with NS-PIRG, Dal Menfor Change, Dalhousie Women and the Law and the Dalhousie Sexual Assault Education Team, organized many events starting with an art exhibit on Monday in the Green Room of the SUB and ending with an open-mike session on Friday.

All discussions, films and workshops commemorated the fourteen women who were murdered on December 6th, 1989 in Montreal as well as informed students of the different forms violence against women could take.

From Monday to Friday in the SUB, below a banner that reads "Whether Words, Blows or Bullets, Violence Kills" the Dalhousie Women's Collective handed out purple ribbons and encouraged students to sign several petitions. Money donated by students in exchange for a purple ribbon, totalled over \$500 and will be distributed by the Women's Action Coalition to various women's shelters in Nova Scotia.

Approximately 750 signatures were collected from men and women. The petitions showed support of Dalhousie having a Women's Centre, asked the provincial government to provide better services for sexual assault victims and called upon the United Nations to address women's human rights and gender violence during the first world conference on Human Rights to be held in 25 years.

Dana James of the Dalhousie Women's Collective was thrilled with the number of people who participated in Week of Reflection. "I was really amazed at the attendance. About 500 people stopped by our table to get a ribbon or just to chat." She adds, "To me that means a lot. It renews my faith in university people."

one student wasn't as enthusias-

## hope and strong voices for women



tic with the amount of involvement of the student body. "Sure it's good to see 80 people attend a film on pornography. But when you realize that Dal has 10000 students, that's a very small percentage of the population."

Tryna Booth of the Dalhousie Women's Collective, on the other hand was pleased with the amount of participation. "You have to remember that it's a busy time of year and people are budgeting their time."

Adam Block is a first year Dalhou-

sie student who in his political science class and in the SUB cafeteria collected 61 signatures for the petition addressed to the UN. Block remembers as a high school student coming into the SUB and seeing a Week of Reflection display. "Last year I overheard students here in the cafeteria. They said that any idea such as this promotes hatred against women when it's put up in the forefront." He did not agree. "These people are just not thinking and/or ignorant,."

Some students found the Week of Reflection to be intense and emotionally draining. Anthony Roberts, a member of BGLAD!, described his reaction to *Not a Love Story*, a film about pornography. "That's when I lost it. I had been told it was very disturbing, but it was much more disturbing than I anticipated."

The various events affected each person differently. Tryna Booth said the vigil on Thursday night meant the most to her. "A lot of the week is educational which is excellent, but the vigil reaches people on an emotional level."

Sarah Schmidt, also a member of the Dalhousie Women's Collective, said she enjoyed the Open Mike on Friday because it was a good way to end the week. "It offered hope and strong voices of women." Nine women and one man shared songs, poetry, dramatic presentations and personal experiences to an extremely appreciative audience.

Most students do seem to agree that Week of Reflection is needed. "Deaths of women is an extreme form of violence and people have to understand that women face violence everyday," explained Schmidt. "Until violence is eradicated, this has to be an annual event."

# **NAFTA fortress: Canada stuck in attic**

by Wilfrid Dinnick

is stuck in the attic. We are losing our social programs and our political decisions are being crippled by big. American business, said Maude

Barlow visited Halifax on Novem- the US. ber 25 and discussed issues which are destroying the fundamental privileges Canadians enjoy. These issues, not found in 'Tory tabloids' are written

January of 1989. In just three years, NAFTA is a fortress and Canada over 900 business have moved from Southern Ontario to Buffalo, and 500 Ontario manufacturing jobs are lost per day.

According to the OECD, Canada Barlow, Chair of the Council of Ca- is in the third worst recession of all 24 nadians, a non-partisan organization industrialized nations. It has lost four aimed at encouraging nationalism. times more manufacturing jobs than

The hidden truths are the destruction of our public programs through the trade agreements between Canada and the US. For instance, in the "obscene language written of the FTA's National Treatment clause difficult to read legal texts of interna- dictates that any private sector in tional trade agreements," said Barlow. society that becomes public and ac-The Tory government is having cessible must compensate financially another so called public forum. This all potential North American comtime it is on NAFTA. Only five petitors. This was the real reason the cities are being consulted and none NDP abandoned their 25 year-old are in Ontario: the area worst hit by platform of public auto insurance in

the FTA since it was initiated in Ontario. When Rae was elected, the American private auto insurance industry slapped him with a billion dollar warning.

Barlow went on to say the recent legislative push to OK the 20 year which will drastically reduce the Canadian standard of living. For example, in Canada, the government, employers and employees all paid into Unemployment Insurance unlike the US, where just employers

according to the government, will do away with impediments on trade. Yet, impediments are not just tariffs but labour laws, pollution control or social programs. Barlow fears our standard of living will decline to the lowest levels of many poor American

> Another factor to consider is NAFTA's Accession Clause. It allows the entry of other American countries such as Colombia, Chile, El Salvador, Haiti or Guatemala into NAFTA without legislative approval

Barlow sees the rapidly growing membership of the Council of Canadians and the Federal NDP platform of abolishing NAFTA as reasons to remain optimistic. However, "the rich will become richer and the poor will become poorer if we do not get out of the attic."

of an initial member like Canada.

#### "these issues, not found in Tory tabloids, are written in obscene language"

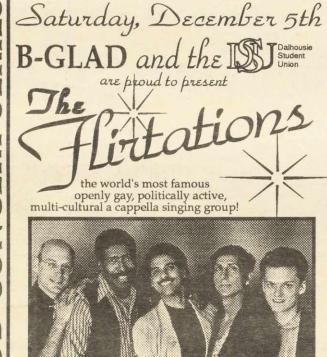
patent on drugs for multinational corporations will wipeout generic drugs and chop away at our health

The Tory government will also make sure you do not understand the real meaning of their buzzword 'homogenization', said Barlow. This is the goal of the FTA and NAFTA

and employees contribute to Unemployment insurance. According to the FTA, that was unfair competition. Consequently, in 1989, the Canadian government withdrew payments. Canada's unemployment insurance protection has fallen from 80% to 58%.

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by Gazette staff

Everyone is invited to come find out about the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and to voice their concerns on Monday. The federal Subcommittee on International Trade will make Halifax one of their stops on a week-long tour of five Canadian cities. The hearings begin at 9 am, in the Bluenose Room of the Chateau Halifax, Scotia Square, 1990 Barrington St. They may last all day.

If passed, NAFTA will create the world's largest trading block, affecting the lives of 360 million people. Most tariffs on goods will be phased out over a period of 15 years. Transnational companies will have free access to markets in Canada, the US, and Mexico, and many people are worried that they will lose their jobs and social programs. Some fear that companies will take advantage of Mexico's less stringent environmental protection policies and pol-

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lute the environment. The deal does not include any specified standards, but allows countries to improve their environmental protection programs. Supporters say NAFTA will make North America more competitive in the world economy, but admit that the transition will involve a social cost.

As heirs to the policy being created, students across the continent are concerned. The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), the American International Student Trade Environment And Development (INSTEAD), and the Mexican Federacion de Estudiantes Universitarios met in Guadalajara last week. Two students from Dalhousie attended.

People who wish to speak on Monday may have their submissions tabled at the meeting, or they may fax them to: Ellen Savage, Clerk of the Committee, in Ottawa at 613-996-1962. Or they may call Greg Bent of NS Economic Development

## feature

# A morning to remember

by Barbara McCay

"The explosion broke a lot of my weddinggifts. Ihada cut glass pitcher and one part of it was on the buffet table and the other part was sticking in the wall. If I had been in the line of that, it would have gone right through me."

These are the words of 99 year-old Ella Fielding - a survivor of the Halifax Explosion. The Northwood Manor resident was living in the south end at the time of the disaster, Dec. 6, 1917.

Mrs. Fielding says the day still remains vivid in her memory, even after nearly 75 years.

"I was just finished tidying up my living room and dining room when the crash came," says Mrs. Fielding.

"It was a boom. Everything shook — the glass, the windows. The curtains rolled around the curtain rods. All the soot in the fireplace just came down on the floor. It was so covered with soot you wouldn't have even known I had a carpet."

At the time of the explosion, Mrs. Fielding was 24. She had been ried a year and a half and was pregnant with her first child.

When the explosion happened she was alone.

"You didn't know where the men were," she says. "Everybody was going to work at nine in the morning."

She says nobody knew what hap-couldn't believe it," Mrs. Fielding

'We all ran into the streets saying, What happened, what happened?" At first, we all thought it was an explosion at the Citadel."

But she says the police soon came around and told them it was an explosion between two ships in the

"They said, 'Leave everything,' and made us walk down to Point Pleasant Park," says Mrs. Fielding. "It was in the winter time and very cold. I just had time to grab a sweater to put over my house dress."

### We all ran into the streets saying, "What happened, what happened?"

She says they were allowed to go home early that afternoon. The police brought her husband, George, home from the hospital soon after.

She says her husband was in the service and had been working in his office near the docks at the time of the explosion. His office window caved in and buried him in glass.

