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Sexuality Redefined

There seems to be a preoccupation with sexuality in Western culture. More accurately, I should say sex. The problem is that sexuality so often becomes reduced to the act of sex itself, denying all other aspects, manifestation and expressions of sexuality. According to Webster's Third New International Dictionary (© 1981) sexuality is:

The condition of having sex; the condition of having reproductive functions dictated by the union of male and female; sexual activity; the condition, potential or state of readiness of orgasm with regard to sexual activity.

The definition is based on the physical experience of a heterosexual couple. It does not allow for expression outside of this narrow view to be considered legitimate and is inherently heterosexist, androcentric, alienating, limiting and inadequate. Unfortunately, this is what most often educates the public sphere. Hence, when they think of the term homosexual, it seems as if they have a predisposition to consider only the physical experience of two people of the same sex and consequently, assume that it is illegitimate, unnatural and abominable.

However, there exists the problem of dealing practically with the implications of such an interpretation of a same sex couple. It would appear as if it is necessary to redefine sexuality and make it known that the existing definition is fundamentally flawed and inadequate. It is necessary that sexuality incorporate an emotional aspect and character in its definition. Although this is difficult, since we have been preoccupied with the physical account of sexual expression and have neglected to develop a vocabulary of emotive sexual expression, it is necessary for a true understanding of sexuality. We must also reject and eliminate the heterosexist bias which has permeated our concept of sexuality making us seem less than adequate and more than alienated.

The first fundamental move requires that people recognize that the above definition does not wholly reflect or incorporate many expressions of sexuality. I consider myself a sexual being and that expression can take many forms: in the manner in which I sit, the way I speak, the intention of my body movements, how I interact with others, in an embrace, etc. If sexual intercourse, or fucking as I call it, was the only recognized form of sexual expression then, by that definition, I would not be a sexual being as I do not participate in such activity. Am I to be denied my sexuality on that basis?



Redefining sexuality may be a bit more difficult. Nonetheless, recognizing that sexuality can not be reduced to a physical act necessarily assumes that sexual expression can manifest and present itself in many forms and through various modes, some of which I have mentioned above. This re-definition requires a less rigid form. We must adopt a definition which allows for those who express themselves sexually, beyond the physical, that incorporates and includes all manner and manifestation of such expression. This necessarily requires an interpretive definition. Not one that can be pitted against people but one which allows people to recognize their expression of sexuality as legitimate, real and full.

With this comes an interesting reinterpretation of sexuality. It no longer becomes an exclusive manner of expression restricted to and for a limited few. It allows and becomes an expression that incorporates and includes many forms that have in the past been marginalized and considered illegitimate and invalid expressions of sexuality. This has the effect of empowering people with a sense of worth and value never before accorded them.

Anthony Roberts

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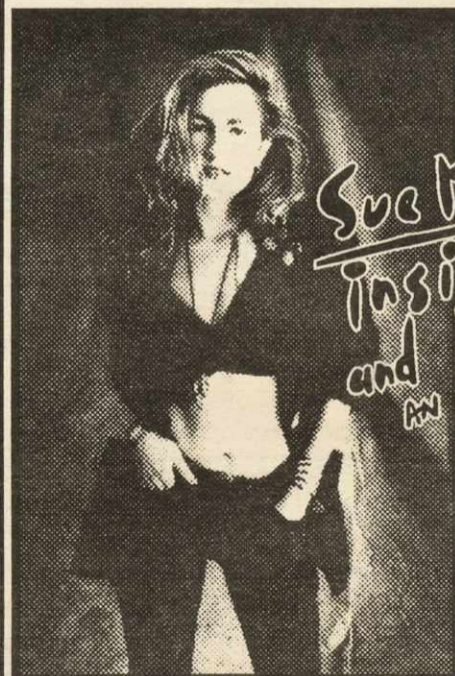
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FREDERICTON (CUP) — Several student groups at the University of New Brunswick may no longer be funded by the student council because their memberships are discriminatory, the council says.

The student council introduced several motions the week of January 25 on the advice of their lawyer to stop the student council from funding "any club, organization, or group which restricts its membership, or discriminates within its membership on the basis of gender, race, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, family status, mental or physical disability or political belief."

"In a practical sense, it's a restricted membership because you're not going to feel welcome, and these are groups you're a member of because you feel that you're part of that, and it's part of your definition of who you are," said student council Vice-President of External Affairs.

"We're not saying those groups shouldn't exist because they certainly have an important function on the campus and in society," she said. "But the student union probably shouldn't be involved with them."

A letter distributed to councillors by vice-president University Affairs Anna MacDonald named several groups that would be affected by the motions including political youth parties, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, and the Muslim Student Association.

But Gay and Lesbian Alliance vice-president James Whitehead said in a letter to MacDonald that "GALA is not exclusively gay, as gay-positive heterosexuals are also welcome to the events."

Customs on the firing range

MONTREAL (CUP) — Customs Canada has traditionally hit mainly lesbian and gay venues, but their opponents say that recently they've expanded their scope.

"Up until a year ago, you could be about 90 per cent sure it was stuff going to lesbian and gay bookstores. Since then, it has been spreading into other political shops and women's shops," said Nancy Flemming of the Books and Periodicals Council.

In the fall, a slew of shops had material seized or detained for the first time. *Le Dernier Mot*, Pages in Toronto and three left-leaning bookstores across the country were hit. Hothead Paisan (the adventures of a "homicidal lesbian terrorist") was stopped on its way to the Toronto Women's Bookstore and Everywomans Books in Victoria, B.C.

Womansline Books in London, Ontario, had a book of humour called *Weenie Toons* held up for two weeks and then sent through, with no explanation.

It is becoming more and more true that "We do not target anyone," as Don LaBelle of Canada Customs' prohibited importations unit in Ottawa insisted. But he acknowledged that individual customs officials, noticing certain stores which carry things often thought obscene, might then target those stores. With the wider range, Customs has also apparently become more active.

"It happens more and more often now," said Stefan Gelinas, a co-owner of *Le Dernier Mot* bookstore in Montreal.

Students lose state of grace

OTTAWA (CUP) — Students with Canada Student Loans are about to lose their six month interest-free period after graduation. Until now, the government has paid interest on the loan while students are in school and for six months after they graduate or quit. But in a decidedly undemocratic move Feb. 4, a House of Commons committee adopted Bill C-76 — which eliminates the interest subsidy.

The Canadian Federation of Students had hoped to appear before the committee to argue against the Bill's harsh measures, but Committee chair Don Blenkarn and Conservative MP's David Bjornson and Greg Thompson passed a motion stating there would be no public hearings.

When Liberal MP Ron Duhamel and NDP MP Ron Fisher walked out in disgust, Blenkarn pulled in a Conservative MP not originally on the committee to make quorum. The four-man Conservative committee then proceeded to do a clause-by-clause review of Bill C-76 before adopting it. The review took five minutes. The bill has now gone back to the House of Commons for the third reading.

"It's a rubber stamp vote," said CFS spokesperson Jocelyn Charron. "As soon as the House of Commons votes on it, it becomes law. (Students) will start to pay the interest (on their Canada Student Loans) as soon as they graduate or as soon as they quit school," he said.

news

HIV: virus unmasked

by Wilfrid Dimnick

A video questioning the popular theory of the HIV virus's origins is now speculated to be CIA contra band.

A group of medical doctors in the southern United States felt their work on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the HIV virus and its origins was being marginalized. The Strecker Video attributes the origin of HIV to the World Health Organization's thirteen year smallpox inoculation campaign of the 1970s.

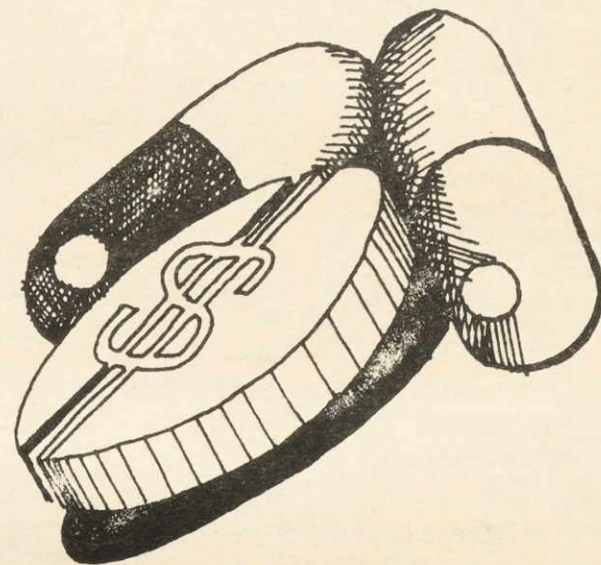
The doctors suggest the deadly Bovine virus was reproduced in smallpox inoculations. This theory is common in Europe and Africa but was totally ignored in the United States.

HIV is a retrovirus. It is constantly mutating, so identifying its genetic parents is presently impossible. However, demographics may be used to support the theory of the smallpox-HIV link. The Strecker Video investigated countries that received smallpox immunization and compared them to HIV infection rates around the world. Statistics from the World Health Organization's (WHO) reports on AIDS and the *Final Report of the Global Commission for the Certification of Smallpox Eradication* showed parallels.

According to Pearce Wright, Science Editor at the London Times, the allegation linking smallpox to AIDS was investigated by the WHO in the mid 1980s. Wright received a copy of the WHO investigative report in 1987. Shortly after, *The London Times* featured a front page story entitled "Smallpox vaccine 'triggered AIDS virus'" (5/11/1987).

The vaccination's effect did receive some attention in the US. In *The New England Journal of Medicine* of June 1987, Dr. Robert Redfield from the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington wrote attributed the death of a healthy recruit to a smallpox inoculation.

According to Dr. Robert Gallo, considered the most prominent retrovirologist in the United States,



"the use of live vaccines such as that used for smallpox can activate a dormant infection such as HIV." Dr. Gallo is attributed as the discoverer of the HIV virus as the link to AIDS. Yet, his discovery has been under scrutiny recently by the Office of Scientific Integrity in the US.

Luc Montaigner of the Pasture Institute in Paris discovered a similar virus in AIDS patients in 1983. After sending a strain to Dr. Gallo, Montaigner stressed that the connections to AIDS was not conclusive. Without notice, Gallo held a press conference announcing he had discovered the cause of AIDS. He patented the HIV test which continues to reap millions of dollars in royalties for Gallo's research.

Montaigner threatened to sue Gallo, but US President Ronald Reagan intervened by persuading the French government to compromise and accept 50% royalties. Consequently, HIV has never been proven to be the cause of AIDS, nor has HIV been proven to mean death.

THE CONSERVATIVE YEARS & HOMOPHOBIA

A general lack of understanding about HIV/AIDS during the Conservative American government years helped exploit the misconcep-

tion that AIDS was a disease of homosexual people. Margaret Heckler, former Secretary of Health and Human Services for the United States announced to the public at the first AIDS Conference in Atlanta, "We must conquer (AIDS) before it inflicts the heterosexual population and threatens the health of the general population."

Liberal sexual attitudes have always been tied to liberal political attitudes in the United States. It has been argued that by dictating sexual attitudes, a Conservative political agenda was furthered. The virus many aspects of people's lives—relationships, marriages, sexuality and homophobia. Thus, it had the potential to be a powerful tool for any government.

AIDS related sicknesses have been around long before the medical community related it to HIV. Malnourished children of developing countries die from many forms of pneumocystis. Kaposi Sarcoma has also been a killer of certain types of older men. How did AIDS become a separate disease caused solely by HIV?

Unmasked

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More than money on the line

by Peter Angione

494-1993. These numbers are still ringing in the ears of CKDU programmers. Thousands of listeners dialed these digits over a ten-day period (January 29 - February 7) to support campus/community radio.

CKDU surpassed its goal during this year's eighth annual funding drive, racking up \$40,978 in pledges over ten days. The figure is well above last year's total of just over \$36,000.

One-third of CKDU's operating budget derives from the annual funding drive. The remainder of the station's funding comes from a nine

dollar fee charged to Dalhousie students, from limited government grants and through paid advertisements and sponsors.

CKDU began in 1969 as little more than a record club for Dalhousie students. Today it has more than 200 volunteers and broadcasts 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing a mix of alternative music, news and views not often found on mainstream radio.

Over the years, the station has strengthened the voice of women on the airways, forged important links with the Black community and es-

tablished itself as a reliable forum for the lesbian and gay communities of Halifax and Dartmouth.

As an added incentive to contribute to the funding drive, each person pledging \$25 or more this year receives a "Friends of CKDU" card. This red laminated card with the donor's name on it entitles the person, after the pledge has been paid, to discounts at stores throughout Metro in the upcoming year.

As well, every \$25 pledge, once honoured, enters the donor in a grand prize draw for return airfare for two to London, England.

feature

Six pack for adventure with Youth Challenge

by Heidi Radford

Six Dalhousie students are preparing to embark on an adventure of a lifetime. Their destinations include Guyana, the Solomon Islands and Baffin Island. They are participants in the Youth Challenge International program which provides students with an opportunity to sojourn in developing countries.

"We are looking for people with initiative, who work well in a group and desire to help others," says Andrew Macdonald, Eastern Selection Coordinator for Youth Challenge. Two years ago, Macdonald spent three months in Guyana, South America and has been involved with Youth Challenge ever since.

"It is so rewarding to give people the opportunity to work with other cultures in other countries," says Macdonald.

Dalhousie's Laura Montgomery is one of the six selected students who will benefit from Youth Challenge's increased interest in Maritime universities. She leaves for the Solomon Islands on April 16. This is Youth Challenge's first year in the Solomon Islands. Joining her are Dalhousie

students Kelly Flynn and Jennifer Rouell. The remainder of the six Dal students include Leesa Hamilton, Mitch Filmore and Shailla Vaidya.

"I am doing this because I wanted to travel, but not in the conventional sense," says Montgomery. "I wanted to work in a community on a project which ties in well with my International Development Studies at Dal."

Students may be able to receive university credit for their involvement in the Youth Challenge program. But this depends on their current course of study.

Macdonald says students who participate in the Youth Challenge program implement projects within the country they have chosen to visit. These projects fall under three key groups: Community service, medical activities and environmental/scientific projects. Over the past few years, Youth Challenge students have worked in malaria prevention, they have renovated schools, built medical centres and some have even created eco-tourism parks in Costa Rica.

Students who apply to Youth Challenge undergo a 48 hour outdoor interview involving problem solving and group work testing.

Macdonald and Montgomery both say this rewarding weekend is a test of individual strength, mentally and physically. They claim this weekend in itself is an adventure.

The next selection weekend will be preparing for Costa Rica visits scheduled to depart in December 1993. Participants in the Youth Challenge program must be between the ages of 18-25. Macdonald assures students that no experience is necessary.

Each Youth Challenge participant

is responsible for the fund-raising of \$3000 to help with the cost of their three month trip. All remaining costs are funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and corporate sponsors.

Any students interested in Youth Challenge are invited to attend a free information session and slide presentation about upcoming destinations on Wednesday, February 17 in the Haliburton Room at King's College. Students may also contact Andrew

Macdonald (425-4118), the Dalhousie Multidisciplinary Centre (494-3814) or drop by the Lester Pearson Institute on campus for more info.

Just a note: There will be a Youth Challenge fund-raiser on Feb. 14 at 8:30 pm at the Palladium. Local bands playing in support of the fund-raiser will be the Purple Groove Monsters, The Fourth Wall and the Mittens. Tickets are \$7 and will be on sale Thurs. noon in the SUB.

Seeking members for change

In the past few years more men have become aware of gender issues. In response to this new interest, men's groups have been forming in Halifax and throughout the country. Over the last year on campus a group of students have organized Dal Men for Change. Our wish is to increase awareness and raise consciousness in ourselves and other men concerning issues of feminism and masculinity. We have been and want to remain in dialogue with women's groups in campus and in the general community.