"When they brought him home I

says. "He was soaked with blood. His uniform was all cut up and his face was a sight. It was covered with cuts. He got terrible scars and he had those scars till his grave."

She says the streets were filled with people who weren't as lucky.

"All the dead were piled on the trucks with canvas over them," says Mrs. Fielding. "They were taken to the school auditoriums or any public building so that other people could find them. That's the way they started to identify people."

"There was snow on the ground and it was extremely cold," she says. "But if it hadn't been for that we would have had a terrible epidemic with so many dead around."

Mrs. Fielding says she tried to help those who did survive.

"Somebody asked if I could sew hospital gowns and I said, 'Yes' They brought me a lot of material and said don't be fussy about it, just get them together. They weren't fancy, because they had so many injured."

She says survivors could only make the best of the aftermath and try to pick up the pieces.

"You were just lucky to be alive." December 6th is the anniversary of the Halifax Explosion - the result of the collision between the steamships - Imo and the Mont Blanc, in the Bedford

# A word from our sponsors...YNN?

by Wilfrid Dinnick

A little bit of grammar, history, and biology but first a word from our sponsors. This might well become a reality in schools across Canada if Youth National News (YNN) gets, their desired headquarters here in Nova Scotia.

YNN is an idea based on Channel One in the United States. The American channel was started and is being run by Tennessee businessman and now educational guru, Chris Whittle. Whittle Communications provides video equipment to schools in exchange for a three year contract of watching closed circuit Channel One which has educational programs, documentaries and a 12 minute News Cast all produced in some capacity through Whittle Comm. Channel One also has two minutes of commercials an hour. It is estimated that approximately \$600 000 dollars are earned daily with four thirty second spots in over twelve thousand schools. Yesterday night, City Council had

its third hearing on the proposal to make The Youth National News headquarters in Nova Scotia. The Private Company wants to build in the Ragged Lake Industrial Park. The YNN report prepared for City Council was jammed with economic incentives for the council to say yes; a \$2.5 million dollar production facility, 155 full time jobs, and an estimated \$30.6 million in direct fiscal tax revenue for the province.

Rod MacDonald, President and the major shareholder in YNN, believes the program will slow the drop out rate, teach students to question TV and give students the practical skills they lack. The company will provide TVs, VCRs, and a video camera to the classrooms creating 'interactive TV.'

There is plenty of opposition in Halifax. School boards, teachers'unions, and parents are concerned about the implications of YNN. Anne White, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Home & School Association, told city council last week it

gave her "visions of Big Brother." The company is driven solely by profit. Channel One has retained advertisers like Nike, Clearasil and Burger King.

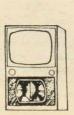
Others fear that school boards which resist YNN now will eventually be blackmailed with the prospective of technology. Environmentalist David Suzuki wrote in his Toronto Star column that the programming of YNN "could well end up as 'infomercials'." Corporations will have a direct line to the specific market of teenage students. YNN has no reservations about admitting this. Its goal is to create a "valuable and lasting partnership between education and business.'

This idea has been rejected by school boards in New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec and more confrontation is expected here in Nova Scotia. Regardless of opposition, MacDonald said "there was no question that YNN will install its programs in the new year."









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## editorial

#### Commentaire des beaux arts

Bruce: Hey Geoffman, what is it about the nature of art that causes so much judgement? Whenever someone comes up with something there are ten people ready and willing to criticize, satirize or just ignore its existence. Don't people realize that art is sufficient and perfect in itself? To me art is like a snowflake, it comes down from the heavens and it is never the same twice, and therefore perfect in itself.

Geoff: To begin with, there is a traditional dichotomy of interpretation which gives art a political realm. One side gains objectivity of art by being unattached to it; as a result, they see art as something which is imitating nature. The other side gains objectivity by participation in the artistic experience; as a result, they hold art as the (re)creation of nature. Two contemporary terms for this split (academicians included) are the culture of suspicion and the culture of assent, respectively. In the university, there is debate over whether or not this split is detrimental or whether it helps kindle enthusiasm for students enrolled in the humanities. What I think is needed is more reconciliation. A cultivation of both arguments is necessary, or else one is simply left a half wit. Uh? What was the question?

Bruce: Yeah, I guess I understand that. I agree that a marriage of the dichotomies is necessary, for without that there is no understanding of the subject. We need faith and doubt to work together, and objectivity and subjectivity to unify. Without this marriage (check bpnichol while you're at it) there is no solid communication, and the distance between people cannot be breached (try some Martin Buber here too). And if art fails to communicate, then it is our fault here on the receiving end that it doesn't - for everything has an intent, a purpose, an aspect of creation of some kind and force. To clarify my earlier point: Art exists solely with the creator, and the relationship is holistic between them. Our external experience as viewer does not provide validity to the creation. We can revel in the power and breadth of the communication, but the relationship, the marriage of chaos and mind, is only pure between the creator and created. Make sense?

Geoff: Like a frog needs a trampoline... like a ( needs a ) ... like a buick needs a bumper...

Bruce: The power of idiom has won again. Arrrgghhh! Well hope you folks out there appreciate our lack of asceticism and our reverence for the purity and aesthetics of art.

Geoff: Play safe over the holidays now... and remember if you're not wasted, the day is.

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# Knights with white ribbons

I am writing in response to Peter Angione's article "Physician heal thyself", published in the November 26 edition of the Gazette. While Angione pointed out the White Ribbon Campaign's (WRC) noble intents to "stimulate reflection discussion, and analysis" around the issue of violence against women. I feel compelled to express the concerns held by many women, and student activists, who are working to eradicate violence against women on campus.

The WRC is an extremely subtle example of men's appropriation of female leadership. Steve Patten, the WRC spokesperson quoted in Angione's article, made a presentation to delegates at the October general meeting of the Students Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS). At this time, I brought forward many of the concerns I have, and that have been expressed to me by both women and men, about the WRC.

Since its inception last December, the WRC has grown into a high-profile, centralized movement for men, run by men. One of the most lucid analogies I have heard is that the WRC is an example of male chivalry, of the "white knight" riding in to give the "girls" a paternalistic pat on the head and let them know that the men have come to save the day. Underlying this statement is the fact that for several years, women have provided the leadership and the organizational framework for everyone, both women and

men, to work towards the eradication of violence against women. Furthermore, the purple ribbon campaign (notice the lack of capitalization because the purple ribbon campaign is not a legally, centrally incorporated body but a grassroots movement) has always been inclusive of both women and men.

I don't mean to imply that men should not be assuming responsibility for men's violence against women, and I also believe that under different circumstances the WRC could be a wonderful and progressive initiative. The

# WRC is an example of male chivalry

WRC's intent is not the problem, here, it's the process by which they have launched their campaign that I have serious problems with how many women's organizations working on violence against women can afford to do national mailouts? How many women's organizations can afford to send representative across the country to espouse their cause? How many women's groups can afford expensive (according to Steve Patten) downtown Toronto office space? Would corporations like

the ones that have endorsed the WRC ever consider endorsing a campaign run by women?

The answer to these questions is a resounding NO. In my conversation with him, Patten himself acknowledged his own concerns about the participants in the WRC using the "old boys network" and positions of authority to achieve their goals

Students' displeasure with these processes used by the WRC was expressed during the Closing Plenary of the SUNS meeting on October 18, 1992, when the membership overwhelmingly supported a motion not to endorse the White Ribbon Campaign on SUNS campuses. This means that the student associations at Dalhousie, Saint Mary's, the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Mount Saint Vincent, King's, Acadia, St. Francis Xavier, UCCB, and DAGS will neither support nor promote the White Ribbon Campaign These student associations are, however, endorsing the purple campaign for both women and men.

Along with many other women and student activists, I look forward to the day when the WRC will use means that are in keeping with its goals. Until that day, however, I will continue to support women's grassroots leadership and initiative over the White Ribbon Campaign's slick appropriation of female resistance to male violence.

Candida Rifkind, Chair SUNS Women's Issues Comm.



## LETTERS

The Dalhousie Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length and should be typed and double-spaced. The deadline for letters is Monday noon before publication. Letters may be submitted on Mac or IBM-compatible 3.5" disk.

# Word watchers

This is an open letter to Ivy Kusinga:

I want you to know that I admire your courage and am embarrassed by the truthfulness of your words. You accuse students of not taking action when a professor "excludes whole cultures and peoples from their discourse." I am ashamed to admit that I allowed such behaviour to go on in one of my classes during my first year at Dalhousie.

The class was English 1000 and the topics were Shakespeare and Conrad. Before we began to study King Lear we spent three full classes discussing the 'Christian vision of the world' which influenced Shakespeare. When it became clear that we were only going to discuss that singular, narrow view of the world I raised the point that Shakespeare openly questioned Christian ideas and I suggested that it would be helpful to discuss other cultural perspectives and traditions which may have influenced him and those who have viewed or read his plays. Much to my surprise, I was told with hostility, "If you don't like the way I run my class, you can leave." Everyone in the class was shocked, but nothing further was said.

Later in the term we began to study Conrad's Heart of Darkness and my frustration really accelerated. We approached the book from a completely male, Eurocentric perspective even though it is clear that Conrad's style encourages the reader to be sensitive to and critical of the white men's actions towards the African people. My questions in class which dealt with the exploitation, domination and

colonialization in the story were not given the attention that questions about the metaphors of Jesus Christ were. My prof. seemed to have an ally in a student who chose to concentrate on finding familiar cultural ideas and icons in the novel rather than searching for meaning, emotions and outlooks which were unfamiliar and perhaps painful to explore.

Moreover, I kept objecting to the use of the term 'savages' when it was not being used in the direct context of the story, yet most classmates ignored my request and the prof. made no attempt to help. BUT, aside from complaining a lot in class and having some fiery arguments along the way, it never even occurred to me to follow up my concerns because nothing blatantly 'racist' was said; only implied. It probably would have done some good to explain my frustrations to the prof. because he seemed like a fair man who did not intentionally lead the sort of class I have described and probably would want to know if the curriculum was in any way racist or sexist.

Now, three years later, I can not imagine myself allowing such a narrow, exclusive approach to learning to continue. As a woman, and a feminist, I am committed to denying my 'white-privilege' and this includes having the courage to fight against racism in any situation or context.

Ivy, you have asked your black sisters to stand up and be counted. You will be counted and your voices will be heard. Any feminist theory or practice must include <u>all</u> women of every culture, race and background. If it fails to do this, then it is just as guilty as the 'common enemy' which we are supposedly all fighting.

Suzy Kovinsky

# Concrete

To the editor:

It was Rachel Carson's Silent Spring (1962), which taught us that in nature everything is interconnected. Humans must wake up to the reality that we have a reciprocal relationship with nature. Hazardous wastes are not going to "go away" via the cement industry. There is no incinerator sink into which we can conveniently dispose of our industrial garbage. This garbage is the product of a capitalist industrial society, based on mindless economic growth and consumerism, with its accompanying non-renewable energy and use of finite "resources". We have to put an end to tranquillizing ourselves with consumer goods and in the process cannibalizing the planet. Some supporters of the Lafarge proposal speak of a community service being performed by the burning of toxic wastes for fuel, yet unless the basic orientation of our society is addressed, what we have is a transparent cover for business as usual and selfish disregard for future life on our planet. No job or "economic spin off " can compensate for this.

Most people know that toxic chemical pollution on a global scale is increasing. The incineration of hazardous wastes is contributing to this. It is time for the public to become involved, to stop the Lafarge proposal.

David Orton

Letters

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## opinions

To the editors:

Last August, the former O'Brien's Pharmacy became Lawton's Drugs when Mr. Michael O'Brien sold his business to the Sobey Empire. The neighbourhood pharmacy is gone. Now, in its place is a large corporation.

filled with oppressive and hurtful noise from a heat pump/ air conditioner. The kitchen is no longer a place where a family can sit and talk or enjoy a cup of coffee. It is difficult to watch the television in the sitting room. It is worse upstairs where the bedrooms are located and even the bathroom is affected. One cannot open the windows or take a bath without the awful drone. The noise is exacerbated by the tin on the outside wall of the pharmacy. The tin covering cannot be seen from the street side.

The tin is supposed to make the effort. building fire retardant. However, there are many materials which would give this protection. If there was a sincere additional support: concern about fire hazard, the oil tank would not have been returned to its former place, which was the original site of the fire.

The noise is also causing physical and psychological stress. Attempts to convey this message to Mr. O'Brien

have been unsuccessful.

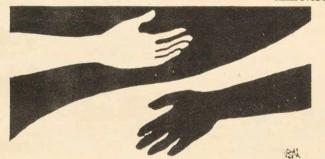
The operation of the air conditioner/ heat pump is an insensitive and cruel action. To deprive people, including children, of sleep and their backyard enjoyment is incomprehensible to me. Lawton's continues to participate in Since this time our lives have been this by pretending that there is nothing they can do, since the property is owned by Mr. Michael O'Brien.

Help us regain our peace and health by not shopping at this pharmacy. Lawton's relies on your business, and this is why it was willing to pay such lucrative contracts to Mr. O'Brien to get this location. PLEASEBOYCOTT THIS PHARMACY. This is an environmental issue which is affecting us. The community can give our family a wonderful Christmas present by not spending one cent at Lawton's on Coburg Road. Please help us in this

I am enclosing the following address in the event that you would like to give

Don Cameron, President Lawton's Lake Business Park Dartmouth, N.S. 468-1000

**Ann Norton** 



# **BLACKS ON BLACK**

#### WE CALL FOR TOLERANCE, ALSO!

"CALL FOR TOLERANCE" letter to the editor which was a response to my opinion article on Malcolm X. Muslims, and the movie about Malcolm. After reading it several times, these three words sum up my reaction: Shame, shame, shame.

First of all, shame on my "critics" for being extremely careless in reading my article. Their misinterpretations led to blatant misrepresentation of the subjects that were at hand. For example, these "critics" stated that I claimed to be speaking for and of my race, which I never did. They also said that I stated Malcolm left the NOI because he felt the organization was racist, which I did not. He left the NOI before coming to his realization that some of the NOI's teachings were "racist". I did refer to the elementary school "education" of both Malcolm and Elijah Muhammad. However, education and what we learn within the confines of public institutions are not at all synonymous, as those two men clearly typified. Never did I say that former convicts were not part of the NOI. I did say the organization was made up of more than just those

This is specifically referring to the convicts. As "educated" students, I would hope that some of us aspire to develop listening skills, which, after reading the response, appear poor.

> Secondly, shame on my "critics" for doing little, if any, homework on the NOI and Farrakhan. their comparison of the NOI to the KKK was nothing more than mischief-making implications that clouded the issues. There are an infinite number of differences between the two, with the most obvious one being the issue of violence. The KKK has a history of violence against others, while the NOI does not. The "genetic superiority" of Blacks belief of Farrakhan was not explained and taken out of context. He simply reaffirms what white scholars themselves have said. Leakey, a white anthropologist, found the oldest bones of man in Africa. Mendel, a white scientist, explained the theory of Black dominant skin and white recessive skin. Other white scholars of genetics have traced the DNA back to the Black women. So when these "critics" speak of "genetic superiority" theories, I wonder if they would refute these white scientists who affirm Farrakhan's belief. He never said that lews afflict the

Blacks. He said that some hypocritical Jews have a hand in oppressing us. That is not anti-Semitic. I wonder if his critics would likewise accuse feminists who speak of men of being anti-

Finally, shame on my "critics" for having that white paternalistic attitude in which they feel they are judge, jury, and executioner overright and wrong. They oppose focusing on past injustices, but one must question whether they would say the same o lews who remember the holocaust. They said: "life is what you make it". If so, why do people continue to oppose our right to determine our future? those who criticized my opinion are in no position to determine what is "poorly written" or who has "credibility", considering their numerous errors in attempting to discredit my article. They speak of contradictions, but they are guilty. They speak of hypocrisy, but they are guilty. Tolerance does not mean silence, complacency, or naive acceptance. I am tolerant, but I will NEVER tolerate injustice.

Malik Adams





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## letters

## The common enemy

To the editor:

I very much appreciated reading the article by M.J. Hamilton in the Gazette, "Escaping Violence". This writer puts forth valuable points. I have a concern, though, regarding the phrase "being treated like whores". I've heard this phrase, and variations of it, before.

I think of women who are prostitutes as victims of slander in a society that continues to blame victims of abuse. To me, the phrase "treated like a whore" connotes that being a prostitute means not worthy of respect or protection against abuse, and an outcast.

profession are often, if not entirely, survivors of child abuse (making the word "choose" questionable). If we ever succeed in ending the prevalence of child abuse, women might be less inclined to sell their bodies. The fact remains that it is a sure fire way to earn a living, albeit a dangerous one, in a society that is sexually screwed up and put into the environmental assessment

makes it difficult for women to be employed in jobs that our society judges respectable and worthy of adequate pay (which I see as part of the conspiracy of keeping women subordinate and accessible to "fulfilling" men's "needs".

A phrase such as "treated like dirt" is perhaps more specific, and does not bring into question, in my mind, what it means to be a "whore" (although someone could catch me up on that word "dirt" too, because it is just misplaced, misunderstood soil). In any case, language is a complicated tool to be used with awareness as long as oppression exists around us.

T. Thiebaux

## Committees, consultotection against abuse, and an outcast. Iknow that women who choose this ants, & communities

To the editor:

I have just finished reading the "Final Report" of the Brookfield Cement Plant and Community Liaison Committee, dated November 1992. The terms of reference of this committee are listed, "to provide community inof the proposed Contaminated Waste Oil and Spent Solvents Project at Lafarge Canada's Cement Plant in Brookfield, N. S." The committee was financed by Lafarge. This proposal for using hazardous wastes as fuel for cement-making can, in its various aspects affect the lives of a large number of humans and non-humans. Yet it has not been widely discussed in our province. It will have impact, for example, not only on those living in the immediate area of the plant, but on all who will become subject to the fallout from a plume of known and unknown toxic contaminants.