One of our actions last term was to hold a workshop on classroom dy-

namics after showing the video "A Chilly Climate", which is about the experiences of women on university campuses.

We also made a presentation during the Week of Reflection including a viewing of the video "After the Montreal Massacre", with a discussion on violence against women afterwards. This was facilitated by ourselves, a member of B-GLAD! and a member of Dal Women's Collective.

For the future, we hope to have speakers on masculinity and pro-feminist issues, and we hope to attract new members. An increase in participation

would allow Dal Men for Change to diversify our ideas and actions.

The group does not require in depth knowledge of the issues, and people who come just need to have interest in talking and learning about these issues.

For any men interested in reflection and action on these issues Dal Men for Change meets every Thursday, at 6 pm in the Dalhousie Student Union Building. The room numbers will be posted on the Inquiry Desk. All new members are welcome!

written by Dal Men for Change

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Meeting to raise voice

by Emily MacNaughton

Voice of Women Nova Scotia (VOW-NS) will be holding a public information meeting on February 17th at Saint Mary's University concerning the mass rape of an estimated 35,000 women part of the Serbian "ethnic cleansing" campaign waged in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

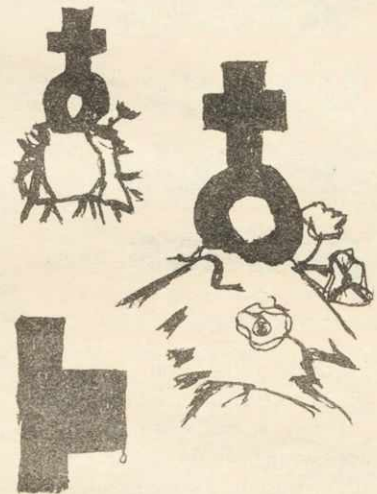
Three short talks are scheduled for the meeting. Frances Early, associate professor of History at Saint Mary's and active feminist, will speak on the history of rape in war. Martin Rumscheidt, professor at the Atlantic School of Theology, will present a "Background to Violence in Former Yugoslavia". Sharon Crooks, a lawyer and specialist in international law, will be arriving from Ottawa to talk about the "Legal and International Aspects of Rape as a War Crime".

Recent printed information regarding the atrocities in former Yugoslavia from international organizations such as Anti-War Campaign Croatia, Amnesty International and Medecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders) will also be available at the meeting.

"VOW-NS got this meeting going as fast as we could," says member Muriel Duckworth. "We're hoping it will raise strong public opinion and get listeners to write our foreign am-

bassadors and MPs pressuring for Canada to take strong action in support of these victims".

VOW hopes that Canada will soon give refugee status to women who have been raped. Canadian immigration recently admitted one Bosnian woman for this reason, however there is no formal policy to date



specifically recognizing this condition.

The Nova Scotia group has recently been corresponding with women's rights groups in Zagreb, Croatia and is deciding on a dependable means of sending money to help rape victims. They are also collecting toys and clothes for the refugees and

their children who arrived in Halifax from former Yugoslavia last week.

VOW-NS is currently active in an international letter-writing campaign petitioning the UN for an amendment to the Geneva Convention which would recognize mass rape as a war crime. The Convention recognizes rape, torture, cruel and unusual punishment and enforced prostitution as war crimes. It does not, however, address the pattern of rape in this war: mass-rape and forced pregnancy with intention of "ethnic cleansing" and rape-murder.

An estimated 30,000 Bosnian and Croatian women are or will be pregnant by Serbian soldiers as a result of this violence.

"We want the public to acknowledge the terrible physical and psychological consequences of this tragedy," says Duckworth, "We want governments to recognize rape as torture, not just to simply lump it together with the idea of pillage".

"The media's portrayal of what is happening in former Yugoslavia is far too simple," says speaker Martin Rumscheidt. Talks at the meeting will shed light on why the events of the Balkan war are presently "more ferocious than anything else".

The VOW-NS public meeting will begin at 7:30 Wednesday, February 17th at Theatre A in the Burke Education Building on Saint Mary's campus.

Baby you can drive my car

by Eco Logical

Dalhousie Physical Plant and Planning and a member of the Campus Environmental Action Group are bringing organized transportation alternatives to the Maritimes.

Environmental benefits aside, Bill Lord of Physical Plant and Planning sees ride-sharing as a practical solution to Dalhousie's parking crisis. Fewer cars would leave more spaces open, allowing more cars to purchase reserved parking passes.

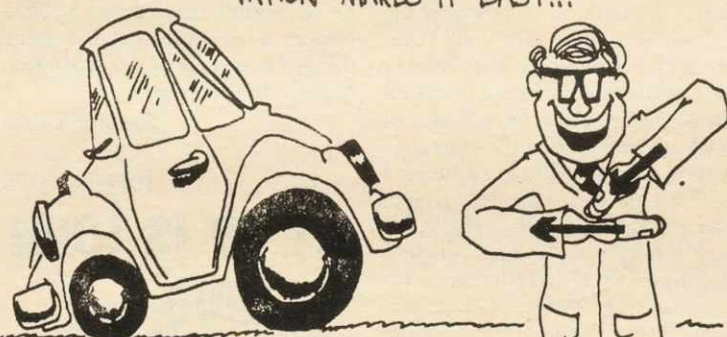
Reserved parking costs more than twice as much as regular parking, but the cost could be split among several passengers, creating a substantial saving, says Lord. It would provide students, staff, and faculty with a guaranteed spot. "Right now (a parking pass is no more than) a license to hunt. Unless you're here by 8:30 you really have to look around."

There is potential for doubling up and tripling up. According to a Traffic/Parking Survey conducted by Physical Plant from Nov. 23-Dec. 4, 1992, 78% of vehicles entering Dalhousie each morning carry only one person. Eighteen percent have two riders, and a mere 3% provide transport for three.

Lord was approached by Judy Meades of CEAG on Monday. She had independently developed a similar idea. While Lord says he is eager to help Meades bring ride-sharing to



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Dalhousie, he cautions that the implementation of such a program would require a great deal of internal organization.

"We would have to ensure that only Dal students, staff, and faculty were parking at Dal." That, he says, would require the support of administrative files and Dalhousie Security.

"If she can provide a service that we could link into, that would be great."

Meades's vision is both local and regional. Her company, Alternative Passage, will hire students to provide an inexpensive, organized, and environmentally-efficient serving connecting people heading the same way.

Five dollars will take you from Halifax to Truro or Wolfville; \$12

will take you to Antigonish, \$17 will take you to Moncton, and \$21 will take you to North Sydney, a ferry away from Port aux Basques, Newfoundland. But low prices are not the main reason to ride with other folk, says Meades.

"The point is to reduce pollution." One dollar of each membership will go towards the study of air pollution, and other environmental effects related to transport.

Says Meades, "It's time to face the environmental and economic challenges of the future; we can start by changing our attitudes about automobiles."

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The body politic

Let's face it. Modern society is anal.

Sigmund Freud believed sexual repression is at the heart of every neurosis and psychosis. William Reich, a well-known twentieth century psychoanalyst, went on to suggest the universality of this condition in our culture and its link to maintaining the status quo. "Its purpose is the ultimate and total submission of the individual to the family, to the state, and to work."

Indeed, many find the structure of our day's world to be unnatural and confining. One friend resented the mode he was forced to adopt in order to live. "I have to work to *earn* money, not survive, but earn money. Why couldn't I work and get a sack of potatoes?" It is no secret that we are moving further and further away from the Earth and simple ways.

Manufacturers are constantly presenting us with new and improved versions of everything to keep up with our ever changing tastes and constant need for additional stimulation. Perhaps this is an indication of a certain lack of satisfaction not supplied by our plastic culture.

But this is not to devalue all that modern civilization has to offer. Many of us would probably prefer a high-tech high rise apartment in a big city to a cabin in the woods with no electricity or running water. The question remains, however, are the conveniences of civilization worth the sacrifices we have made to how connected we are with nature?

We each walk a tightrope balancing Nature and civilization. Society as a whole has chosen to move towards the developing civilization. Feminists say this is symptomatic of a culture dominated by patriarchy, whereby Nature is associated with the feminine and intellectual pursuits are perceived as masculine. As theoretician, Reich has been dubbed a feminist, a label reflected in his view that sexual energy is at work in the whole body, and his deep concern with the common difficulty in uniting body and mind.

Unfortunately, however, Reich was not entirely progressive in his attitudes concerning sexuality. He dubbed all forms of homosexuality and bisexuality as "unhealthy" and "regressed". Attitudes towards freedom of all forms of sexual expression are very slow to change.

In this age of AIDS, the dusk of conservative American politics and a generation of post-sexual revolutionists, we have continued to trend moving away from acknowledging our bodies' needs and desires, towards the satisfaction of our minds' ambitions. Ronald Reagan's platform of fostering America's arms build up while subtly encouraging abstinence suggests a disturbing re-channeling of energy.

As one psychotherapist observed, after retiring from forty years of practice, "the world is in need of a good shrink."

-Miriam Korn

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Give us bread and circuses

Clinton has taken the White House, Cameron has started his machine in motion, and Mulroney is going to wait until the last possible moment. These depressing days of our cold winter can only be a sign of an impending political circus here at Dalhousie. After all, it has already begun on Saint Mary's' campus.

'Annie4President' is what one sign declared. 'President Grosvold 93-94' read another. What can I tell about these candidates for the Presidency of SMUSA? Well judging from the handwritten marker print that has been so professionally photocopied, either Annie and Grosvold used the same designer to show their expertise to the uncaring masses, or Annie would be Annie Grosvold. My point is not to single out Annie and her unprofessional marketing strategy... who would I be to do so after running a Crayola campaign myself here at Dalhousie. My point is about the 'uncaring masses' themselves.

I'm sure that we will have no shortage of political wannabees crawling out of the woodwork, willing to spend up to \$400 on their campaign to convince the 12000 or so eligible voters here on campus (and why not...they get the money back if they get enough votes.) Amid the thousands of posters, fliers and banners that will be strewn around our cam-

pus (each with a 'Please Recycle' logo featured prominently on the bottom) will be pictured the grand few who believe they can make a difference.

It may be difficult for students to believe that these few players in university politics do make a difference with the quality of education going downhill and tuition hikes that seem

Student Unions are not "play" politics

to come rolling on no matter what...but they do make a difference.

Before we can accomplish all we want we have to show that we actually do care about our education. I'm not talking about everyone going out and getting involved in committees and demonstrations and going to Board meeting and Council meetings and becoming active in their education outside of the classroom.

I've learned over the years not to expect too much from people. I would just like to see people actually take a few minutes out of their busy schedules to find out what all the political wannabees want to do. Listen to them. Ask them questions if you actually get moved enough to do so. Most important - get out and vote this year.

Last year had a Dalhousie record high voter turnout - around 25%. That means that only one in four students actually cared enough to voice their opinion on who should get the positions of President and Vice President of our Student Union, positions that come with an honorarium of over \$16000. Money which comes out of your Student Union fees. Just as CKDU is not 'amateur radio', the Gazette is not a 'pretend paper', the offices of the Student Union are not 'play politics.'

Well, the election trail hasn't begun yet, but look for it. And this year make a point of deciding who you want to spend the \$137 that the Student Union gets from each and every full time student. And if you don't think that they can do it properly...then maybe it's time that you become a political wannabee, and put your mouth where your money is.

-Mike Zelle



LETTERS

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Step forward not back

To the editors:

This letter is in response to Jasen Gannon, Black Man's opinions, who in the January 28 edition of the Gazette wrote an article concerning the prejudice and self-concerning views of the Dal Student Union. I'm afraid I cannot help but squirm at the ignorant views this man has. In trying to control the prejudice against himself and all black students he is at the same time putting down all whites. Although I am not a member of the DSU nor am I an entirely white student (being the multicultural mix of African, English, Italian, and Spanish) I felt angry at his continual low opinion of white students. As much as he, I too sympathize and agree that not always is enough done for the black student, however if he disagrees with the ways of the DSU why not become a leader, and do something to change things or support someone who will. I personally disagreed when the Dalhousie Art Gallery displayed art that was offensive to black students, and had I been approached with a petition from him I would have gladly signed because I disagreed with what was happening. With these same morals I signed the petition against

tuition hikes, not because DSU leader asked me to. Had this plea for support been a little more white-related, say an art display offensive to white students, I could understand his stubborn reservation. However this protest had as much to do with him as the next person — regardless of race. I cannot admire the fact that he purposely went against something he believed in only because the white DSU leaders were protesting the same things. In my eyes he went one step backwards not forward.

Santina Cross

Human Being

Love is love is love

To the editors:

I am writing this letter, not on behalf of the DCF or as a member of B-Glad. I am simply writing this letter as a concerned Christian. I was deeply hurt by the impression the DCF left on the general public after their little demonstrative week and also by the article published in the Gazette following that week. I am a heterosexual and a firm believer in Christ and his teachings. But the truth of Christ is the truth of love. Not just love between a man

and a woman or a general love for others. I believe that this love includes love between a woman and a woman or a man and a man. It is my sincere wish that marriage between homosexual couples will be legally sanctioned soon just as I believe it is sanctioned in the eyes of God. Why wouldn't God approve of love in any form? It isn't the fault of the homosexual couple that they aren't legally able to marry in the usual sense. The marriage ritual is a man-made restraint to their expression of their love to their mate which they have no control over. I feel that if one person makes a pledge to be with another person, that is as much a marriage as any other, regardless of gender. As to calling all homosexuals sinners, that is, to use an over-worked expression, the pot calling the kettle black. We are all sinners and, in God's sight, sin is sin, no sin being greater than another. And if loving someone is a sin, then I feel pity for anyone who isn't guilty of that sin. So, if you were put off by the DCF week and any distorted message they may have purveyed, please don't ignore

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opinions

Power of academic freedom

Political correctness has been pervading every aspect of life on campus over the past few weeks. With the forum on political correctness and the resulting media coverage, it has become an issue that has immersed people in antagonistic debate and placed people at, what seems to be, opposing ends of the spectrum.

Well, what to say? How is it that the Anti-Discriminatory Harassment Policy is being labelled as politically correct? Who is doing so? Why do these people claim that this policy is seeing to the needs of special interest groups? How is it that the policy is being called into question for limiting academic freedom and freedom of expression?

Firstly, it is important to note who is classifying the policy as politically correct. It is not those who have developed and worked on the policy and who are now actively trying to have it put before Senate for approval. No, in fact the group that is labelling it as politically correct are comprised mostly of white, upper class, heterosexual males. Those who are in a position of power. Those who are the select few who are privileged in our society. They wish to maintain and perpetuate their positions of power and what better way than to attack the Anti-Discriminatory Harassment Policy as politically correct, as limiting academic freedom and as restricting freedom of speech.

Our individualistic sensibilities tell us that we should be opposed to such things; but wait, let's look at it from another perspective. It is unfair to assume that it is politically correct, that response is simple backlash from the political right wing (there is a history of such attacks from the right). That claim loses credibility just in

the fact that it is reactionary; little actual thought has been given to the policy itself.

Academic freedom. Are we in fact talking about academic freedom or are we talking about the maintenance of academic power? Those who now wield such power in a classroom setting want to continue their stronghold on such power. The same applies to freedom of expression; is it not actually power of expression that we are talking about? Is it not that these people want to maintain the absolute and total control that they have had as a result of their position of power.

The policy is an attempt to allow people to establish voices which have in the past been silenced. These are not special interest groups as some would have us believe. Women, people of colour, lesbians and gays, people with disabilities, etc. They actually make up the majority in terms of numbers (women are about 54%, people of colour 15%, lesbians and gays 10-20%, etc.) These people have been actively silenced and with the present power structure there seems that there is little room for the establishment of such voices unless we take an active role. The policy is one such manifestation of this active role.

Those opposed to this policy have also indicated that it is not necessary. As a queer man I can say that that is not the case. I have been at this university since mid-September and have been attacked, vilified and degraded from the very highest ranks of the administration and have felt marginalized, unwanted and silenced in some of my classes. I had no method of recourse except to end my studies here. In the period of time since I began at Dalhousie I have

seriously considered dropping out three times. I have come very close to doing so as a result of the lack of sensitivity, understanding and respect of faculty, administration and students.

So, in fact is this policy politically correct, restricting academic freedom and freedom of expression or is it in fact empowering people who have in the past been silenced and made to feel illegitimate at this university by virtue of their very presence? Consider.

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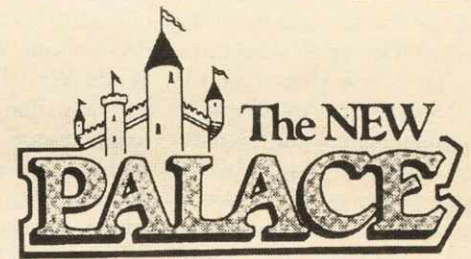
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Storm rages on

Anyone who has been privy to the debate concerning the nature and purpose of academic scholarship which is currently raging within American and Canadian universities, will no doubt agree that this issue is far from being resolved. This discourse takes its empirical evidence from a variety of sources, most notably the dire state of the educational system and its failure to turn out students who are as intellectually competent as their counterparts in other countries. The reasons cited for this perilous turn of events (after all, it was never like this in the good old days) include the assault on the intellectual content of the classical liberal tradition by renegade professors and teaching departments at various academic institutions across North America. That tradition, with its emphasis on rationality, progress, freedom, and empiricism was itself part of a protracted struggle with more conservative traditions during the past two centuries or so. As a result, we have before us a set of circumstances that beg to be addressed: the presentation of a specific canon believed to contain the totality of everything important,

and teaching faculties which are said to represent, more or less, a wide range of interests, beliefs, opinions, and methods of research. Funding and accessibility are other issues marginally associated with the academic curriculum, but nevertheless just as vital.

By now this 'dilemma' is common knowledge for everyone, however the ways in which it is interpreted and understood are far from clear. A case in point is the editorial 'The calm in the eye of the maelstrom' (*Dalhousie Gazette*, February 4, 1993). The author presents, in autobiographical detail, the attainment of her intellectual faculties. Her search for a specific identity included the intellectual pursuit of a "sophisticated, passionate and sound philosophy" with which she could somehow acknowledge her individuality.

She then sets out the programmatic guidelines under which this endeavour took place: the "idolater [sic] at the front of the class" who moulded her mind, the "vigorous discussions" she has witnessed taking place between

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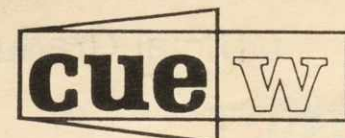
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Whose actions endanger human lives

Following the recent series of fatal attacks against Israelis carried out by the HAMAS and the Islamic Jihad, the Israeli government decided to issue temporary exclusion orders against about 400 operatives. The order provides for the exclusion of members of terrorist organizations whose actions endanger human lives. The deportees can not be looked upon as humanitarian victims as the Western media has proposed. Rather, the deportees must be looked upon as terrorists, responsible for the tragic deaths of Israeli soldiers and innocent civilians. The HAMAS and the Islamic Jihad organizations are branches of the extremist Moslem Brotherhood which operate in the territories under Israeli administration. The 1988 charter of the HAMAS states that "the liberation of all of Palestine, from the (Mediterranean) Sea to the (Jordan) River, is the most exalted strategic goal" of the organization. The group declares that "it is an obligation to kill all Jews" (from HAMAS leaflet 65, 1990), and employs armed terrorism against Jews and Arabs alike.

Its ideology rejects compromise or peace with Israel, and its terrorist actions are aimed not only at killing Jews, but at killing the peace process as well. The HAMAS charter is one

of the most murderous and genocidal documents of its kind. It commands "holy war for Palestine against the Jews", and not only orders believers to cleanse the land from its "occupiers" but states: "The Moslems are under obligation, by order of their Prophet, to fight Jews and kill them wherever they can find them."

It has been alleged that these exclusion orders do not comply with international law, and in particular with Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. However, as the Official Commentary to the Convention makes it clear, the prohibition in that article against "individual or mass deportation" was drafted in the context of the arbitrary deportations carried out during World War II for the purpose of extermination, subjugation and forced labour. Israel's issuance of exclusion orders is not arbitrary but directed only at those individuals whose presence and hostile activity in the territories constitute a clear danger to human life. Moreover, the purpose of the orders is not to exterminate or subjugate the population but rather to maintain security and orderly government in the areas, as required by Article 64 of the Convention.

The Lebanese government, hav-

ing called Israel "a Nazi regime" and "inhuman" for temporarily expelling members of a murderous terrorist organization, has decided to deprive these deportees of water, food and medical supplies. For the first time in memory, a government is preventing its own brethren — people, the Palestinian Latin Patriarch, described as "God's children" — from receiving humanitarian aid from the UN and the International Red Cross.

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her mentors, her capacity to "observe and absorb intelligent discourse on subjects", the accessibility of her professors with whom she can interact on a variety of subjects, and being part of a philosophy department which inspires the "sort of open and contemplative thought from which one can truly learn".

The accolades continue and are intended to remind the reader that what the writer has finally attained is some measure of that elusive truth which continues to evade those whose "minds have been systematically closed by academic apathy or artificial representations of universal dissent". She closes with a statement of grandiose proportions: "I feel as if I am learning to ask the right questions and, in turn, my intellectual chaos may finally be subsiding". She may not believe this, but

Any democratic society, such as Israel, must defend itself against those who wish to destroy it and to murder its citizens. The innocent victims of HAMAS terrorism were brutally murdered, and were neither shown mercy nor given any right to appeal. Israel, as a state which respects the rule of law, grants these terrorists the rights which they did not grant their victims. Unlike many other democratic countries, Israel does not uti-

lize the death penalty, yet chooses instead to simply remove the terrorists from the area for up to 2 years. Israel feels that this temporary exclusion is a more humane way of accomplishing the duty incumbent upon all free states — to stop terrorism, to protect its population, and to preserve the state from threats against its very existence.

Adam Block

which she feels are idiosyncratic, unjustified, "ignorant" and "invalid". Furthermore, the authority with which she makes her statements (for example, "the greatest crime against enlightenment is committed by those who attempt to close discourse") guards against anyone who might wish to address the issue from a different point of view — particularly those who have consistently been shunted and disqualified from participating in this so-called enlightening discourse. The Western hegemonic influence on primordial and unresolvable matters such as truth, beauty, knowledge and justice (including the canon in which these are contained) needs to be rewritten even if it means radically altering our educational system to include the company of those who are continually perceived as belonging on the margins of the academic community.

Denis Wall

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In cod we trust

by Michael Graham

I almost didn't go to the Double Deuce this last Saturday. My friends, who had said that they would probably be there, were unreachable, I was running late anyway, and it was -26 degrees outside! Then I decided to call GoTime and get a bus. I ran to catch it. Hopefully I could avoid the half hour walk downtown. Not only did I miss the bus, I had to suffer through the cruel joke of watching it drive away, leaving me in the cold. To make a long story shorter, I ended up walking/running down to the Deuce with all of my camera equipment on one of the coldest nights in history.

Cod Can't Hear Concert
Leonard Conan, Cool Blue
Halo, jale, Bubaiskull
Saturday, February 6th, Double Deuce

Was it worth the effort? Yes! I have been going to local Halifax gigs for about nine years and I can't remember any being as great as Saturday's show. The crowd was large and enthusiastic, and all four bands played extremely well. Even the "intermission" music was great.

Leonard Conan was first up and...let me take a look at the notes I took as they played: "Heavier Stiff Little Fingers/Replacements", "Good on own terms", "Crowd was into them - odd for a first band", "Maybe the new cd has people hyped - GREAT!", "Some dancing and alcohol consumption", "They have it together. Played really well, had fun and were appreciated". Although this was only the second time that I've seen the band play, Leonard Conan are definitely starting to grow on me.

Cool Blue Halo is a band which I know next to nothing about. I've seen them before, but the bassist was also playing in Chaz Rules or Merge, I forget. There are far too many bands around here to keep track of!

The first thing I noticed about Cool Blue Halo was the fact that the bassist was playing a five stringer. Even though I couldn't tell if she was playing with a low B or high C string, this made me happy as I am a big time bass affectionado.

After fixing some guitar amp problems, the band dove straight into their great, original, slightly raunched up pop material. Especially catchy was their song "Sheila" (?) or "SHEEELAAAAA". Cool Blue Halo had good fun on stage and they also got the crowd jumping around and dancing. They played a terrific and all too short 45 minute set. With their good pop material and their two and even THREE part harmonies this band may be destined for international popstardom. You never know...

Jale. I keep hearing rumours about jale. I am totally confused about what they are up to. Did they sign to SubPop? Are they on some compilation? What kind of deal do they have

and with who? Hopefully someone is taking notice of this band, because they are very good and keep getting better. (I have a feeling that the answers to these and other probing questions will be revealed in an upcoming issue of the Gazette - watch for it)

Saturday night's set was the most powerful that I'd ever heard and seen them play. Apparently they hadn't played live for awhile and I guess that they just bashed out and I guess with more abandon and energy than usual. Jale also mixed in some new material which sounded great and went over very well.

I have to say that jale sounds a bit like Sloan. Maybe it's the power drumming, possibly the vocal harmonies (up an octave or so), but there is a resemblance somewhere between the two bands' sound. This isn't a slam - just a relatively worthless and subjective observation. And of course, this comparison is completely mute when you are up front and immersed in the band and in the moment.

It is now past one in the morning and Bubaiskull are setting up. People are moving toward the front. It is getting crowded. Bubaiskull do not fit into any musical categorization so here are a few adjectives: harsh, original, bombastic, loud, diverse, intense, tight, dangerous, destructive, GOOD, etc.

Those words may conjure up an image of a death/thrash metal band. Well, Bubaiskull certainly isn't that (thank god). They are so difficult to

describe. While the above adjectives fit their sound in most cases, there are many exceptions. Imagine late Joy Division crossed with Black Flag or even better - SEE THEM LIVE!

Bubaiskull begin their set and within a minute it is slamfest central. I felt oh so safe standing near the front of the stage with my camera pressed to my eye, cutting off all peripheral vision. Thoughts of the camera being knocked to the ground and stomped on filled my head. But it was not to be. I managed to avoid any grievous bodily harm. Next time...no camera - I wanna have some fun too.

What can be said about their set other than "They smoked!". I can't really describe their music. There is, however, more of it, as they played some new material. Hopefully the band will preserve one of these shows with a soundboard recording and use that as a debut album (hint hint).

One thing I noticed while Bubaiskull were playing was that they seem to have a hardcore following. Many people came in just to see them and no one else. Someone was videotaping the set as well - to induce motion sickness in the viewer perhaps?

Bubaiskull ended far too early (2 am) but I walked home happy to have seen a brilliant live show, and freezing because it was still -26 degrees outside! At least I was safe in the knowledge that the Halifax scene was stronger than ever and only shows signs of improving. Now, to get that Cod Can't Hear CD!



Bubaiskull: stirring up a slam-fest at the Double Deuce



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Robinson's Open Sky is the limit

by Leslie J. Furlong

Here's to you, Mr. Robinson. Music from the Atlantic region is currently undergoing a period of increased recognition nationwide. Thankfully, there is nothing here that can be identified as a "scene" where individuality is expressed en masse. The musical styles and influences being drawn upon vary from artist to artist and individuality seems to be encouraged, which in itself is an accomplishment.

Jeremy Robinson Open Sky Local Music Scene

Still, it will take time to recognize whether this attention will be either positive and long-term or if it will ultimately amount to a curious blip on pop radar. With *Open Sky*, his second independent release and his follow up to *Miner*, Jeremy Robinson will no doubt keep public attention on Maritime music. Whether this attention is positive or not is a matter of debate.

I'll be honest and say this tape is my first exposure to Robinson as a musician, beyond seeing his name on posters in coffee shops and record stores. It's an attractive package to look at, very professional. As for what is inside, my opinion is mixed. I'm still not certain if I'm being too easy on him or too tough.

This collection of ten songs hits highs and lows. The problem is the consistency, or the lack of it, in the final product; some of these songs don't seem to have been finished before the final cut. Lyrics tend to be fatty and could stand a trimming, being in some cases trite, with painful rhyme schemes ("Face Up To You"), or just lacking in colour, ("I Most Certainly Would Say"). Sometimes his voice, which reminds me of John Hiatt's, betrays him by not doing what the song requires and the emotional content is lost.

The high point of the album is the musicianship, the skills of the various hired guns remaining at peak form throughout. In the two songs previously mentioned, the guitar playing becomes their one saving

grace. The background vocals of Sherri Morrison, especially on "Old Man Laughs", provide Robinson with the means of expression he sometimes lacks in his own voice, making it one of the strongest tracks on the release. The two best songs are the album's bookends, "Need My Help", possessing tight playing and the most energy of the ten, and the album's closer "Brilliant Mistake" (a notion I can certainly relate to), in which all the ingredients lyric, music and vocals, come together backed up by the tenor sax of Bucky Adams.

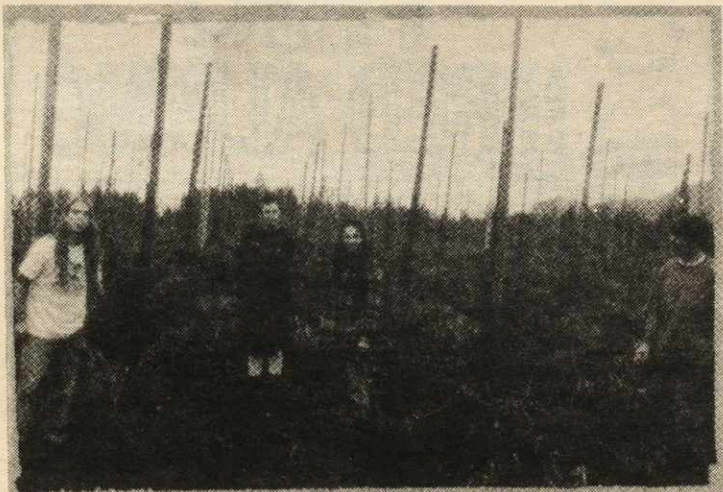
From what I have heard on this album, I would guess that live performance would be Jeremy Robinson's greatest strength and that he has found it difficult to capture that on tape, even with the production assistance of Terry Pulliam. There are a few really good songs to be found here and a couple that should be quickly forgotten, but mostly what I heard was filler, good, as far as it goes, but filler all the same. I don't hate it, but I won't keep it. Maybe I'll give it to my parents.



Jeremy smoked before class today.

Next week in arts: An interview with jale and a catalogue of the local music scene

Sweet grunge and altogether no substance



Hey! We can't see the trees for the forest!

by Lange Zippel

You know what snotty Vancouver yuppies say about Chilliwack, B.C.—yoghurt has more culture. I have to agree to some extent—this is the part of the world that produced such marvels as Loverboy and the Headpins and apparently that brand-name literary buffoon Douglas Coupland visits the area when his local video store has rented out its collection of Gilligan's Island episodes.

Mystery Machine glazed Netzwerk

Glazed, the first real record by Chilliwack's Mystery Machine, does little to make this reviewer any more eager to get his ass out to said pueblo to check out Netzwerk's latest addition to its moderately talented roster. Mystery Machine have released an indie cassette called *Smegma*, which helped them win CITR's 1991 local band competition, first prize being studio time. Careful use of this studio time and production assistance from Dave Ogilvie (Sloan, Skinny Puppy, Babes in Toyland), led to second-stage performances at the '92 Lollapalooza fest, an opening slot for

Pearl Jam and a Netzwerk deal.