The "Final Report" lists 14 committee members and two observers who have given their positions on whether or not they support the burning of hazardous wastes as "fuel". I would like to commend the following individuals - David Carter, Charles Cox, Kim Leier, Bernice Sandeson, Patricia Jean Steeves, Heather Saunders and Tanya Mackay - who have declared their opposition to the Lafarge proposal in the Report. As one committee member noted "at many meetings" the "experts" who were promoting this project outnumbered members of the commit-

However, as I see it, the so far successful strategy of the company in setting up this committee, has been to confine the discussion to a small number of people, so that the public and the province-wide environmental movement - has been essentially uninvolved. Unless this situation changes, the extremely lucrative proposal for Lafarge to burn hazardous wastes in their cement kiln, which would be a first for this province and for Canada, will soon become a reality. I believe that what essentially is being proposed is a toxic waste disposal project, disguised as a cement kiln supplementary fuel project.

It is of interest that the company provided for an "independent" facilitator for the committee. The terms of reference as listed in the Report state that this facilitator had the responsibility for "gathering and organizing information, arranging communications with the media and the community, and drafting the final report." The "environmental" consulting firm of which the facilitator is a member, has a partner who has been a very public voice for the incineration of garbage in the Halifax-Dartmouth

## Bicycle burglars beware

To the editor:

Bicyclists know what they're up against. Thousands of bicycles have disappeared from the university neighborhood, hundreds from the campus alone. The stories are out there. Everyone who rides knows that at least one point or another, their seat, their wheel, indeed even the sacred headset might be plundered within minutes of leaving the bike unattended. Some decide to spend hundreds on locking devices of various description. Some just decide to chance it. Whatever their choice, they are forewarned of the almost inevitable.

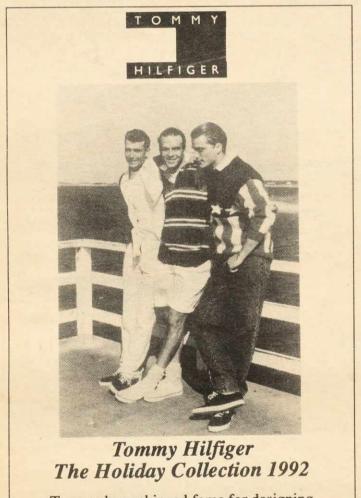
Now it is only fair to give the criminal sewage who perpetrate this kind of cheap thievery; yes, it is only fair to give them now their FAIR WARN-ING. I intend here to encourage every reader to tell two friends: WE WILL STRIKEFEAR INTO THE ROTTEN AND FOUL SOULS WHO STEAL OUR BIKES FOR A LIVING. There will be, for the remainder of the school year; bikes locked partially, with their seats unprotected; their wheels left in jeopardy. They will be observed from the shadows. I myself, don't have too many friends, but most will happily lie in wait for the rat-shit scum to come along and remove a bike or any part thereof. (It is, of course essential to see that the property has, in fact, been ripped-off; suspicion just won't do.) The friends I do have are mostly violent by nature, and would have little trouble screwing a thief's tongue into a light socket.

And this is because most of my friends had their bikes ripped off, in whole, or in part, and have a real frustration to work out. Why, only today, a buddy's seat was pilfered from in front of the A&A building, and he's right there with me, saying "It's essential that we spray-paint the heads of these thieves a hot pink," and I replied "That's exactly what we must do."

So I hereby petition all readers, and their two friends to invest in a can of PINK spray paint, available from any Canadian Tire store, and leave a conspicuous bicycle lying in wait, even just for half an hour, and see what happens. It will restore some confidence in your fellow humans to find out that nothing occurs. It will appeal to your baser instincts to get right down to the scalp of some little shiftyeyed bastard with a full can of Hot-Pink. It's not necessary to inflict any pain on the thief, and legally, the police don't advise it. I myself have been prepared to swing furiously with a kryptonite lock, ever since my wheels were stolen. I still wipe away a tear while I think about it. But don't get me wrong; I'll happily chew the throat out of the person I catch with my wheels.

So this is my call to arms. We must now rally out forces as pillars of the citizenry; environmentally friendly or too poor to buy a vehicle. Bike riders all. Sally forth with your fresh pink cans of enamel, glossy, or even latex (cheapo). Leave a trap. Not just once, but twice. Or three times. The pleasure will be yours to see the festering ratshit of our urban world carried off in the back of a cop car, with only the hot pink of their skull bobbing and pleading their innocence in the rear window.

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Mild anger can induce stronger anger which can multiply until a democratic person breaks the cycle by breaking down and attempting to use kindness as a friendly weapon to destroy even the smallest intricacy which may lead to something we all regret.

"When Greed is too much we turn to the poets"
-Williams '92

The Wings Of My Mistress

"Birds are the secret," my mistress told me
Flying above green and yellow pastures;
Hiding as if all we saw were the trees;
And our breakfast waiting underwater.
All around and underneath the ceiling,
We flew that day and played, and sang so loud
That, "To create we mostly are dreaming
And watching the shapes that form in the clouds!"
An entertaining of thoughts sometimes lays
Where the very soul of gravity flows,
To sweetest insights: visions which belay,
The mortal sense of what is high and low.
My mistress has the greatest of dreams she shares with me,
"The birds," she says, "are all there are, and are ever to be."

blind date

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thank God it ended. It wasn't so bad.

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was like she had kissed me.

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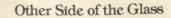
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Ingrid Heard

by geoffrey ineson

Red sports car, va-room, a crazy trip home from school: a young, dead, blonde girl.

We are hearing themviolent dreams from the cross: jesus is a verb.



Have you looked outside When it's black out And seen your translucent image Looking back at you From the other side Of the Glass? Did you realize What you were staring at wasn't real? Or was it?

E.A. Cogswell



Flight School RESTLESS TOXINS POISEN BLAMELESS ATMOSPHERES. FORCING FURIOUS FLIGHT INTO LANDS UNEARTHED. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PURIFIES TAINTED TONGUES. BUT STRANGE DISEASE CHASES VOIDED IMMUNITIES. SO NEVER DISCARDS YOUR PASSPORT. (UNLESS THE PHOTO IS NO LONGER YOUR IMAGE) Nicole Dominix

the fourth

one approach, and you go back. "playing at being home"

the night confides,

cold as May winter

a thin precise winter, cold

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work of gin god of tobacco

Ali, the patient, and the secret of the universe

Anonymous

Andy parked his father's car in front of the Veteran's hospital. He was using a surgeon's spot, but he knew that he wouldn't be there long. And it was the spot closest to the side stair exit.

Inside, and across to the elevator. Smiling at the weekend receptionist and a usual hello. He was four hours earlier than usual and there before visiting hours began. Though as a hired hand, he had the same sort of freedom as most of the staff

Sixth floor. "Andy, young chap where did you find the firewood?"

"Is Andy back with the firewood vet?" food morning, Harold. I haven't found your cat." Pooh."

"You're early today Andy, aren't you?" "I have something to do later at home, so I asked to move my shift ahead." Andy replied.

"Wasn't on the schedule... Are you sure?" "Yeah, well, you know Hindelstoss. Hey, is Beaty up yet?" Andy asked.

"Not insofar as I'm aware." This perplexed him. "Well, you can go early if the deal. The deal of a lifetime.

"Just let me sign the night-shift report... here... your show. And thanks Andy."

"No sweat right. Besides I used to work nights remember?" Weekend staff of hospitals are usually not too terribly concerned with complete compliance to the rules as there are no administrators roaming around. Just as long as Andy was there in case of an emergency. That's all that mattered to the floor nurse.

The elevator doors closed. Andy was off the swivel chair in a flash and he bolted to Beaty's door. There, Beatysat up at once and cried "Ali!" Ali was a name that Beaty gave to Andy shortly after he started working at the hospital. It is short for allegro. "A deal's a deal, Ali!"

"A deal is a deal, Beaty! Let's get out of here!" "Damn Hindelstoss and all her Nazi genes!"

"Damnthem all! But let's get you dressed first" Beaty was a trim six-footer. He was a MD for

sixty years but ended up here when his wife passed on and kids pricked-off on him. Andy wasn't going to prick him off. "Did you practice those stairs like I said?" Andy

asked.

"You bet your life-savers on it Ali. Kept telling them that the old fellas were stiffening up and I

needed to stretch them on the stairs. Twice a week

I did." "Great, let's do it."

"Which hat should I wear?" "Just grab one, it doesn't matter."