That's the good news, folks. The, uh, not so good news is that Mystery Machine are a whole lot more machine than mystery. *Glazed* is not so much an album as a transparent summary of everybody's favourite punk rock influences from the past fifteen years or so, with a long, slow nod in the direction of Seattle. Here are the spoken-word/grunge antics of Slint without the lyrical wit, the irritating post-'86 Sonic Youth knack for taking a decent song and burying it in unnecessary noise, vocals à la Thurston Moore without the sly cynicism and humour, and straightforward punk-grunge à la every band you seem to hear at the Deuce these days.

This is not a bad record, it's just that everything here has been done before, and done better, and the stuff that does stand out and grab you—the fluid acoustic intros and the peripheral atmospheric—ends up being compromised by an unimaginative rhythm section and lyrics that must've sounded great when they were written, at a very stoned 3 am acoustic guitar session in somebody's basement. Fragments of this record leap out at you. The distortion blasts on "Shaky Ground" and the acoustic workouts on "High Test" and "Hooked" grab the ear for moments,

but then it's back into the tar-pit of grunge riffing.

What most of the so-called "grunge" musicians don't understand is that walls of sound are made of bricks. The distortion gods of the early 80s (Husker Du, the Necros, Dinosaur) and the 70s (Sabbath, the Stooges, MC5) didn't just turn it all up to eleven: they were extraordinarily competent technically, and those throbbing gobs of distortion were not just simple powerchords played through masses of effects. Bob Mould, Scott Asheton and J. Mascis had in common the very un-punk rock like ability to play fast, complex and fluid guitar lines that caressed as well as body-punched the listener. Mystery Machine, like their richer brethren from Seattle (Pearl Jam, Mudhoney) turn it up oh so very loudly, play big heavy messy chords, and generally fail to convince me that there is anything much other than a kind of intense sincerity happening here. I think about this record, and it doesn't turn me off, or on—it doesn't really leave much of an impression. What the hell, I have Walt Mink's *Miss Happiness*, and *Nevermind* somewhere, and a respectable 80s punk collection, so not listening to this record shouldn't cause me any hardships.

Gay at Dalplex?

I am one of the many gay men who regularly work out at the Dalplex. However, I am sure most of the people who I have met at the gym and talk with on a regular basis are not aware of my homosexuality. I don't "look" gay — I am attractive, 6' tall, 200 pounds, and in good shape. I often wonder what they would think if they knew more about me: Everything else seems to be acceptable to them about me, except my sexual orientation.

I am a fortunate person. I came out ten years ago to my close straight friends, while attending University. My friends were so supportive, it was beyond belief. They were typical guys, they enjoyed partying, sports and women. These same people have been part of my life since an early age, so it was a big step to risk it all by telling them the truth. But in hindsight, the long-standing friendships are what made my transition into gay life so easy. My friends said they knew all along, and they probably did, but their openness to my sexuality gave me new found strength, and as a result I began to believe in myself.

My career has taken off, and today I am manager for a prominent consulting firm. Many of my colleagues know I am gay, but it is always a surprise when I tell them. I bring a different perspective to what is generally a very conservative environment at work. I have brought many progressive changes to the company — from implementing high technology office automation systems to presiding as president of the social committee, arranging many social functions for our more than 50 consultants.

When I tell colleagues I am gay, I explain how being gay alters my perspective on society and where I feel that I (do and don't) fit-in. I expect those in-the-know about my sexual orientation recognize that my contributions to the company can be attributed to my learning experiences as a gay man. I learned a lot about people and society when I was struggling to come to terms with my sexuality.

So, where does Dalplex fit into all of this? Gay life in Halifax is dull. Most of the visible gay community is off-putting, to put it mildly, and there is nowhere for the rest of us to hang. Most people, straight and gay, seem to automati-

“at Dalplex I see interest on some of the guys' faces and I suspect — and expect — they are gay”

cally assume that just by classifying a person as gay describes everything there is to know about them — their lifestyle, personality and culture.

There are many gay people in Halifax who will never go to Rumours — perhaps they don't like to dance, perhaps they don't like the people or atmosphere (I don't!). Many pretend, or go to a place like Studio, where you aren't automatically labelled queer by walking in; though I detest Studio more because of their overt oppression and exploitation of homosexuals.

At Dalplex, I see interest on some of the guys' faces, and I suspect — and expect — they are gay. I know those looks. I feel a bond with them. I recognize what they are going through. Estrangement and alienation — and fear. Fear of being exposed; or just fear of expressing what they feel. If only people were more tolerant and it wasn't such a horrific crime to express your gayness.

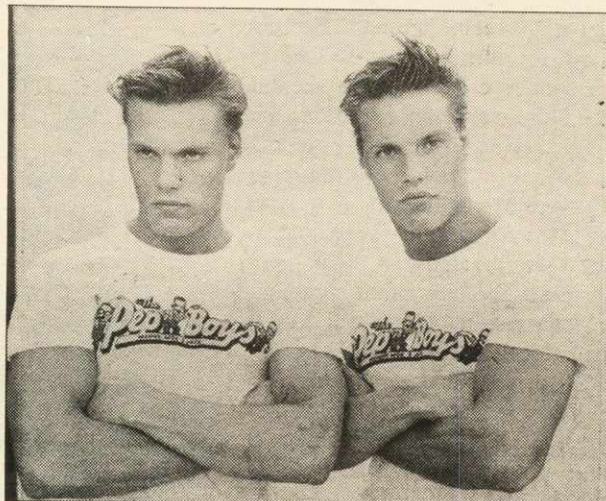
These guys are good-looking and well-built for the most part. They're not out of the closet — possibly to themselves, and certainly not to their friends — but they have probably slept with guys and know what they want sexually. They are not interested in socializing with what they may have good reason to think they may find at Rumours. They probably want to be singing along to a band at the Lower Deck, or dancing to some GOOD music (as opposed to what Rumours and Studio play) at J.J. Rossi's.

Dalplex is very sensual. Gyms by their nature are filled with sexual energy; and there are more than a few “I'm curious” looks floating around. I certainly don't consider Dalplex a gay meeting or cruising area — it isn't, although I will say that the atmosphere can often be intensely intimate at times (as well as genuinely friendly; which automatically disqualifies it); but my point is, that I recognize a lot of what I went through in terms of my agony about coming-out, mirrored around me in Dalplex: people who want to be more openly curious — or even just a bit more tolerant; to be able to accept interest in someone's body for what it may be. Gay sexuality exists at Dalplex, it's just not recognized or tolerated.

So where can the gay person socialize “gay-openly” who does not fit into the existing gay communities? Right now — nowhere.

If you are one of the gay men who feel caught in this dilemma, you should consider contacting BGLAD. I recently attended my first BGLAD meeting and was surprised by BGLAD's willingness to recognize and confront this problem. Perhaps if this need is shared by others in the community, BGLAD can become a vehicle to form other social groups which are of interest to other Halifax Nova Scotian gay men like myself.

Gay Jock



Can you tell the difference?

“Exercise For Men Only”

He was leafing through a copy of Men's Fitness magazine studying each face and body type carefully, a question playing on his mind, inspecting each page intently, absorbed in trying to imagine how ageing would overtake and reform what each handsome man would eventually look like,

Curiosity teasing his imagination, his attention buried in the glossy pages, as he scrutinized carefully every well-built, attractive man modelling an exercise or demonstrating the latest in work-out gear fashion.

Age, an irrelevant question, had gone beyond questioning to something like an inevitability—parking itself like an illegal squatter in his brain, stubborn as a homeless person lodged over a warm-air grating or squatting in a lobby entrance, all its belongings in a messy pile—smeared across his vision, insinuated into his thoughts, occupying all his time. Hours spent mapping out the details of changes that Time and Age would thrust upon him, bringing with them...he could only wonder what—and regretting how he will fade before he has ever bloomed.

Eyeing the wealth of bare skin and cut outlines of perfectly defined muscles —so many clear, not-always-quite-innocent male eyes; eyes lacking a sense or irony perhaps, but also often without much imagination either or innocence, or especially: much of the expected envied joy, making you wonder at yer envy & their obvious discomfort so naked in front of the lens — a wall closed between the viewer and the models.

Charting without malice or envy, calculating the process, each alteration time would impose, mapping the progress of deterioration carefully, with an alert and kind curiosity; plotting the delta of wrinkles and paths of saggings, regarding them as not-necessarily unflattering, investing them with the understanding as clear indications of a maturity and depth of character to be etched & inscribed on faces & hands; worn-in by a caring unkindness of nature that perfect health & fitness cannot avoid entirely or cure; making his imagination dictate their future looks with careful & earnest critical study, making up anecdotes to accompany the changes & deteriorations; determining his perceptions to a calculated accuracy accorded, by drawing on his own experiences & the depth of his perceptions of each similar face and body type he'd encountered in his life: the greying blonds; the crows feet scribbled around the eyes; the grey chest hairs sprouting, nipples pointing obscenely.

Until he forgets, losing himself, his mouth suddenly pressed against the glossy smooth magazine skin. Clutching imaginary paper shoulders flecked with a spray of delicate freckles tasting, kissing the shower of freckles sunspotting the outline across the broad smooth hard back, fitting his body spooning into the imaginary perfect curve against the back of the hard supple body lying face-down on the prone leg machine.

“sespe”



Kinsey Questions

By ANTHONY ROBERTS

Please note that due to the inherent androcentric nature of the Kinsey Report, this article deals primarily with male homosexuality.

What is the Kinsey Scale?

In the 1948 book, the Kinsey researchers made the assertion that homosexual behaviour was not restricted to identified homosexuals. The book was based on an in-depth survey of thousands of men. The authors said that it seemed more reasonable to look at a person's behaviour and psychological response to being at some point on a spectrum or scale and therefore developed the following method of sexual categorization:

- 0=entirely heterosexual;
- 1=largely heterosexual, but with incidental homosexual history;
- 2=largely heterosexual, but with a distinct homosexual history;
- 3=equally heterosexual and homosexual;
- 4=largely homosexual, but with a distinct heterosexual history;
- 5=largely homosexual, but with incidental heterosexual history;
- 6=entirely homosexual.

This represented a move away from the usual compartmentalisation of sexuality into homosexual and heterosexual (a system which provides for only an either/or characterisation). It was indicative of a move towards an increasingly holistic notion of sexuality.

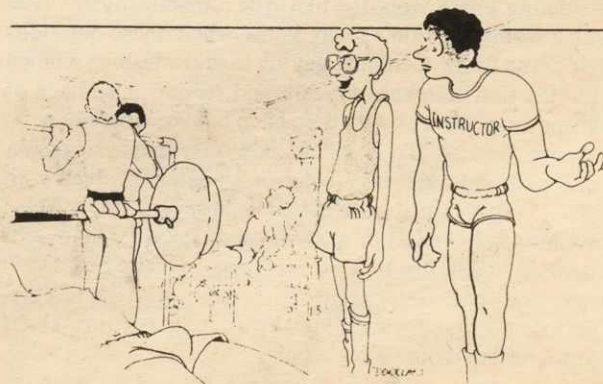
What is the origin of the 10 percent gay figure?

In the same book mentioned above, Kinsey published survey results which stated that 4% of the men were ranked as a “6”, while 6% were given the ranking of “5”. This yielded a figure of 10%. The same study indicated that the figures for women were between 3 and 8% (although it is not made explicitly clear what the ultimate percentage was). Kinsey has been challenged on a number of grounds, as with most sociological studies, in terms of the accuracy of these figures. More recent studies have estimated that the figure is closer to 18,5 percent and estimates as high as 50% have been cited. It is also becoming increasingly popular to assume that no person is entirely exclusively heterosexual.

“...a maximum of 50% of men are entirely heterosexual...”

So-exactly what percentage of people are “exclusively heterosexual?”

From the same book: “At least 37% of the male population has had some homosexual experience between the beginning of adolescence and old age... this is more than one male in three of the persons that one may meet as he passes along a city street”. In addition, 13% of males react erotically to other males without having overt homosexual contacts. This indicates that 50%, at least half of the male population, have some sexual response, whether actualized or not, to other men. It also indicates that a maximum of 50% of men are entirely heterosexual throughout life.



Oh, no thanks, I'm just browsing.

Human Rights Steps Backward

In 1986, the Progressive Conservative federal government promised that it would "take whatever measures that are necessary to ensure that sexual orientation is a prohibited ground of discrimination," in the Canadian Human Rights Act. In 1992, then Justice Minister Kim Campbell, announced that she was responsible for a bill that would add sexual orientation to the Act, but marital status would refer to heterosexual couples only. The minister giveth and the minster taketh away.

It is important that the Canadian Human Rights Act protect gays, lesbians, and bisexuals because it applies to all areas within federal jurisdiction. The Charter applies to government activities, and provincial human rights acts apply to areas within provincial jurisdiction. At present, the Charter is usually considered to include sexual orientation as an analogous ground, a point conceded in the Veysey case by the Attorney General of Canada. Some provinces include sexual orientation: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, B.C., and the Yukon. The Canadian Human Rights Act, because of a decision by the Ontario Court of Appeal (Hair and Birch) is read as though it includes sexual orientation, but this is binding only in Ontario. This patchwork of protection means, for example, that if I work for a chartered bank (under federal jurisdiction) in Nova Scotia and I'm fired for homosexuality, I have no recourse. But if I work for a company that is not federally incorporated, I have recourse through the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act. My

partner, who lives in Alberta, has no recourse if she is evicted for being a lesbian. I am protected through the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act.

So, if the amending bill is passed, it will make standards more uniform. It still does nothing for Albertans in areas of provincial jurisdiction. Ironically, one of the provinces where one is most likely to be a victim is least likely to make the change without being forced to by the courts.

The regressive step of excluding same sex couples from the definition of marital status also has implications. There is a possibility of protection on the grounds of family status, but after Parliament has declared us not married, it is unlikely that the courts will call us a family.

So why do I want the possibility of marriage? Bourgeois affectation? Well, maybe I did spend too long reading 'till-death-do-us-part novels in my youth. But there are reasons. Income tax benefits, if one partner is dependent on the other, are not available to us currently. And, should one partner be a homemaker, she is not protected in the event of a breakup. The Anderson vs Luoma case in the B.C. Court of Appeal finally gave one partner a share of the family assets after a ten year relationship on the basis of unjust enrichment, a concept in contract law, an intellectual stretch, to say the least. Canada Pension Plan has a spousal support pension for heterosexual couples only. Jim Edgan and Jack Nesbit, two gay men who have been together for 45 years recently lost their case in the Federal Court of Appeal, challenging this policy. Mr. Edgan has contributed to CPP at the same rate as a heterosexual man, so, in effect, the Government is forcing him to subsidize heterosexual couples. Justice Martin of the Federal Court of Appeal said that a brother and sister living together, an elderly parent and grown child living together, two friends living together, and a same sex couple are all examples of non-spousal couples. With all due respect Your Lordship, one of these things is not like the others. And, the Justice said that Parliament did not intend to include same sex couples. But intentional discrimination is no less discriminatory.

Other benefit plans also discriminate. Last year, my partner and I paid 65% more than a heterosexual couple in medical and dental benefits through work. More subsidies.

Immigration law is also discriminatory. Priority sponsorship (meaning sometime within the next century) is only available to married couples or couples who intend to marry. And marriage is defined as ... you get the point. And, if your partner is from a country that persecutes homosexuals, you're out of luck, because persecution on the basis of sexual orientation is not a ground for refugee status. Or, if you're a lesbian or bisexual woman and your partner is from a country that persecutes women, you're also out of luck.

There have been successes on these grounds; Jorge Luaudi from Argentina was granted refugee status, recently; Nada, a woman claiming gender persecution, was granted refugee status. And, Bridget Coll, whose partner, Christine Morrissey, had applied to sponsor her, was granted permission to stay in Canada. None of these cases resulted in a change in Immigration policy; these people were allowed in on an individual basis without Canada Immigration recognizing the validity of their claims. A cynical view would be that these people knew how to use the media, and were allowed in by Immigration to avoid the appearance of injustice.

Immigration policy and Canada Pension Plan challenges would involve the Charter, but the proposed definition in the Canadian Human Rights Act could be persuasive to a court interpreting the Charter, and neither marital status nor family status is an enumerated ground for Charter protection. So it is one step forward and two steps back.

If You Were A Woman

I wanted to write a poem
called If You Were A Woman
I thought about it a lot
before I came out
When I was with a man
I would think about how
things would be
if he were a woman

My words did not flow
did not make sense

if You were a woman
i'd close my eyes

i'd close my eyes
relax
be comfortable

if You were a woman
i'd sleep

taking You into
my secret world of dreams

if You were a woman
i'd cry

without feeling ashamed
weak
stupid
typical

i want You to hold me while i cry
not laugh at me

FUCK, i wish You were a **WOMAN**

rita baker



Whose shaky reality: to young "het" men who yell out car windows in summertime & those who provoke them.

warm sun bare arms, legs
slight hot breeze
ruffling delicate hair all over
striding toward glittering water
hand in hand
in love in summer.

stop - stare deep into hazel eyes
marveling at depth
beauty pain that connects
experience. Brazen. exhilarate
embracing passion realized -

in public illusory freedom disappears
car races by windows open and
leering faces of homophobes yell

dykes fucking dykes

cowards fucking cowards can't even
leave the safety of your car
to confront what you fear:

we don't need you,
much less, want you.

we are power-full
power to push your buttons
shake up your REALITY.

so, in your rearview mirror
windows open, still guffawing over
apparent heroic machismo
you see us, hear us scream

Yeah so
you got a problem with that
can't make it past monosyllables?
that's les-bi-an to you, straight boys

and we wrap ourselves around
each other more ferociously than before
and feel bad for your girlfriends.

B. Bunting



Gender fuck is one aspect of Queer sexuality. It is a form of sexual expression which not only challenges heterosexism in our society but also challenges our fundamental notions of gender identity. Gender fuck can be expressed by 'cross dressing', accentuating feminine, masculine or androgynous aspects of ourselves, or playing with the various power aspects of our sexuality for our own pleasure.

I highly recommend Gender Fuck to all who want to explore different sides of their sexual/gender personality and as I said before it is a lot of fun. One word of caution though - play in a safe place, because some people find such explorations threatening to their own sense of what gender really is.

Dyke at large (with special thanks to B. Bunting)



lors) are learning how to work through a lot of our feelings. I'm not "in love" exactly, but I'm enjoying the time I spend with D. and the loving feelings we share.

I realize that a lot of this may seem new to you, although I really think you had suspicions so I hope it's not a total shock. I've just finished reading the book and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. There are so many questions it answered for me about my own feelings, and I hope you find it helpful, too.

I don't want to make this a big deal, but I realize that it's a significant change in my life and will also have a significant effect on you. I hope we can talk during our visit over break so I can tell you more about how I'm feeling and fill in some blanks in the story.

I realize you may want to talk to someone about this—I've been struggling to think of who you may feel comfortable talking to—I know you're the best one to figure that out, but I'd say D. and J. would probably be helpful. I'm a little wary about telling anyone else in the family right now because I'm uncertain about how they'll react.

The fear I experience about telling people can be overwhelming. When analyzed, it often seems irrational, but what I've come to acknowledge is that while I may feel good about this, and while my friends have been supportive, there are people I'm scared to tell—stereotypes, prejudice, and discrimination are pretty powerful things. I guess I like facing challenges, heh!?

Well, I can't think of what else to say. I love you and I'm glad to finally feel like I can share this with you. The book raises a number of important issues that we should probably talk about, but for now I'll just say don't worry too much—I'm still me. I'm going through a lot of changes, but they feel good and I like where I'm headed.

Love & fuzzies,



Gender Fuck

Several months ago my partner and I went to a Dalhousie women's fundraising event at the Club Flamingo. Feeling the need to 'liven things up' for ourselves we decided to 'dress for the occasion'. I donned my tuxedo and she her evening gown. She mixed a dress and makeup with Doc Martin boots, her long hair slicked back. I not only dressed in tux shirt and tails but also wore much more feminine jewelry than usually. We were excited by this play with gender/sexuality. I looked at my partner and saw her complex nature reflected in how she dressed that night. Not purely feminine nor overtly masculine, but a subtle combination of both. (My partner: "Indeed, when I looked at myself I was amazed at this vampish side of me. And when I looked at her...mmm...strong, seductive, restrained, handsome...and sexy as fuck!"). When I looked at myself I felt liberated- not restricted to the socially constructed definition of "feminist woman". With the feeling of empowerment also comes actual power and two Dykes playing with different degrees of femininity and masculinity can be intimidating.

Thus it was no surprise that the reaction we received was mixed. Some people came up to us and told us what a handsome couple we were. Others who would have normally spoken to us simply ignored us. Some women turned hostile stares on us. Others just stared out of curiosity. All of this from a group who supported a fundraiser for a women's centre.

Afterwards I thought some more about the reasons for the various reactions. Trust me, we were not your typical butch femme couple, in that these roles do not govern our daily interactions within our partnership. I think we went beyond all of that. We publicly played with people's notions of what is proper female behaviour and what is proper lesbian behaviour. We were fucking with the whole notion of gender and let me tell you it was not only fun, but empowering.

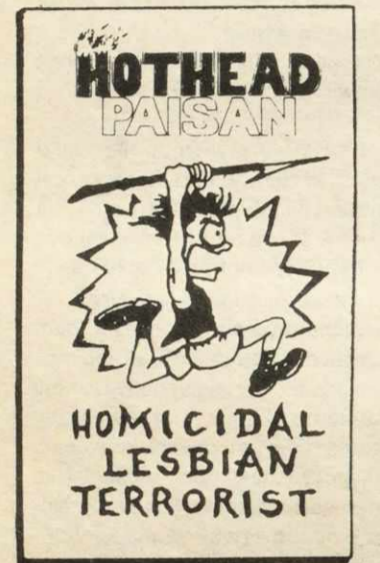
"interested" in me. At that point I felt "confused but interested" in her. I expected she'd tell me to take a hike—she'd never been involved with a woman before and I wasn't exactly sure where she stood on the sexuality continuum. To my pleasant surprise, she was confused but interested, too. And so began another stage in our relationship.

There are some practical reasons for why I wanted to tell you this now. Certainly I'm tired of telling you only part of what's going on in my life, but I also know that as graduation approaches and I make plans to come home it would be increasingly difficult not to tell you about my relationship with D. We have been dating for about 4 months and have made some tentative plans about her coming to live with me after she graduates next year.

This is really more about me than my relationship with D., though, for me as an individual it is a process of exploring my sexuality. I suppose one could debate the whys until the cows come home; personally I believe there is a "sexuality continuum" ranging from gay to straight. I believe that societal pressures ensure most people end up on the straight end, but I also believe people can move about depending on their openness and their circumstances. I am grateful to the supportive community of friends I have who have helped me realize that it doesn't matter what my sexuality is.

I am presently rejecting any labels—gay, straight, or bisexual—but I am in a lesbian relationship. I don't know what this means for the long term, but right now it makes me happy and I'm enjoying what I'm learning about myself.

Not that everything is all rosy. This has also been a difficult period of change. I have learned that it is much easier to have the reputation of a dyke than to actually confront homophobia face-to-face. So far, the people I have told have been incredibly supportive and helped affirm my present choices. My relationship with D has its ups and downs—we have a very solid friendship and (with the aid of our counsel-



The following is a modified version of a letter I sent my mother to tell her about my sexuality. It is part of my process of "coming out." The book referred to in this letter is called Different Daughters: A Book by Mothers of Lesbians, edited by Louise Rafkin. It is available at Red Herring Co-Op books.

Dear Mom,

I just had a restful weekend. I'm hoping I'll be motivated to do some work between now and the Spring break. The enclosed book may give you some indication about the purpose of this letter. Some of your questions/comments lately have prompted me to write this because I want to share some of the recent changes that have gone on in my life, and maybe answer your questions more completely.

It's hard to know where to start—but here goes. Perhaps it won't come as a surprise to you that I have been questioning my sexuality for some time. Until recently, there have been lots of questions, but few answers. Basically, I've been wondering what it would be like to be romantically involved with a woman. I don't really know where these questions have come from. Certainly getting to know lesbian women over the past number of years and having a number of unhappy experiences with men have left me wondering.

I guess I started talking with friends about my feelings some time ago. This summer—when I wasn't involved with anyone—gave me time to focus on these feelings, and also gave me some time alone to start feeling good about myself. I think it is with this new strength that I finally decided to explore this part of my sexuality—along with the fact that I got to know Dorothy and found myself interested in making our friendship more than platonic.

As you know, she and I became quite close over the summer, and during the fall I decided to ask her if she was

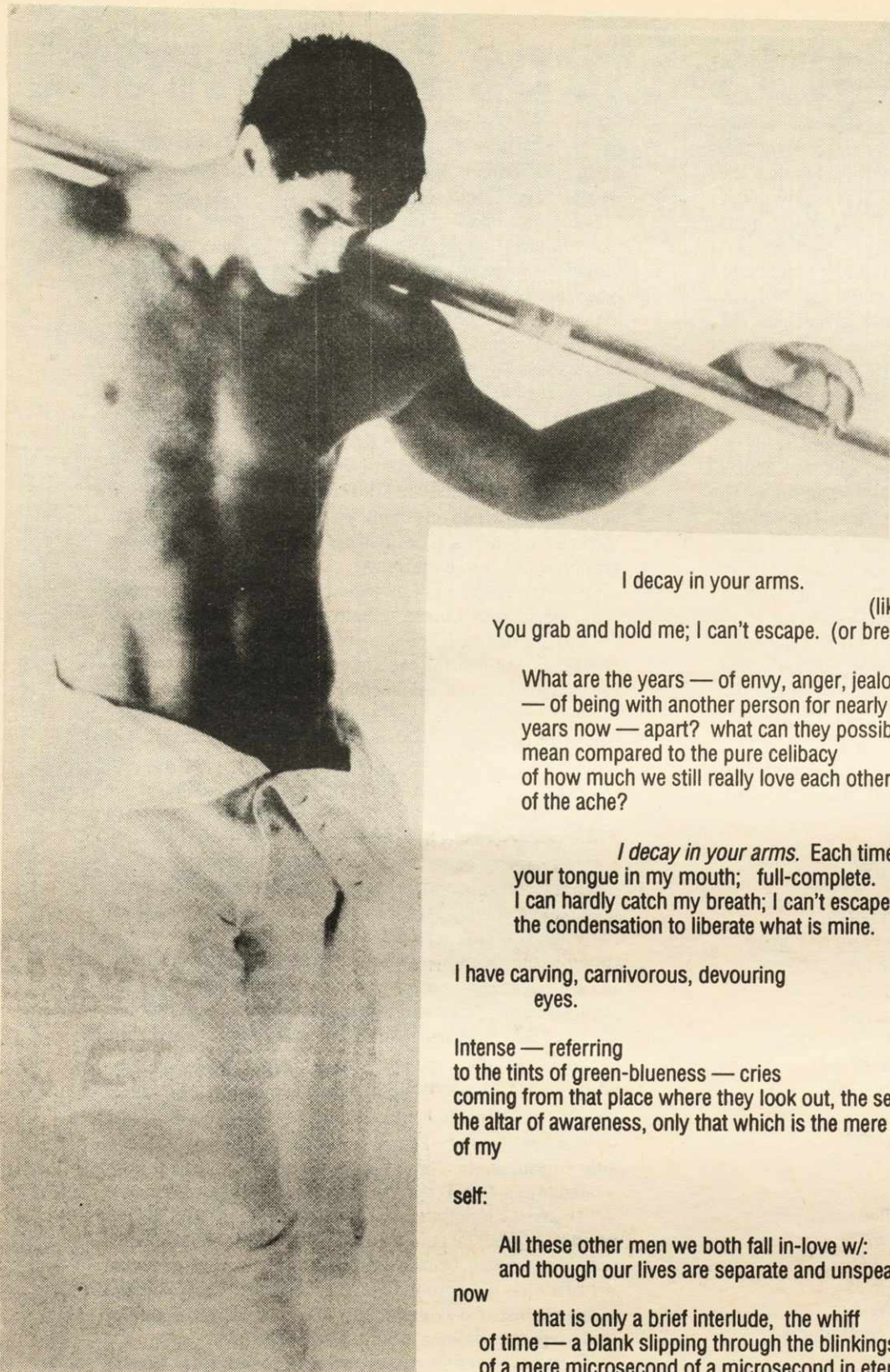


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I decay in your arms.
(like leaves)

You grab and hold me; I can't escape. (or breathe)

What are the years — of envy, anger, jealousy — of being with another person for nearly 8 years now — apart? what can they possibly mean compared to the pure celibacy of how much we still really love each other, or of the ache?

I decay in your arms. Each time, your tongue in my mouth; full-complete. I can hardly catch my breath; I can't escape or find the condensation to liberate what is mine.

I have carving, carnivorous, devouring eyes.

Intense — referring to the tints of green-blueness — cries coming from that place where they look out, the setting, the altar of awareness, only that which is the mere "I" of my

self:

All these other men we both fall in-love w/ and though our lives are separate and unspeaking, now

that is only a brief interlude, the whiff of time — a blank slipping through the blinkings of a mere microsecond of a microsecond in eternity; only diversions, fragments splintered from our mirror through the labyrinth, a soaking up of beauty held between our eyes, *as we.*

Decay, in their arms, unable to breathe or escape. *feels like fire!* — from our imaginations of their grasping us in the warmth of their (strong) tongues and (tender) skins!

SR/t for DB

RAPED IN HEAVEN: licking his nipples, with a tongue a cross between a cat's razor strophe and the gentlest sliimy oozing of wet sexuality, then up and I put my ear to the heartbeat breaking beneath the skin, only sweet pastry layers away to that precious juicy heart which could burst in my mouth sweeter than . . . exploding into a watery mouth filled with love and a heart of molten gold, its Sound echoing into my ear and then a needle plunges into my own chest penetrating deeply into my own heart as love spills over and I am obsessing, licking licking licking and love is lapping out of me and into me at the same time and I am not trying to stop its flow but only giving more to it — Eros, in full possession! — into an ocean of sound and my mouth overflowing with the juices of wet waterfalls of heartbeats buried in the ocean falling falling falling falling falling falling

drawing in drawing in drawing in breath breathe in the Love Breathe ...! in the LOVE. And here, down on yer knees, he rips his shirt off and down you go breathing in the love Breathe in .. and he is on you his mouth gasping for your Life and Your Love breathes him In. And he breathes you with him, and you both

Breathe him Innnn. Innnn. I N

and this is the same love as so-called Eternal Love, of sex transformed witin to the incandescent spark of knowingness and rhythms of terror & excitement that strike chords (you only thought) would vanish into breathing sighs and spurting fountains spilling out of you into you as bodies pressed together weigh down in sumptously lavish gatherings like satin falling sing down together and smooth rub of bodies; the breath stinking of love and raw meat and garlic drenched tongues caress, ladeling into inside each other's mouths

and organs rub and steam together All this ... watched by Heaven: Supervised by Official Heavenly Hosts (Hi! My Name Is ___) who slaver in anticipated need that they had almost talked themlseves into believing they'd almost outgrown robed in holiness — lust for heaven itself a Purity; only to be RAPED IN HEAVEN BY GOLDEN TWINS

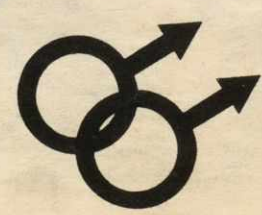
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INNER SELF
I feel alone.
The room is full of people,
but isolation knows not of numbers.
Emptiness and turmoil.
They are partners.

DISTANCE
Days like these I'm told,
will make me strong.
Why should I believe
that going through such pain
will give me strength.
Am I to think,
that pain yields strength?
Let me have my confusion.
Let me have this hurt.
Without it being explained.
Without it being justified.
Leave me to my separation.