"Look, I need to make a decision a-a-as to which hat I want to bring. It does matter!" Now,

what is the weather doing? "Perfect day Beaty, you don't need a hat." "Look Ali, don't be too hasty, I must find my

Slowly down the stair well. Andy held on to Beaty's left arm and belt to keep him steady on the descent. Resting on two of the landings, and again at the door. Together they doubled paced it to the

"Ali, a deal is a deal right?" inquired Beaty.

"We're out aren't we?" "Can this car fly?"

"Wait for the highway, Beaty, we're almost

"Ahah! Sailing with Hemmingway!"

The windshield played a double bill with the road. Authority was going to crash on Andy. He knew it. His job was on the line. But so too was

"Passing lane insight!

"You, you're supposed to be as blind as a bat!" "No, I was lying so people would read to me. I wanna drive now!"

"That's not in the agreement." "Stick in the mud, eh? How fast we going?"

"We can't hear the engine!" Beaty pleaded for more speed and apparently took great joy in waving to passed cars. All he wanted was to get outside. For the past four years he wasn't permitted except in a wheelchair. With no one coming to see him, he had nothing to move around for. But he was learning much from his friend Ali. And now it had come to this.

The car finally left the highway to a much more tame speed and rolled along through narrow country roads.

"How much further?"

"9 clicks."

As the car hit the dirt road, the two started to feel more at ease. No one was sure to follow them into the woods. Andy knew that his parents weren't going to be at the family's summer home. After ten minutes of pastures and meadows and forest, the car stopped and they opened the doors.

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## To Look Upon the Sun

I for one to look upon the sun Appears to me like one eclipsed, To be eclipsed unto thy son For he to me must feel transfixed,

prints off times

which never were.

and in that cool September breeze, thy fruitful seed was tossed, Have you ever thought what eternal turmoil wrought?

**Teff Arsenault** 



The tide goes out and leaves

E.A. Cogswell

Pools of water in the recesses of the rocks. Something to see our faces in

as well as our beginnings. A reminder of a long ago Walk upon the beach.

DEER DIANNA

Diama

Look towards the base, that's where they'll be. They "lie" waiting, law and distorted. Watch your back Diama, they like it to be easy. Take my advice. I have heard the cry of the rabbits. before I saw eyes in the mirror 1 knew Diama. God she was ground. She stalked through the forest, a stately ruler of her domain. Ease and security lend grace to her step. God she was real. Deer Diama never wore any garment but the shade of a basing limb. She leapt through the seasons with the poise of a gazelle. Diagna, the magnitizent goddess of the woods. Now she's foreaken me. I think it was the day the nabbit cried.

my head in shame. There was Diama scurrying through the alley. Her beautiful body hunched over and disguised in balk. When we spoke she told me even the wood nymphs wear clothes. Her startled eyes screamed too loudly. Here is Diama, Huntress turned hunted. Diama the haunted, the humble. Accidental in the eyes of the moon

When I saw her again I lovered Nicole Dominix



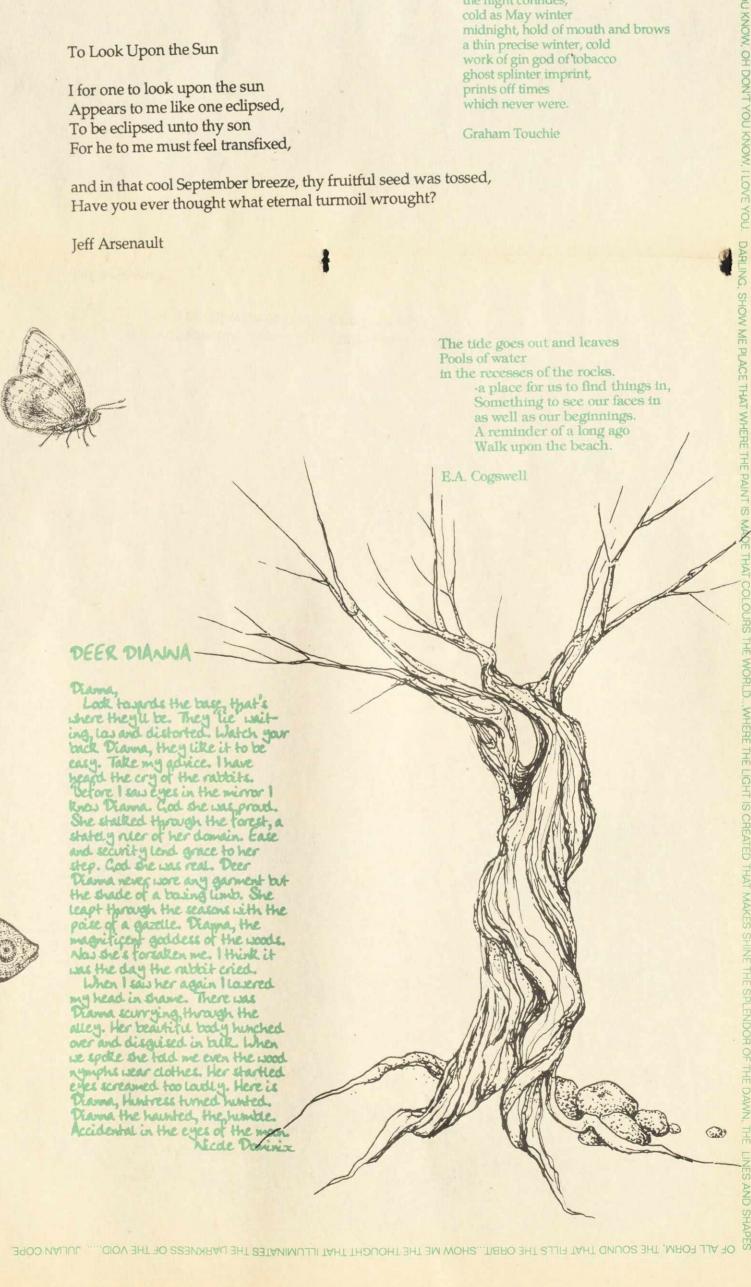
Now I understand you a bit

you deliver the moment to us by reassuring that we will persist as you persist

Pulsating faith A blanket of trust which comes to us in movement, sound, and weather

We abandon ourselves within your arms you let us know life stretches far beyond here you envelope us with your motion and we dance inside the warm magical house.







When Mourning Turns to Day

Upon yonder cliff's doth fall Thy tears and false emotions, Tears which fall in vain Upon the vastness of the ocean.

For in such false interpretations, Silent raindrops fall, How can fate or destiny Contrive such senseless expectations?

For me to you like a slice of bread Yet you to me unlike; Unlike the one who draws you near From me you merely thrust away.

You thrust away like steam from fire, Like from a vulture, prey, Incestious light of mourning brings, The turmoil of Today.

For if today is not unlike Such others came before, Then I will sleep in limbo's bed, And you will sleep in mine.

Jeff Arsenault

## Ali, the patient, and the secret...

CONTINUED FROM CENTRE

"The air is as good as you said Ali. I decree this air to be the only kind fit to breathe."

"Just wait until we hit the lake. Man, what a beautiful day! It's at least sixteen degrees, you're gonna be hot in that coat."

There was a lunch packed that Andy grabbed from the backseat.

"After lunch, will you tell me?"

"Wait for the Isle of Innisfree, my son."

The boat sat rocking gently as most boats do when they are in the water on a picturesque day. The two made their way carefully along the shore to the wharf. There, a small ledge for water skiers would provide a crucial stepping stone for Beaty. And the two descended in to the boat.

"Before we shove off, I must say Ali, thank you."

"Wait for lunch, I've packed a couple of ales. Anchors away!"

The boat just sort of sat there. Moving slowly out of the shelter of the private lagoon onto the wider body of water. The white and blue sail was at full mast, poised to grab a lung full. The boat was now under way.

"Look to the left Beaty, that's the island of

"It's as grand as you said it was. It's as grand as Yeats said it was! But it's port, I thought you said

- "Then prepare to come about, first mate Beaty!"
- "Preparing to come about sir!"
- "Coming about!"
- "Aye that's the skipper!"

Beaty. He lost the hospital-grey pallor the moment he stepped into the boat. His cheeks were flush and impossibly tanned. Utterly impossible, Andy thought, but his skin was alive with sun drenched pigment. Beaty's attention span was back and he practically stopped shaking and stut-

"Arrgh, this makes me feel like raiding some Spanish booty! Arrgh, matey!" They laughed and carried on like Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn (except there was no cross-dressing on either's

The sailboat was run up against the sand bar, that they had merely stepped out onto land. The lunch was roastbeef and English mustard on rye. They each sipped McEwan's malt on the sand of the uninhabited island and let the afternoon be swept gently away like the air itself.

"A deal met half-way, Beaty..."

"You still want to know the secret of the universe do you?"

"Yes, Beaty."



"And you trust me?"

"I trust you. I never had a grandfather."

"You're an educated fellow Ali. I like that. Andy noticed an amazing colour change in You've read to me some of the greatest works of the minds of man and I know you are a thinker. Just in the way you go about your day, I can see that there is a great amount of God in you."