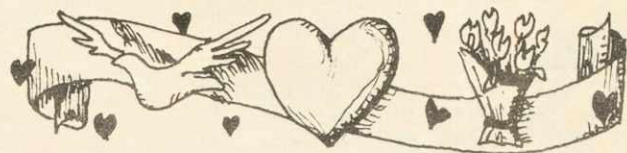
REDEFINED
Frustration, confusion, hopelessness.
They coexist.
How is it that the one feels unfulfilled?
The one is unloveable.
Beyond the threshold of tolerance of the other.
Why does the one repel so many?
The one cannot exist
within a system of
expectations and definitions.
It places the one on the outskirts of existence
Able only to observe and hope
but never to participate.

Anthony Roberts



arts

St. Poetry Day



St. Valentine's Day.

The old ways are the sweet ways
and faithful love is best.
The shy love is the deepest love
where hearts are happiest.

And so upon St. Valentine's
the timidest may speak
and ask in the old-fashioned way
For that sweet heart they seek...

~ unknown

Gentle Soul

See the softness of her eyes,
As life transposes winds to sky
For love touched not her soul nor thigh
I'll see you in the morning.

Pain leapt into my heart that day
Could we be friends or fighters say
Entwined in love, life, and time
This portrait painted was hers not mine.

Such dignity, caring love unabided
Her pride in work she often hides.
Her mind, her soul, I hope to quench
She touches me, in life's sad stench.
Can she but know I long to care
Perchance she'll see I will be there.

Harold MacPhee

"MY 1993 VALENTINE"

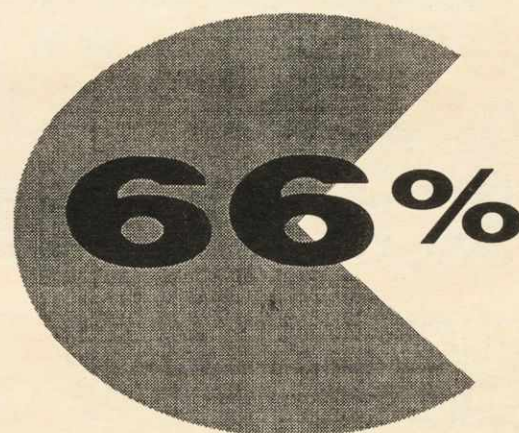
Be my Valentine
and walk with me
through the early morning
by the ocean mist
and help me
inhale the serenity
by the rolling waves.

Walk with me
all day long
and we can explore
mazes through meadows
as the bright sun
darts to and fro
weaving
between the clouds.

As the sun sets
hold me close
and kiss me softly
the way You always do
whenever we meet.

I love you as a friend
and good friendship grows
as I know ours will
so we can someday
walk together
forever.

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Tales from the native forest

Poet, playwright, artist and activist David Woods will be the next writer in featured in the CLCP Public Reading Series. The reading is sponsored by the Canadian Literary Collections Project and will take place on Thursday, February 18, 7:30 pm in the MacMechan Auditorium, main floor, Killam Memorial Library.

Woods, a graduate of Dalhousie University, was born in Trinidad and emigrated to Canada at the age of twelve. During the 1980s, he was

active in the Halifax community as program director for both the Black United Front and the Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia—a social, political, cultural and educational agency catering to the needs of Black Youth in the province.

Woods's contribution to the arts has also been outstanding. Artistic director of the Voices Black Theatre Ensemble, he has written several plays and radio dramas. "The Aunt Jemima Story," broadcast recently on CBC

Stereo's Arts National, demonstrates Woods's passion for his people, and his desire to tell the stories of Nova Scotia Blacks to a national audience.

David Woods will read from his recent collection of poetry, *Native Song*. Following the main presentation, new writers will be invited to take the stage, to read their own work at the open mike. For more information, please call Nancy at 494-3615.



by Aaron N. Yarmoshuk

More than just windshield splats

Flattened Fauna proclaims to be "The definitive guide for the millions of people who seldom see a wild animal that has not been flattened by the dozens of vehicles ahead of them, and baked by the sun to an indistinct fur-, scale-, or feathered-covered patty." The book succeeds at meeting this claim.

Knutson, Roger M.
Flattened Fauna: A Field Guide to Common Animals of Roads, Streets, and Highways.
 Berkeley: Ten Speed Press, 1987.

Written by a biology teacher at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, *Flattened Fauna* is a thought provoking guidebook for those drivers and passengers interested in gaining more from their on-road experiences. Or, as Knutson declares, "This book is

devoted to making the experience of seeing dead animals on the road more meaningful, even enjoyable."

Knutson is not a morbid biologist who revels in seeing wildlife splattered across North American roadways. He finds it regrettable that the use of motorized-vehicles and the increased kilometres of roads in this century has resulted in more flattened fauna. Knutson, however, is a true academic, and therefore desires to learn from all opportunities presented to him. He would consider it unfortunate if those who drive forfeited the valuable learning experiences that studying road-kills (the more common term for flattened fauna) offers them.

Some readers of this review may be questioning the seriousness of this book (and therefore this review too): they should not. *Flattened Fauna* is a legitimate academic work. Although short, (it is only eighty-eight pages), this book is well-researched (con-

sidering the topic) and presents interesting information.

Two of the more interesting facts presented concern alligators and snakes. In both cases, Knutson highlights for the reader what can be learned from studying road-kills. In the case of alligators in Florida the author concludes that the increased number of "on the road" sightings of the creature in the 1980s illustrates that the population of the American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) has recovered from near extinction. On the other hand, the decline in sightings of snakes on asphalt highways, particularly in the Southwestern United States, shows us that snake populations have suffered significantly from the building and spread of roads. (Snakes being cold-blooded creatures have the deadly habit of sunbathing on asphalt.)

It must be noted that Knutson limits his subject area to fauna that are usually found flattened on roads. This means that larger mammals -- such as moose, bear and deer -- are not included in the book; for they usually remain three-dimensional after being hit by a vehicle.

It is unfortunate that Knutson's message has not attracted an audience in Halifax's university community. Until this reviewer picked up this book from St. Mary's Library it had yet to be "signed-out". Although one explanation for this may be the book's United States origin there remains much for a Canadian driver to learn from reading this book. While it remains unfortunate that humans in cars are a major predator of animals it would be even more unfortunate if humans did not learn what knowledge can be gained from these deaths. Understanding the relationship between human activities and animal responses to such activities is important if humans are going to live in greater harmony with the other creatures of this earth. Those animals that become flattened fauna may not be adorable like seal pups, but we should be concerned about them. Knutson's book is a first step. And, to some extent it has succeeded; biology teachers in Minneapolis-St. Paul have found it to be an excellent teaching resource.



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letters

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A Concerned Christian

Quiet society spokesman speaks

To the editor:

I wonder why Miriam Korn the author of the January 28 editorial of the *Gazette*, chose to portray the PC Youth as a bunch of fear-mongering racists? Not only that, she goes further to suggest that PC Youth intends to take over student governments across the country.

Being an executive member of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Youth Association, her comments are of some concern to me. Specifically, they concern me because she refuses to qualify her comments (talk about stereotyping!). For example, did she contact anyone at PC Youth in Nova Scotia to make sure that what she was reporting was accurate? Absolutely not.

This glaring oversight on the part of the *Gazette* editorial staff is consistent with their complete disregard for impartial journalism. For had she bothered to make some phone calls to verify her sources, she would have found that the NSPCYA have no interest at all in student government. After all, who would want to be responsible for the infantile manner in which the DSU

tried to stop the tuition hikes? Running a haphazard campaign focusing on ranting and rhetoric, occasionally doing television interviews in the snow (while actually just coming from the Grad House), and burning school calendars does nothing for student credibility.

Why the editorial staff of the *Gazette* feels it necessary to hurl insults at a quiet society on campus is beyond me. It simply reveals their heightened paranoia with regards to their leftist tendencies.

And before these "editors" start screaming about how the PC Youth is obviously trying to petition the *Gazette's* mandate, I should point out that I would advocate a revised editorial structure - one that performs the moral obligation of journalism - to show both sides of every issue.

Rod L. MacLeod

University Director,

**Nova Scotia Progressive
Conservative Youth Association**

Fight for US

To the editor:

Okay, they passed the tuition hike. Does this mean it's all over? Are we all going home now to say what a drag it all is as we scan the help wanted ads? It's exactly what we're doing - exactly what the university wants us to do, and knew we would do: the inevitable outcome of any student protest in this country. We comply without a mur-

mur to the undermining of our educational system - well, perhaps there are murmurs, but no shouting, no screaming, no dragging of students (or concerned citizens) away from the scene still gnashing their teeth and waving their fists in the air.

This letter is a request for some *Gazette* investigative reporting. I want to know - I want everyone to know - who agreed to the hike. I want names and addresses of those who would not give student reps. the opportunity to speak out at the senate meeting. How much of my tuition pays their wages? Why should they have even one moments peace while our lot gets worse and our education is pulled by their nonchalant votes out from under our very feet? They don't care - they can well afford to pay for their offsprings' educations - and besides, in one fell swoop they are providing a solution to the problem of overcrowdedness in the university and clearing out all the unwanted. Come on you guys, don't be blinded by the propaganda surrounding us. We do have rights, and no one will fight for them but us. Let's get the Student Movement on its feet and moving. Let's make our Student Union a real union. Before we're out on the street.

H. Bemfica

Both sides now

To the editors:

Our pluralistic society presents a tension of ideas, and sometimes, because of poor communication, misun-

derstanding occurs. Two articles, "Unlocking the Truth: a word of a lie" and "The Agony and the Ecstasy" (Number 14, January 28, 1993) attempted to respond to an incident between Dalhousie Christian Fellowship (DCF) and some members of BGLAD! regarding a book displayed on a DCF booktable. Unfortunately, these articles did not represent the experience of everyone involved in this incident and it is for this reason that I write this letter.

Through this conflict I had the privilege of participating in a dialogue with someone who is very concerned about these issues. We got together with the help of a facilitator to discuss how we were feeling. As a gay man, he was offended by the opinions expressed in the book, while I was hurt about the assumptions being made about my Christianity. So we talked. It was a tense but profitable experience. We came with open minds, with the goal to listen and to try to understand each other. While it is unlikely that our respective points of view have changed, we did leave with a sense of acceptance from the other person. This was a good experience for me; I have grown because of it. I have become more sensitive to the issue that gay and lesbians must deal with and realize that I must do what I can to help ensure their dignity as persons.

University is supposed to have a tension of ideas, and we should not stifle that. As far as I can see this is the only solution for our pluralistic campus: to dialogue. If we make an attempt to communicate, to express our opinions and to listen to those of others, we

will move towards understanding.

On behalf of Dalhousie Christian Fellowship, I would like to apologize to anyone who experienced hurt over this issue. We want to reach out to people, not to push them away. We are only human, however, and sometimes make mistakes. The God we believe in loves everyone. And as for me, I am trying to do the same.

Christy Napier, DCF

...and finally...

To the editor:

There is a world map on the wall of the third floor of the Arts and Administration building. I don't know how long it's been there, I just noticed it.

On this version of "the world," the latitude and longitude lines are distorted so the "white" countries appear to be larger than the others. On this map South America appears to be about the same size as Greenland when it is actually about seven times as large.

Most world maps used in American schools have this "special feature" to subtly teach racism. So why is this map on display at Dalhousie, a Canadian, culturally diverse university?

At the time I noticed this map there was an International Development display in the Student Union Building, so I approached one of the students involved with this display. She said that it was probably an old map (can you tell that she is white?). Does that make it okay to display?

I personally would rather look at white walls than a distorted, racist map. Am I the only one?

Julie Sims

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opinions

Generalizing for sake of convenience

People tend to have a habit of generalizing things for the sake of convenience. It's usually easy to generalize than to make the effort to get to know things in their real sense of existence. I'm guilty of such a thing. I remember once calling an oriental person a Chinese, because I assumed (naturally like many others) for the sake of convenience that he was one. Obviously, for my ignorance, I insulted a Japanese person for calling him Chinese. Rightfully, he let me realize my blindness by stating: "Just because I physically resemble Chinese does not give you the justification to call me Chinese." Naturally, not all people with small eyes (no insult intended) are Chinese. One could be Japanese, Korean, or Indonesian. The physical features are not the right way to identify people.

Culture, history and language are what determines one's identity.

This brings me to the point I like to get across. The phrase "African" is used so loosely in North America that every black person who was born anywhere in Africa is generalized as one. I wonder why? What in the devil's name is going on? One answer is that all Africans are one with the same cultural, and historical identity. If this is the case then have black Africans succeeded in giving birth to one culture all these centuries? Or is it simply a clever pirate transmitting "the wrong interpretation mixed up with vain imagination"?

Well, this is your wake up call people.

The continent of Africa is home for more than fifty different nation-states. Each of these nation-states

has its own culture, history and language, in which few of them share the same language; let alone the same culture or tradition. Some Black-Americans even think that Swahili is the continental language of Af-

What in the devil's name is going on?

rica. Don't tell that to a west African, he or she will be amused at the level of your ignorance. What most of those (generalizers) don't understand or refuse to understand is that each African has an identity that he or she

holds very dear. For example, my identity comes from eleven centuries of common history, language and tradition which is uniquely Somali. My ideas, beliefs and opinions are that of Somali first, then African second. If I was asked to talk about and African culture, which one do you suppose I will be presenting? You guessed it, Somalia!

In other words, if you missed my point, I logically can not do justice in trying to claim that I understand what it is like to be a Nigerian or a Malawian. Therefore, when one generalizes those who are born on the African continent as African, then one is depriving them of their identity. I'm sure that Canadians will be a little bit upset if I kept calling them Americans; Though, I can't see any obvious differences.

Geographical identification is not exclusively important to us (Africans); though, we suffer the most from this kind of identity 'piratism'. Imagine why people of an Italian, Greek, German, or Irish descent don't settle for this kind of generalizations or 'piratism'? The kind of the matter is that they are not called Europeans, but are called Italian-Canadians and so on. Well, as the song goes: things that make you go @\$\$*&-oops! On this note, I conclude my lesson of cultural identity with the words of Mr. Garvey:

"People without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture are like a tree without roots." -Marcus Garvey

Asalamu Ala'kum,

Shriwac Sheikh-Mohamed

HIV unmasked

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AIDS: A MULTIFACTORIAL DISEASE

The eighth annual AIDS conference in Amsterdam finally questioned the HIV link to AIDS. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute surprised audiences in Amsterdam by saying "there are too many shortcomings in the theory that HIV causes all signs of AIDS". This has led others to consider the disease as multifactorial.

Michael Callen, author of *Surviving AIDS*, has been alive for eleven years with full blown AIDS. He has fought every illness brought to him but not AIDS itself. Callen frequently points to the prejudices of the medical community. Callen notes the recognition of the influence of stress, poor eating habits, and too little sleep have in leading to fatal heart attacks. Yet, HIV victims will die of AIDS and no questions are asked.

Callen and others who emphasize AIDS as a multifactorial disease point to high risk groups as proof HIV is not the only cause of AIDS. The AIDS explosion began in California

among predominately homosexual men. The majority of the men were regularly having unprotected sex, were inflicted with numerous sexually transmitted diseases and were being inoculated for them regularly. It has been argued this combination led to a general decline of the immune system.

Other high risk groups, such as hemophiliacs, take the blood from

HIV victims die of AIDS and no questions are asked

thousands of donors in one transfusion. Intervention drug users are susceptible to infections and usually have unhealthy lifestyles. Any combination can effect the immune system which can trigger a HIV or AIDS. In comparison, the majority of monogamous heterosexual men in Africa are still living HIV positive after a decade.

AZIDOTHYIMIDINE

Many groups concerned with AIDS are angered at the medical

community's attempts at curbing the sickness. Azidothymidine (AZT), a failed cancer drug of the 1960s, is still the most prescribed drug for HIV positive people, however AZT's effectiveness is being increasingly questioned. The drug's manufacturer, Burroughs & Wellcome, a British Multinational, has earned over \$350 million a year because of HIV/AIDS.