"That spirit is ours. What is the secret of the

"Now open your mind Andy... In the zygote there are twenty-three chromosomes which comprise the double Helix."

"Right."

"Now from that mass, the first spark is fired. It is a light that followed a nothingness and it is the first human memory. Remembering only that it was a light that witnessed itself as a light. Then the cell separates... you know anaphase, telephase, metaphase... and when there are two cells, the second neuron of what will grow to be brain activity is there. Now we can see that here, in this form, the distance between the two sparks is time: that there is now one for the memory and one for the observation. But a special observation: an awareness before we have eyes! This continues to grow in to a pre-set structure: the normal human brain. And now look at the stars Andy, close your eyes, do you see them?"

"Yes, Beaty I see them, are you saying that they are one in the same?"

"I am saying that the stars are as significant as they are to us because we are universes, or rather have universes inside, before we have eyes. We know there are structures because there are only so manyemotions, there is only so many capacities of the brain to the body."

"Wow, Beaty!" I thought you were going to tell me that 'Girls is grief' or 'another way to skin a cat', I wasn't expecting this ... "

Imagine that the head on your shoulders is filled with electrically charged particles, now imagine yourself looking at the stars on a clear night."

"I will need some practice."

"It is the most inward possibility and it is the most outward possibility."

"How did you come across this?"

"Well, nothing before life or after death makes any sense, right?' "True."

"But we still read the Biblical notions of Heaven and look for it on earth.

"Right."

"Well I found my bit of Heaven just now. I am leaving you now, Ali... ahhhhh."

Andy placed Beaty's body in the boat and sailed back to the wharf. There he stood in silence and wondered if he should load it up with wood to have a proper Viking's funeral. But no. Although Beaty was gone and his body would turn up a hundred kilometres from where it should have been, there was still a responsibility to the next of



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OR ICE CAPADES









# A Night's Worth of **English Inspiration**

he Dalhousie Under- be asked to come up with some s ety and Creative Writing on Campus are hosting "A Night of Inspiration," a party to be held on December 14th, at 8 pm. at the North Church, 5657 North Street.

The idea of the party is to have people from all over Halifax who wish to perform, to do so. Musicians and Actors from the Music and Theatre Departments at Dalhousie will be able to perform their pieces before an audience in advance of performing them in front of the judges for their upcoming exams. Also, writers from SMU, Dalhousie, and members of the Nova Scotia Writer's Federation are invited to read their pieces. Bands from around town will be able to play.

Society Party A Night of Inspiration hosted by the Dalhousie Undergraduate English Society & Creative Writing on Campus

December 14th, 8:00pm The Church, 5657 North St.

The wonderful aspect of this is that creative individuals will meet and see other creative individuals, and will have the opportunity to pair up and create something completely new. There will be a bowl in which anyone who places their name will have the chance of being called out during the evening with another person who has put their name in, and together will

graduate English Soci- piece of performance. It isn't to create masterpieces, but to break down barriers of your art form, have it combined with someone else's, and together gain a perspective, or have an inspirational experience that will benefit your art, and of course inspire the audience. The opportunity is for the fiddle player to accompany the poet, or the dancer to accompany the theatre troupe, or the singer to accompany the dancer, or the mime to accompany everyone! The possibilities are endless. And hopefully, the informality of the bowl will be replaced by impromptu pairings, triplings etc., in which individuals, who have become inspired by another's piece, will approach and suggest ideas of how their art could be mixed with the other's. Art forms will no longer be isolated onto themselves, but be in a forum in which ideas will influence and inspire other ides.

Halifax is the perfect city for something like this to happen. Everyone knows of each other and connections are easily made. The diversity of talent combined with the compaction of population are the perfect ingredients for a cultural explosion. Get ready to be blown away!

Please contact Ramona Ryan at 424-9645, if you know you will be performing before the night of

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# flying

have often thought how practical it would be to be able to fly. After years of serious thought on the subject, I considered a number of options.

I have rejected the idea of owning a small air craft. For one thing, it takes up so much room that I wouldn't be able to keep it in the parking lot of my apartment building or even the back yard of the average city lot. Otherwise, it would be very inconvenient to drive to and from the airport whenever it was needed. Besides, it's too expensive to operate.

If humans could grow wings, that would be another option to consider. But they would certainly be very inconvenient when trying to buy clothes to fit. They would probably be very difficult to care for, not to mention the problems of getting them caught in doors, telephone wires, and perhaps getting singed while working near the stove.

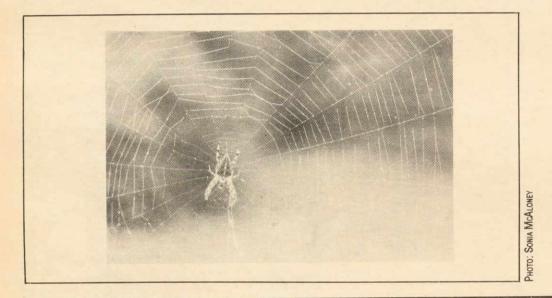
A hang glider might be nice if you always had nice weather and a high place from which to launch it. Levitation, from what information I can gather about it, needs constant concentration to maintain any altitude. Very inconvenient if your mind occasionally tends to wonder to other matters.

The one option which has the fewest

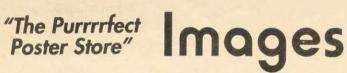
problems and I think the most practical is a flying carpet. according to legends, you merely have to give the carpet the command of where to go and it takes you there. You can carry a number of items with you, depending on the size of your carpet, while the owner relaxes and enjoys the panoramic view of the landscape below. It would be a great way to avoid traffic jams, toll bridges and bumpy roads, When you arrive at your destination, you roll up your vehicle and store it in a bag or briefcase; no parking problems. Of course, you would be riding in the open, exposed to the wind, rain and snow, but you could always take an umbrella and a warm coat on those occasions. Better yet, fly above the bad weather. The magic carpet would be excellent for short trips to work, shopping, etc. I am not positive, but from what limited information there is available, magic carpets are environmentally friendly. No harmful fuel emissions.

After careful consideration, I think that magic carpets would be an excellent solution to a number of economic, social and environmental problems and an excellent way to travel.

Catherine Geddes



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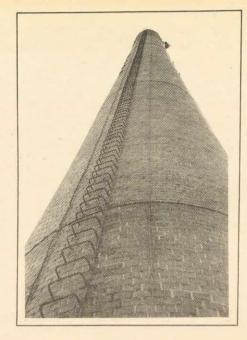


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#### A TRIBUTE TO THE PRINCESS OF STATELY BEAUTY

The valley ruptured between the lusty green mountains the evening sun scattering the lazy rays of warmth the sweet cries of the birds filling the vacuum of silence the melodious roar of the oceans giving the background all fervently inviting you, the gracious masterpiece, for a joyride in their own way.

Your instincts oblige the exuberant feelings burst out your eyes smile at Nature the halo around you illuminating the plains with lovely streaks of light the feeling is permeated around thus the birth of a spectacular twilight.

The bracing air caressing your hair the ramified branches swinging with all the grace in tune at a swift pace the birds forming the chorus to play the refrain the oceans roaring in ecstasy the sun staging a valiant comeback from the west the clouds gathering in joy with a lovely mizzle follows in reciprocation those delicate swings of your lazy body on the green pastures to the tune of the golden lute.

There is more to it. The stars far away so pessimistic of their alienated distance from you; Juno, there in disguise, so jelous of your smile filling her books of imitation like a hog; people sprinting on their knees heaping the pearls drop from your smile; and your Creator, at his art, gasping in wild disbelief; all involuntarily join the spectator list.

But a silent spectator nonplused there in the distant woods head over heels in love measuring the beauty that is so transparent thru the wild fog containing, in vain, his rekindled emotions praying to God an SOS 'empower me to win her heart at least in my imaginoscope."

wonder if a day ever breaks without you smiling.

Vijay Amirineni



## feature

# New Yorkstories

by Miriam Korn

The whole time I was in New York, my mind was swirling. Swirling with the bombardment of lights, swirling with things to do, swirling with the implications of the immense microcosm of society presented before me. Suddenly, the Big Apple was not just a place that Frank Sinatra sang about or a spot on Earth where the wonder of limitlessness shone, but a place unmistakably unique in its conglomeration of people with infinitely different backgrounds. The brew sent my head spinning.

This is what I wrote on the plane back from my adventure last week. Maybe it seems over-indulgent in its romanticism of what some may dub just another big dirty city full of ostentatious wealth and stark poverty. I can only retort that it simply expresses the feelings with which I was gushing after they bubbled within in me all weekend. I was wholeheartedly happy that I had jumped on the opportunity to visit the land of endless bursting imagination.