AZT was approved by the FDA in just 18 months, a record for the organization which usually takes up to several years to approve a drug. AZT works by killing approximately 499 healthy cells to kill 1 HIV infected cell in addition to retarding bone marrow. Dr. Duesberg, a leading virologist at Berkeley, is one of the many experts who have drawn the analogy of poisoning a city's water system to kill one terrorist. If AIDS is multifactorial then AZT is not only a poor solution but a contributor to the illness.

Canada will see the cases of AIDS increase nine-fold this decade, one of the highest rates of spread in the developed world. The Strecker theory urges the population to realize how little is understood about epidemiology and how this causes areas of research to be ignored for financial reasons.

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SPORTS

Dal rocks the house with 2000 fans

by Jo Kitch

Over 2000 screaming fans packed the Memorial arena last Friday night for a Kelly Division showdown. The game pitted the number one ranked team in the nation, the Acadia Axemen and the Dalhousie Tigers. Fans hoping for hard hitting, exciting hockey were not disappointed, this was a great game.

The Tigers were put into an early hole as referee Peter Macdonald called two quick penalties to start the game. Down two men Dal goalie Scott Macdonald snared a tipped shot from the point and then stood his ground defending a 2 on 1 rush, killing the penalty. After Norm Batherson of Acadia was impaled on the far glass by Allan Cox the ref called another Dal penalty, the third for the Tigers before Acadia had been penalized once. At 10:49 of the first period Kevin Knop ripped a blistering shot from the point beating Macdonald and putting Acadia up 1-0. Fifty seconds later Dalhousie committed a terrible puck control error behind their net giving up control and the Acadia player stuffed an easy one in the short side. At this point the Tigers seemed shaken, both by the ref and their opponents and needed to return to their physical play. Hit, Hit, Hit!

With one second left in their first man advantage Dal began to fight back. Andrew MacVicar recovered a loose puck in Acadia territory, rushed the net on his backhand and flipped the puck over a surprised opposition goalie cutting the lead in half. This great goal stopped the momentum and the crowd went nuts. After exchanging goals the teams headed for the dressing room with the score Refs 3 Dal 2.

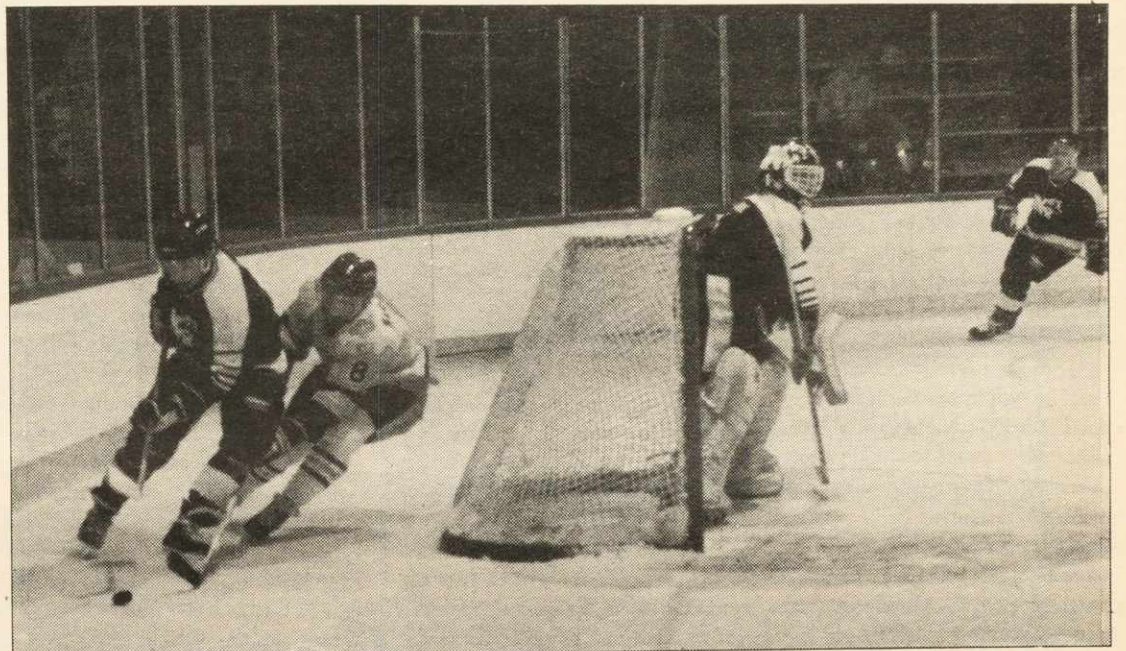
The home team started the second period out penalized and simply tried to contain with special teams. At 3:59, totally away from the play, referee MacDonald called a 5 minute penalty against Dal. This call was total bullshit and was very reflective of the zebra's intention to influence the game. As the crowd let him have it MacDonald relented and called a blatant elbow on Acadia a minute later. The Tigers, obviously frustrated by whistle happy Mac, started playing extremely disciplined, physical hockey. At 8:28 Dal forward Scott Milroy calmly explained to an Acadia forward the perils of coming over the middle—boom, what a hit! From the stands you could see the

anguish on the visitor's face as the wind deflated from his body with haste. He was decked and intelligently retreated to his bench. Inspired, the Tigers scored on the power-play just before the period ended, tying the score. Acadia may have had first place nailed down but a message was sent with that hit. The road to the CIAU's comes over the middle here at Dal- so keep you're head up.

As the zamboni cleaned the ice there was a sense of nervous anticipation in the building. The number one team in the country with only one loss was headed for number two. Waiting for the third period to start I was very happy I had moved from the visitors section to the home crowd. My late arrival gave me a ticket situated amongst the bus boozers from Wolfville. Don't get me wrong, drinkers are great, but these fans stank like your dirty old grandfather. Bourbon or Sherry, unshaven and slurred.

At 4:09 of the third the Tigers took their first lead of the game. Greg Smyth took a rebound on his backhand and crossed the goal mouth waiting, waiting, waiting some more, then snap! a backhander into the top right corner, 4-3 Dal. The crowd raised the roof supporting the hard working home squad. Acadia showed their frustrations by playing cheap with their sticks. While the play was stopped with 15 minutes to go in the game, punky #15 from Acadia slashed Joe Suk for no reason as he skated off the ice. O'Reilly, you're as bush league as your fans. With 6 minutes left Acadia scored off the face off when a shot from the point hit an Acadia player in the head, bounced to the goalmouth, and was tipped home. Neither team scored in the intense overtime period and Dal earned an incredible tie.

The officiating in this game was brutal. I so look forward to the day when officials at the amateur and professional levels realize we, the fans, come to see the players play, not the refs blow whistles. MacDonald continually baited the coaches and players and seemed to enjoy stopping the play for gloved puck infractions and needless penalties. I understand that you must not let games get out of hand but my experience with Dal home games has been that the play only stops when a penalty is called. Way to go Dal, you fought well against two opponents Friday night.



Agressive forechecking leads to wins

DAL PHOTO: MIKE DAVENPORT

by Derek Neary

Hockey's Dalhousie Tigers have earned five of a possible six points over their last three games. The Tigers scored a pair of come-from-behind victories over the Saint Mary's Huskies and fought the Acadia Axemen to a 4-4 draw.

The scoreboard doesn't register bodychecks but the Tigers were way out in front in that category during their Sunday, February 7 meeting with the Huskies.

"In the first five minutes we had 23 hits which is amazing," said coach Darrell Young, who does keep tabs on the physical play. The Tigers' aggressiveness led to a number of scoring chances, including two shots that hit the post. Unfortunately, the scoreboard also doesn't record great saves and both SMU's Jamie McGuire and Dal's Scott MacDonald made plenty of them in the first period.

Both teams made up for the lack of offence in the second period. Kiefer Housie, Ken MacDermid, and Andrew MacVicar each scored as the contest was knotted at 3-3 after two periods of play.

Saint Mary's went ahead at 2:26 of the third on a Joel Cousins goal. It wasn't until 18:28 that right winger Greg Smyth evened the score when he beat McGuire with a backhand.

With 43 seconds remaining on the clock, the puck bounced off the boards and Smyth stuffed it in the SMU net for the game winner.

"It's never over till the final buzzer goes," Smyth said after the game. "Tonight it was a lucky win. You're not going to win games like that every night, but they all count."

"I think we could have played much better than we did," said coach Young. "It's not an excuse but we're playing a heavy schedule: we play something like 15 games in 45 days in this half. Emotionally the game on Friday night [against Acadia] took a lot out of the guys."

-only 2 games left

The Tigers took on the Axemen on February 5 and the Dalhousie Memorial Arena was jammed in anticipation of an intense battle. Acadia led 2-0 midway through the opening frame when MacVicar pulled the Tigers to within a goal. George Wilcox added a second tally for Dal but the home team trailed 3-2 at the intermission. MacVicar scored the only goal of the second period and Smyth put the Tigers up 4-3 with a power play marker early in the third. Dal held the lead until Acadia's Duane Dennis notched his second

goal on the night to send the game into overtime. Despite a number of power plays and an abundance of shots, the Tigers were unable to beat Acadia's Dennis Sproston late in the game or in OT. Dal did manage to put an end to the Axemen's game winning streak.

On Wednesday, February 3 the Tigers built a 4-1 cushion over two periods against Saint Mary's. MacVicar, Wilcox, Joe Suk, and Trent Gleason each had singles for Dalhousie. But the Tigers collapsed in the third period as SMU roared back to score four unanswered goals and take a 5-4 lead. Defenseman Brian MacDonald tied the game with a late marker. Centre Corey MacIntyre helped the Tigers pull out the win when he scored the game winner with 2:07 left in regulation.

Following weekend play Dal stood at 14-8-1 and have not been defeated in seven games.

"We're in pretty good standing," said coach Young. "We're playing with confidence. We're on our way up. That's all that matters right now."

The Tigers played the St. Francis Xavier X-Men on Wednesday, February 10. Dal will wrap up the regular season with a pair of home games. UPEI will provide the competition on Friday, February 12 and the Cape Breton Capers will visit on Sunday, February 14.

Scoreboard

	Kelly Division						MacAdam Division						
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Acadia	21	1	2	154	66	44	UNB	16	7	1	141	98	33
Dal	14	8	1	119	101	29	Moncton	12	11	1	97	99	25
St. Mary's	10	13	1	110	127	21	St. Thomas	11	12	2	115	121	24
Cape Breton	10	13	1	112	122	21	UPEI	7	13	4	93	122	18
St. FX	7	17	0	99	136	14	Mt. A	5	18	1	93	141	11

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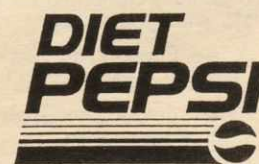
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* EVERETT ROSE *



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Follow the Tigers

sports

Tigers remain undefeated in WVball

by Graham F. Shaw

The Dalhousie Women's volleyball team kept their undefeated record intact this past week with three victories at home in AUAA volleyball action.

Wednesday night the Tigers won Acadia in a match which saw Dalhousie coast to an easy 15-6, 15-7, 15-5 win over the soundly overmatched Axettes. All Canadian Tara MacIntyre had 13 kills and one service ace, while Christine Frail, the AUAA player of the game, hammered down 8 kills in the winning effort.

On Saturday, third year setter Kim Hilchey was named player of the game for her play in helping the Tigers to a 15-12, 15-4, 15-7 win over the Universite de Moncton.

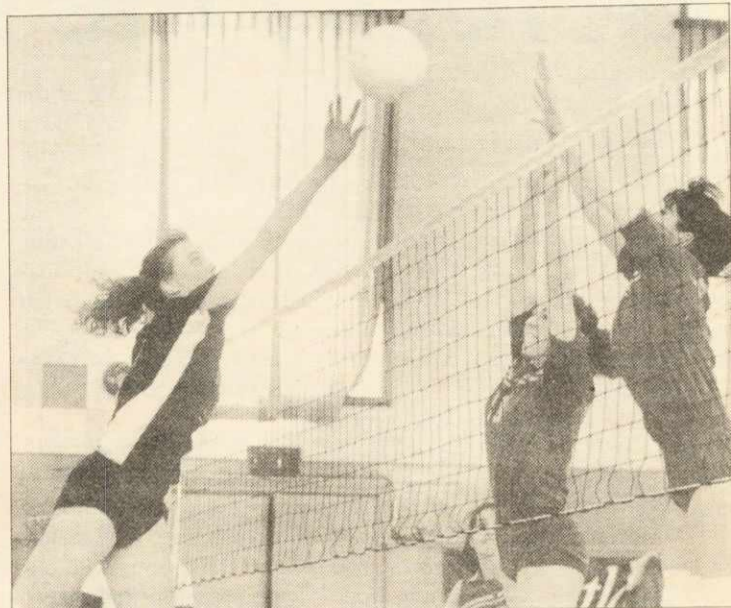
After cruising through their first two matches Dal met Mount Allison on Sunday in a showdown which featured the two undefeated teams in the AUAA. The Tigers battled to a 15-6, 12-15, 15-13, 15-10 match victory, yet lost their first individual

Christine Frail hammered down 8 kills

game of the season. The win gives Dal a distinctive edge in their attempts to secure the right to host the AUAA championships February 26-28. Fifth year setter April Delorme had 55 assists, Tara MacIntyre had 20 kills and 6 blocks, while Christine Frail 20 kills in the important win.

After a hectic week the Tigers will finish out the season on the road. They will travel to Antigonish this Saturday where they will face ST. F.X. at 1 PM, before finishing league play against Mount Allison and the Universite de Moncton the following week.

Sunday's win was very important for the Tigers but it also marked the final home game for three of Dalhousie's veterans. April Delorme, Christine Frail, and Tara MacIntyre played the final home game of their AUAA careers in the Tigers' big win over MTA. A ceremony was held acknowledging them for all they have given to Dalhousie in their years with the team. The outstanding play of these girls will be greatly missed next year as well as the leadership they have displayed on and off the court.



Here's a little tip for ya!

DAL PHOTO: MIKE DAVENPORT

by John Killeen

The ninth-ranked Dalhousie men's volleyball team traveled to Quebec City this past weekend to compete in the Laval Carnival Volleyball Tournament. The Tiger placed fourth overall after losing the bronze medal match to the host team Laval.

In earlier round-robin play, the Tigers defeated Sherbrooke and the University of Western Ontario while losing to Laval. This was followed by a championship semi-final matchup with the Manitoba Bisons. The Bisons were runners-up in the Dal Classic two weeks ago. However, the Tigers lost the match three games to none.

Third-year power hitter Everett Rose was named to the tournament's all-star team. He had 48 kills and 9 blocks for the Tigers. Also putting in strong efforts was Chris Schwartz with 71 kills and 8 block and Kirk Yanofsky with 36 kills and 17 blocks.

Upcoming games: The Tigers face the UNB Rebels February 19 and 20 at Dalhousie in their last league games of the season. The following weekend, Dalhousie will be hosting the AUAA Championships. Stay tuned.

Tigers upset Axemen

by Toby Jones

The men Tigers played with great intensity on Wednesday Feb. 3. The Tigers controlled the game from the outset, scoring a 76-67 victory over the 9th ranked team in the nation. The big men played with inspired toughness and controlled the paint. Player of the Game, Shawn Plancke had 6 blocked shots, hauled down 7 rebounds, while scoring 17 points. Of those 17 points 10 came by way of the "dunk"! Plancke plays tough defence, accompanied by exciting offense with his quick springs. All-Canadian Dean Thibodeau is playing emotional basketball. It's as if he can sense the urgency of his 5th year of eligibility. Thibodeau is playing the best hoop of his career. On Wednesday night Thibodeau scored 25 points and ripped down 11 rebounds.