I, along with reporters from The Mount's Picaro and King's Watch as well as some head honchos from the Canadian Hostelling Association departed together on a romp around the Big Apple a couple of weeks ago. And thus began a three-day wellneeded change of pace. Those of you who have not visited this metropolis may have visions of non-stop violence and danger dancing in your heads already. But we all came back with our bodies and belongings fully intact. An experience which is more typical than commonly believed.



Hangin' in Manhattan

PHOTO: MIRIAM KORN

pastries, attending a party full of people dancing to Persian melodies, playing dominoes and talking about the parallels of the differences among

about the lives of the rich and famous, but that's part of the wonder of the Big Apple. It's like being dropped into a movie with a never ending series of plots ready to unravel. Every person one encounters is a possible launching pad for the extrapolation of a story, because New Yorkers are not polite, clean-cut and soft spoken like good ol' Haligonians. They say what's on their minds because that's not against the rules. As one native said of his city: "it's organized chaos."

And indeed, he was unmistakably correct. If very nice, very polite, very civilized Halifax is just not cutting the mustard lately, a weekend jaunt down to New York could be just what you need to scramble your brain a little and to spark your imagination a lot. Once the dust has settled, you'll have enough sparkliness (they even put sparkles in the asphalt—as close as you may ever get to roads paved with gold) left over to keep your eyes wide and step light among the marvels of the utterly sane Haligonian landscape. It's no wonder Woody Allen can make film after film about his wonderfully crazy hometown. It certainly offers no shortage of ideas

### Just what you need to scramble your brain a little and spark your imagination a lot.

Others may think big bucks are a New York, San Francisco and Hali-A central location and a few dollars with descending provide these three poverty-stricken students with a grand time.

wich Village, visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art to take in Rene Magritte's special exhibition, kick- money would help pay for Broadway ing around multi-coloured leaves in show tickets, fancy meals, and haute Central Park, meandering down Park couture clothes, there's lots for a ram-Avenue to gaze at the magical win-bler to do on a modest budget. Admitdows full of ridiculously, deliciously tedly, spending time in New York over-priced clothing, jewellery and may make you fantasize excessively

necessity for escapades in a big city. fax, drinking tea in a pub decorated figures of for subway tokens were enough to Frankenstein, a hanging model of a hammerhead shark and a bathroom hidden behind a wall of false book-My visit involved a great deal of cases, seeing a Columbia student thewandering around Broadway being atrical production, buying big fat mesmerized by the lights, hanging birthday bagels on Broadway and out in cool bars and cafes in Green- exploring a snazzy hotel near Times

As you can see, although lots 'o

Air Nova offers a special package for students: \$299 includes flight, and two nights accommodation and two mornings' breakfast in the New York International Youth Hostel (a very clean, very large, very lively place) in Manhattan. Planes depart for New York everyday at 10:40 am from Halifax airport arriving in Newark at 12:00 pm. Returns are available each day from Newark airport at 1:05 pm and arrive in Halifax at 4:00 pm. For more information ask Travel Cuts in the Dal SUB lobby.

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## feature

# Exams: making a list checking it twice

your stomach to stone? Does your have to be feared or failed. heart race when you picture yourself trying to get prepared to write five learning and memory involve three exams in three days? Do you fear main tasks. These are: Selecting the losing four months of hard work be- material you need to learn, Organizcause you might fail the almighty examination?

these questions, you're not alone. memory. Many students become anxious about exams, and are uncertain of their is important to remember that it is ability to prepare for them. However, the task may not be as dreadful as it seems. There are some effective to distinguish between relevant pieces strategies that you can apply to your of information, and nonrelevant current study habits. Over the years, material. You can get an idea of what

dent and I now teach them as a Study Skills Instructor. They have helped Does the thought of exams turn me to understand that exams don't

It is important to remember that ing the material so it has meaning for you, and Reviewing the material If you answered "yes" to any of frequently to consolidate it in your

When Selecting what to learn, it impossible to memorize every detail from a course. Rather, you should try I have used these strategies as a stu- is important in the course by reviewing the course description, paying attention to material the professor has stressed, and material that has appeared on previous exams and as-

### exams don't have to be feared or failed

The way you select material will also depend on the type of exam you are writing. If it is a multiple-choice exam, you will pay attention to specific details. If it is an essay exam, consider main ideas, relationships,

and connections between concepts. Science exams will require more diagramming and labelling processes and structures. Problem-solving exams will demand your knowledge of formulae and procedures. Each type of exam requires a different study strategy so make sure you consider the nature of the exam before you begin to prepare for it.

Organizing your material is the next step in exam preparation. You will need to gather the selected information from each course into sections that make sense to you. This may involve putting all of your definitions in one section, all of your formulae in another, and each of the units of study into their own sections. The clusters should be manageable so that you can deal with each one separately in a reasonable amount of time. Remember, once you have selected the material you want to organize, stick with it, don't go back to your notebook or textbook thinking you have missed something. Trust yourself; if you have done well up to now, chances are you know what's important! If you are unsure about how to select and organize the material, form a study group. You will be able to help each other get ready for the exam.

The final step is reviewing. You don't want to be cramming at the last minute, so make reviewing a part of your daily routine. The more often you review the material, the more likely you are to retain it. Be specific. Decide what you will review and when you will review it. Commit yourself to a review schedule. You will only need twenty minutes at a time (the average person cannot be involved in active memorization for longer than this). You have at least two weeks until begin, so start now. You can also use unscheduled time, such as between classes and while commuting to school, as effective reviewing opportunities. The key is to review as often as possible, especially the material that you are least familiar with. Some students make

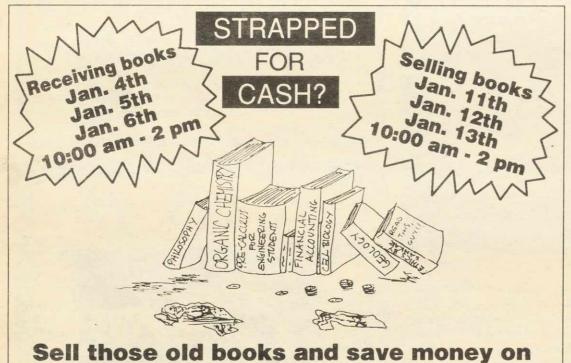
the mistake of wasting time reviewing material that they already know. This is counterproductive.

Once you have selected, organized and reviewed your material, there are three additional steps you can take. Attend the last few classes. The professor is likely to review and give clues as to what will be expected on the exam. Maintain a reasonable eating, sleeping, and exercise routine. You want to be alert and able to manage yourself during the exam period. Finally, take it easy the night before the exam. Review your notes once, relax, and get a good night's sleep.

Before you write the exam, you may feel some anxiety. Don't panic. A moderate amount of anxiety can help you be alert and perform better on an exam. However, too much anxiety can interfere with your performance. If you find yourself feeling anxious during an exam there are three things you can do.

First, deep breathing may help to calm the physical tension you are experiencing. Second, interrupt the worrisome thoughts that are demanding your attention. Simply say to yourself "stop" and move on to the third step. This involves refocusing on the task at hand. For example, reread the question and remind yourself that you do know this material and that you are well-prepared. These three steps will help to alleviate the anxiety so you can complete the

The purpose of giving exams is to assess the material you have grasped over the course of the term. Some people are intimidated by exams, but they can work to your advantage. By using some of the strategies listed above, you can use the exam as an opportunity to show what you know. They can reflect the hard work you have done all term. If you would like to learn more about effective study skills consider taking the Study Skills Program in January. For more information, contact the Counselling Centre, 4th floor SUB, 494-2081.



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## sports

# **Operation Red Nose**

by John Yip

The Dalhousie Varsity Swim Team returns again this festive season with its fourth annual Operation Red Nose (ORN). This important service enables you and your friends or family to have a jovial time without having to worry about driving impaired. Why risk your life and the lives of others when you can be chauffeured safely to your destination?

When a call is received, a team of three volunteers in their own car are dispatched to you. Two volunteers accompany you to your own car. While you rest in the back seat, one volunteer keeps you company while the other acts as your chauffeur. The third escorts your vehicle with their own. The service is free but gratuities are graciously accepted to help sponsor amateur athletics.

ORN hopes to make the general public aware of the hazards of impaired driving and the responsibilities involved towards drivers who are impaired. The service also provides

a safe alternative for those who drink to use their vehicle without driving. ORN is provided for everyone living in the Halifax/Dartmouth Metropolitan area and runs from 9 pm. to 2 am. through Dec. 4 - Dec. 19. To use ORN, please call 494-1992.

Since 1988, hundreds of volun-

teers have delivered over 1400 people and the program has earned the endorsement of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia and the Mayors of Dartmouth and Halifax. For further information or to volunteer your time, please call Nigel Kemp, Director of ORN at 494-1153.



# **Hockey highlights**

by Derek Neary

Hockey's Dalhousie Tigers dropped their last two decisions and remain one game above .500 at the Christmas break. The Acadia Axemen dropped the Tigers 6-2 on Sunday, November 29th. On Wednesday, November 25th, Saint Mary's edged Dal 6-5.

The Axemen, ranked number one in Canada and holding a 28 game unbeatenstreak at home, were too much for the Tigers on Sunday. Acadia led 2-0 after the first period and 4-1 at the end of the second on their way to a 6-2 victory. Norm Batherson scored twice for the Axemen.

Milan Dragicevic, Craig Fraser, Colin Gregor, and Duane Dennis also scored for Acadia.

Corey MacIntyre and Greg Smyth replied for the Tigers.

Wednesday's game saw the Saint

Mary's Huskies steal a couple of points at the Dalhousie Memorial Arena. The Tigers were trailing 6-3 going into the third frame and rallied for a couple of goals but were unable to get the equalizer. Steve Kluczkowski played a big part in snapping the Tigers' three game winning streak. He recorded two goals and added a pair of assists for the Huskies. DeFazio, Ben Bourdeau, Joel Cousins, and Jon Fargo scored the other SMU goals.

Smyth, Stu Birnie, Ken MacDermid, Kevin Meisner, and Peter Robertson had the Dal markers.

Prior to the Huskies final game before the break Dal was holding on to third place in the closely contested Kelly division with a 6-5-0 record. The difference between second and fifth place is just three points. The Tigers's eason will resume on January 9th, in Cape Breton.

# **Optimally OPTAMUS**

by Dana McGaw

Dalhousie OPTAMUS (formerly the Dalhousie Mature Students Association) involves students, 23 and over, who are studying on a full and part-time basis. Mature full and part-time students make up approximately 60% of the enrolment at Dalhousie. We are an 'A' society trying to develop programs specifically for this group.

Dalhousie OPTAMUS can assist students with a cademic efforts through a series of workshops we have developed with the Counselling and Psychological Services for adult students. These are designed to help students develop skills in studying, paper writing, stress management, time management, and more. We offer one-onone volunteer peer counselling for those who would like extra assistance support. We also have implemented an Adult Student Mentor Program through the Alumni Association. This is available to you if you would like to speak with someone established in the career field in which you are interested.

We have a fair-sized lounge located in room 314 of the Student Union Building where you can go to relax, have a coffee (just 25 cents), study, read a newspaper, or just chat.

New this year for those having trouble making ends meet will be a food bank, and an adult and children's clothing bank. For those of you requiring babysitting services while you study, we are presenting putting a program together at Dalplex.

We also offer social events, which this year include a wine and cheese reception, dances, barbecues, weekly coffee club, maybe a pub crawl, and other useful diversions from study. Our Thanksgiving party was a great success and we plan on attending the Christmas dinner in the McInnes Room put on by Beaver Foods on December 2nd. We are also planning a New Year's Eve party.

Lastyear, we hosted the OPTAMUS Safe Sex Week, which has been verified by Health and Welfare Canada and the Atlantic Health Unit as the largest safe sex promotion in the Atlantic provinces. We are preparing for our next event on safe sex which should be held in January. Any volunteers for this event will be greatly appreciated.

The most important function we have to offer is contact with other adultstudents. You may find no better way to learn about university life than by speaking with someone who has experienced it. You benefit from the perspectives of others who can relate to your concerns, anxieties, and frustrations.

As a condition of our funding from the Student Union, we are required to charge a membership fee. This year it is \$10.00 but we know the benefits are well worth the price. If this fee is a problem for you and you want to become amember, please give us a call at 494-6773; we can always make arrangements for you.

We welcome all new members and although the year is just about half over, we still have a lot to offer. We look forward to meeting you and hope that your year is a success.

I could not love thee friend,
Loved I not honour so much more
Please help me out the window
They're coming in the door
I don't want to press a tiger's luck
Can a tiger take a husky?
Play up play up and play the game.
A tiger's wrath is lusty.

James Bell Class of '42

#### Down from the Summit The Follow-Up to UNCED

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Room 307, Student Union Building Dalhousie University, Halifax Monday, December 14, 1992 9:15am - 1:00pm; 1:30pm-6:00pm



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## Dalhousie Athletes of the Week

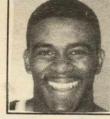
\* ANGIE MCLEOD \*

WBB
1 win:
1 loss

Nov. 23 - Nov. 30



\* CHRISTOPHER CAIN \*



MBB 1 win: 1 loss

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26 pts. & AUAA Player of the Game

Follow the Tigers

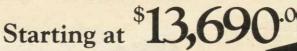


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# DALENDAR



International Socialists Club presents All welcome to this week's talk and general discussion! 7:30 in room 306 of the SUB.

Women's Centre Committee meeting every Thursday at 6 p.m. in room 218 of the SUB. Info: call Candida at 494-

Dal Christian Fellowship presents at 12:30 in the SUB lobby.

FRENCH MOVIES! Join the video club at the Department of French, 1315 Le Marchant Street, every Thursday night at 7:30. Free admission.

#### DEC 4 FRIDAY

There will be a ceremony in memory of the Montreal Massacre, Friday Dec. 4th in the Henson College Auditorium

The Meniere's support group of Nova Scotia will hold its next monthly meeting at Gerard Hall, Halifax Infirmary, 5303 Morris St. from 6-9 p.m. on December 4th. A social evening and pot luck supper will be held. Info:

Music Dept. presents Chamber Ensembles in the Dal Art Gallery at 12:30

#### SATURDAY DEC 5

The Halifax YWCA presents the Women's Health Expo at 1239 Barrington St. This event will help women learn more about their physical, mental and emotional health. Admission is \$10. Sitter service is available all day. Info: Lisa Tilley 423-6162.

#### THURSDAY DEC 3

Dalhousie Women's Centre Committee invites you to Another Constitutional Forum, 12-2 p.m. in the Green Room of the SUB. Baked Goods, cof-

fee and tea provided.

BGLAD! (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian I said, start studying, Association of Dalhousie) meets every Thursday night in room 307 of the SUB at 7p.m.

The Centre for Art Tapes presents The Work of Healing, a 3-part programme focusing on the lack of therapeutic services for adult survivors of child sexual abuse. Tonight from 7:30-9:30 in the Commons Room of the Halifax Holiday Inn. Info: Ann Verrall, 429-

#### DEC 6 SUNDAY

Start Studying.

Vigil commemorating the Montreal Massacre starts at 6:30 pm at North Branch Library on Gottigen St. A filmwill be shown at the George Dixon Centre after the vigil.

#### MONDAY DEC 7

#### TUESDAY DEC 8

SWEAT (Students Working on External Affairs Things) meeting every Tuesday at 6 pm. in room 218. Info: Candida at 494-1281/1106.

Dal Men For Change meets every Tuesday from 8-10 in the SUB. Room # will be listed at the Inquiry Desk.

SODALES (Dalhousie Debating Society) membership drive is on! Meetings are every Tuesday at 6:30 in the Council Chambers of the SUB.

#### WEDNESDAY DEC 9



#### THURSDAY DEC 10

Bach's Concerto for two violins will be performed by the Dalhousie Orchestra at 8 p.m. in the Dunn Theatre of the Dal Arts Centre. Seating is general and admission is free for students and children, \$5 otherwise.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Halifax YWCA, 1239 Barrington St., is offering childcare programs for children of all ages up to 12 years. Registration is taking place now for full and part-time programs. Info: Janice Foote, 423-6162.

The Halifax YWCA also needs volunteers to help in the childcare dept. Opportunities exist in the preschool, afterschool and parent/child programs. Info: Janice Foote, 423-6162.

Help Line is a 24-hour counselling, information and referral service. Any community service or support group who wishes to be listed with our referral service can call or write: Help Line Office, 5711 Sackville St., Halifax, B3H 2C9. 422-2048.

WANTED: old exams for the exam registry. Please leave your old exams at the SUB Inquiry Desk.

The Public Archives of N.S. presents "A vision of refgeneration: Reconstruction after the Halifax Explosion, 1917-1921." This exhibition is in the Chase Exhibition Room at 6016 University Ave until Feb. 13.

LAW STUDENTS Help a young offender get on the right track by volunteering your time and skill as a mediator. Enrich your studies and help someone who really needs you. Visit the Dal Student volunteer Bureau in room 445 of the SUB. Info 494-1561.

DO YOU LOVE TO SHOP? Senior citizens in the community need friends like you to take them shopping. Just a couple of hours a week would make a difference and probably start a lasting friendship. Visit the Dal Student Volunteer Bureau in room 445 of the SUB. Info 494-1561.

The Canadian Mental Health Ass. is seeking volunteers to play guitar twice a month for their Social Club coffee house, or to share leisure time on a one-to-one basis with individuals who are lonely and in need of friendship. Info 455-5445.



HART, a working group of NS PIRG at Dal, is sponsoring a Toy Drive! Toys, clothes and food coupons are needed. Look for drop-off boxes around campus or stop by the PIRG office in room 307 of the SUB. Info 494-6662.

I write to a foster child near Klatmandu, Nepal, and would like someone to translate his letters. Please call 857-

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