The tandem of Chris Cain and

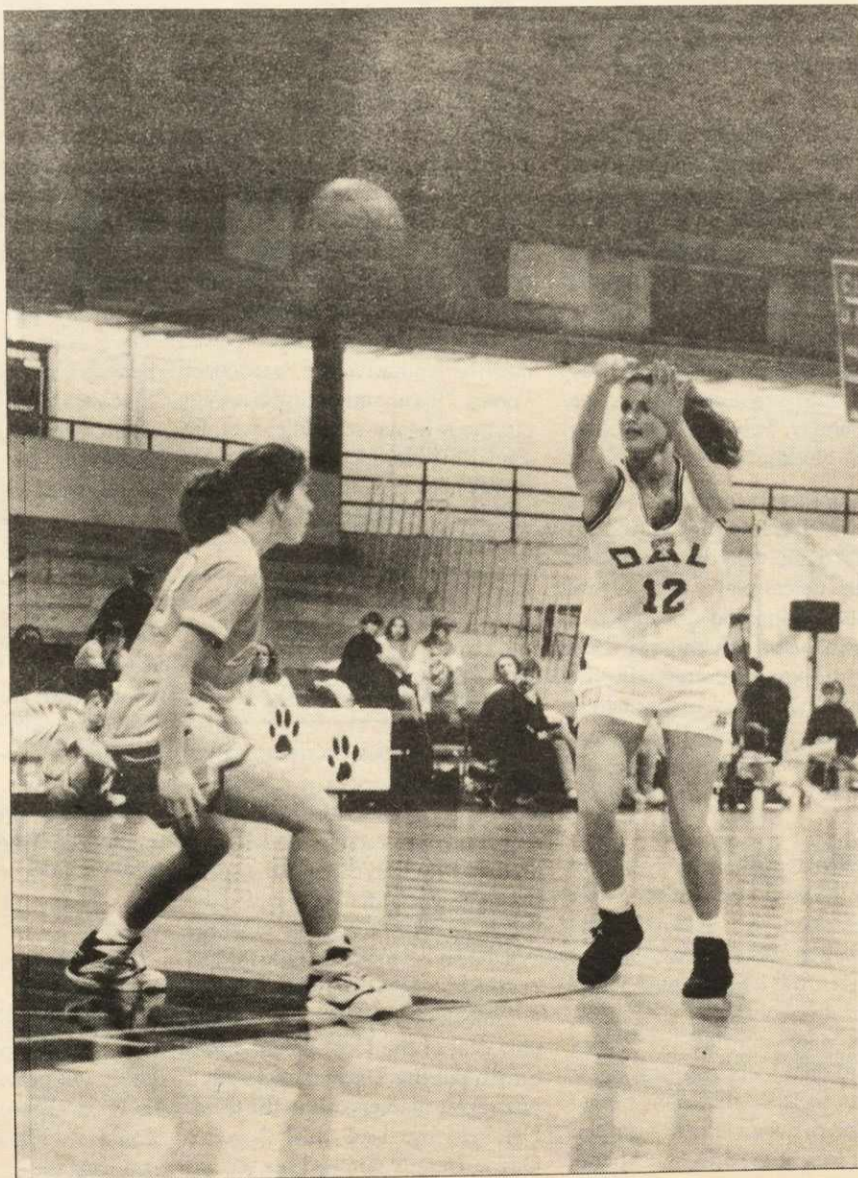
Shawn Mantley played extremely tough defense nullifying Acadia guard Eric James. Mantley and Cain combined for 24 points, along with 4 points and 5 blocks from Finden and Chisholm respectively.

Coach Bev Greenlaw has his team playing disciplined basketball. Greenlaw's defensive schemes were suffocating, forcing many Acadia turnovers, two of which were for an expired shot clock.

The Tigers are very much in the playoff hunt with 4 key 4 point games against non-mainland Nova Scotia teams. The Tigers appear to be peaking at the right time and will hopefully roll into the playoffs with a long winning-streak intact.

Unfortunately on Tuesday night the Tigers dropped a hard fought decision to Saint Mary's 84-73. Hopefully they can bounce back and win their next game.

♀ Basketball



Keep your eye on the ball.

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Good news... tight D

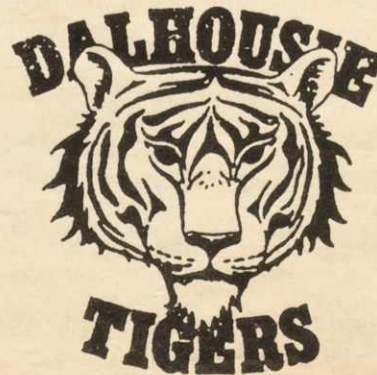
by Mark de Pencier

There were two games to report on this past week and it brings all good news to the Women's Basketball Team. On February 3 they played Acadia at the Dalplex, who are known for their size and inside scoring. Coach Carolyn Savoy said that the team has to put pressure on the guards to prevent the ball from going inside. Dalhousie answered the chal-

lenge as guards Jennifer Clark and Renee McKenzie combined for ten steals. The few times the ball did get inside, Angie "Flipper" McLeod was there to reject it, she had five blocks. Jennifer Clark had a game high 15 points and Renee McKenzie was player of the game. The final score was 51-36, once again the defence won the game.

On Tuesday night the Tigers easily disposed of their cross town rival

the Saint Mary's Huskies by a score of 68-58. Jennifer Clark led the way scoring 18 points with strong support from Renee MacKenzie, Angie McLeod and Jennifer Offman, all in double figures. The win leaves Dalhousie in sole possession of fourth place. Future games: P.E.I. at the Plex on Feb. 13, and at Acadia on the 16th. Get out and support those Tigers, c'mon!



sports

Sportsman of the Year dead at 49

by John Dancy

Arthur Ashe is dead. The world of tennis lost its greatest statesman this past Saturday when the retired tennis player succumbed to the ravages of AIDS and died of pneumonia at the age of 49.

Mr. Ashe engaged all challenges he faced, be them athletic, political or physical, with grace and dignity found rarely in modern sports. This man broke colour barriers in country-club tennis at the same time Hank Arron faced unimaginable racism in

baseball. Both men succeeded in their endeavours despite constant insult by white hatred and ignorance; Ashe, until the day he died.

The only Afro-American man to ever win Wimbledon or the U.S. Open tennis titles, Arthur Ashe was just selected *Sports Illustrated* Sportsman of the Year in December of 92. Why? Because this man was chased from country clubs as a young man and still rose to be the best in his sport. Because this man's career was cut short at age 36 by heart by-pass

surgery in July of 1979 and he still remained an exemplary ambassador to the game. Because this man, after contracting HIV through a blood transfusion for a second heart operation in 1983, was forced to give up his privacy and reveal his condition only to respond by beginning an unselfish campaign to educate the masses about AIDS and people with AIDS.

Another public figure is dead due to AIDS. I will now think about it for a couple of days and then relax with the notion that it is not my disease. I

am heterosexual and monogamous with my girlfriend so I am unlikely to ever face this deadly disease. No, not this time. This man was a hero to me at a time in my youth and he did nothing to deserve his fate. I respect him immensely. Faced with racism he lowered his brow and pressed on. Insulted by sportswriters who wrote; 'he said he got the virus through blood...' Ashe turned his cheek and tried to help others. This man was quoted saying; "The happiest day of my life was when Nelson Mandela was freed".

Many of you may say I am waking up a bit late to the realities of AIDS. That may be true but I am thankful it was Ashe who spurred my enlightenment. I hope I can deal with instances of injustice and prejudice towards AIDS patients with the class and respect that Arthur Ashe displayed. You will not be forgotten.

Arthur Ashe
1943-1993

Aways from centre ice

by Brent Alheim

On the last weekend of January, the Dalhousie Curling Club sent two teams to the 6th Annual Alpine Mariners Mixed Bonspiel at the Lunenburg Curling Club.

The first team consisted of Jodi Fitzpatrick, Andre Paquin, Sarah Simmons, and Jeff Hilchey. The team started off slowly, with two losses placing them in the E division. Meanwhile, the second team, consisting of Brent Alheim, Heather Heb, Andrew Manning, and Joselyn Gerlofsme, won the first two games they played, with the second win coming down to the last rocks of the

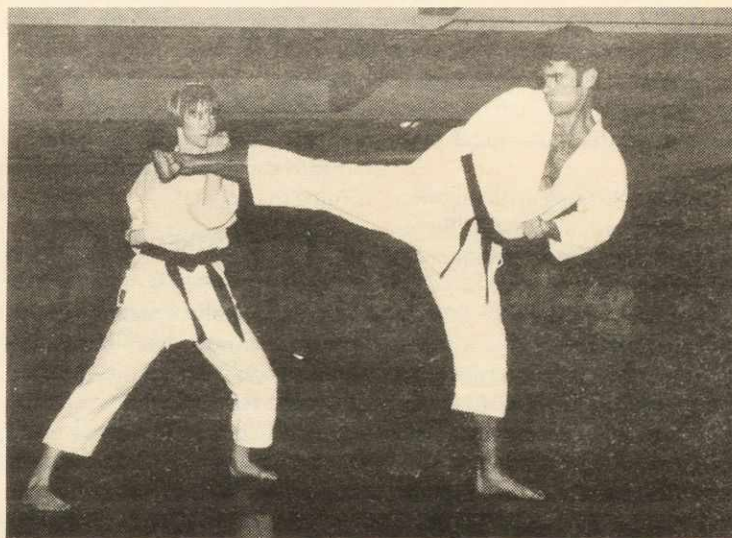
game, after the score had been tied after seven ends.

After these tough wins, the second team was in the quarter-final round of the A division, and the competition became quite advanced. Their next game pitted them against a team that is headed for the provincial championship, and they were a little overmatched. After a night of drinking and dancing at the club to relieve the disappointment of the loss the team set out to win the next game, which would get them to the finals of the C division. Unfortunately, the skip missed a critical draw halfway through the game.

The final team, now in a category

where the competition was a little less serious, won their next game. They also won the following game, which sent them to the finals of the E division. They were hard pressed in this final game, played immediately after the semi-final win, and wound up going down to a more experienced team, finishing as the runners-up of the E division, and bringing back some nice new kit bags for their efforts.

All in all, the weekend was a great deal of fun for all involved, with beer provided by Brent, comedy courtesy of Andre, and some great food from Andrew and the Lunenburg Curling Club.



by Paul Gareau

The Dal Karate Club practices the art of Shotokan Karate under the auspices of the Japan Karate Association. Shotokan Karate was founded by many as the founder of modern karate, as he was one of the first to introduce karate to Japan in the 1920's from Okinawa. Karate's origins can be traced back to China but

as practiced today is based in Japanese tradition and philosophy. Training provides an excellent means of physical fitness as well as emphasizing self-discipline and the development of individual character.

The Karate Club is teaching a beginner's class through the Dalplex from January 13 to March 27 on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 and Saturday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00.

He's back...

by Heidi Radford

Kurt Browning is back. After a misfortunate year in 1992 with back problems and a disheartening tumble at the Olympics in Albertville, France - Kurt Browning has regained the Men's Figure Skating title at the Canadians this past weekend in Hamilton.

The four day event saw many one-time champions make come-back performances. Quebec's Josee Chouinard won back her Women's title with vigor and excellence, after losing it to Karen Preston the year previous. Chouinard's long program was flawless and powerful. Preston tumbled on her triple lutz leaving her the second place position. She still qualifies to join Chouinard next month at the World Championships in Prague.

Many figure skating fans felt Elvis Stojko was cheated out of the men's title once again. He remains secured in his second place position awaiting Kurt's retirement.

Pairs freeskating champions, Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler, plan to hold on to their first place finish into the Winter Olympics 1994.

While most champions will prepare for Prague next month, Kurt and Isabelle and Lloyd have long term plans for gold at next year's Olympics.

The Olympics committee's recent decision to separate Winter and Summer Games' year of celebration means the Winter Olympics are returning in two years time. This is the sole reason champions like Kurt Browning have waited to turn Pro - Treating figure skating fans to another two years of top-level, ready to go pro, skating. Enjoy.

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Mexico faces unkindest cut of all

by Adam Newman

Mexican universities began charging tuition following a 36% budget cut in 1982. The cut was part of a larger Structural Adjustment Program (SAP) imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to help Mexico reclaim its place in the global economy.

Mexico had amassed an \$86 billion (US) foreign debt through extensive borrowing and careless spending. A sudden rise in interest rates, accompanied by a drop in oil prices had rendered the country unable to pay.

The capitalist system had allowed Mexico to grow, and left it ill-prepared to deal with the consequences of fiscal mismanagement.

Mexicans are paying for that today. Reduced access to education and training has increased the ranks of the unskilled as population continues to grow. The implied threat of unemployment, and the government's domination of trade unions have combined to hold down wages in an attempt to reduce inflation, increase foreign investment, and promote further growth of the Mexican economy.

While inflation has fallen from 180% in 1988 to less than 20% today, real wages have fallen 50% in the past decade. Foreign investment has increased; the number of maquiladoras (low-wage assembly plants along the US/Mexico border) has skyrocketed, from 300 ten years ago to 2,000 today.

Employment in the maquiladoras, where living conditions are poor and workers are often exploited, grew by 262,000 between 1982 and 1988. At the same time over half a million people lost their jobs in the rest of Mexico. Seventy-five thousand small and medium-sized Mexican firms have gone bankrupt in the last eight years as big businesses continue to thrive. State firms have been sold to more efficient private enterprise and small land holdings have fallen prey to much larger agribusiness, further aggravating unemployment.

HARVARD-EDUCATED PRO-AMERICAN

In an effort to continue these changes with the goal of furthering economic growth, a Harvard-educated economist, and the first pro-American president in Mexican history, Carlos Salinas de Gortari initiated free trade talks with George Bush in 1990. An important part of Salinas's strategy is to increase Mexican exports from the maquiladoras to the US.

Ninety percent of the maquiladoras are US-owned. Seventy cents of every American dollar invested in Mexico returns to the US, and America wants to "lock in" free market reforms which have created a favourable investment climate

in Mexico, said Timothy Bennett, former Deputy Assistant US Trade Representative for Mexico, speaking at Dalhousie February 2. US exports to Mexico have grown 25% annually since 1986

The proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) follows free market reforms which followed a SAP in Mexico; all extend the ideology of the IMF. Capitalism requires constant growth, and free trade, or the opening up of markets, is one way to provide that. But it is wrong to assume that growth of the economy will automatically translate into equality of distribution according to need.

GROWTH FIRST, JUSTICE LATER

In our capitalist system based on economic growth, one fifth of the world's population consumes four-fifths of its resources. Just 3% of the industrialized world's annual military budget is enough to eliminate serious malnutrition and provide primary education, primary health care, family planning, and safe water for all throughout the Third World.

Recent economic growth has also been distributed unequally. In the US in the 1980s, the growth of the economy was higher than it had been in the 1970s—yet 44-70% of the increase in income went to the richest 1% of all families, as lower-middle-income families and the poor lost ground.

Real wages have fallen 50% in the past decade.

Those with average and less-than-average incomes are also losing ground in Mexico. Corporate tax rates have been lowered, establishing favourable conditions for the middle and upper classes. The government is padding the wallets of potential investors who it hopes will broaden the tax base, improve living conditions, and decrease Mexico's dependency on the IMF.

Countries with trade deficits would automatically receive financing, and pay interest on their loans. Countries with trade surpluses would be required to pay interest on their accounts above a certain level; they could lower their balance by importing more goods. The proposed Union would maintain a sort of global economic equilibrium.

Despite several modifications made to accommodate political interests, Keynes's plan did not become the basis for negotiations at Bretton

Woods. Instead the plan for what became the IMF was based essentially on the US proposal as drafted by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Harry Dexter White.

Wynn Plumptre, member of the Canadian delegation to Bretton Woods, recalls that "the Canadians were at first attracted by the intellectual elegance of the Keynes plan...but reluctantly concluded that it would not be acceptable to the Americans."

number of provisions that were never discussed...

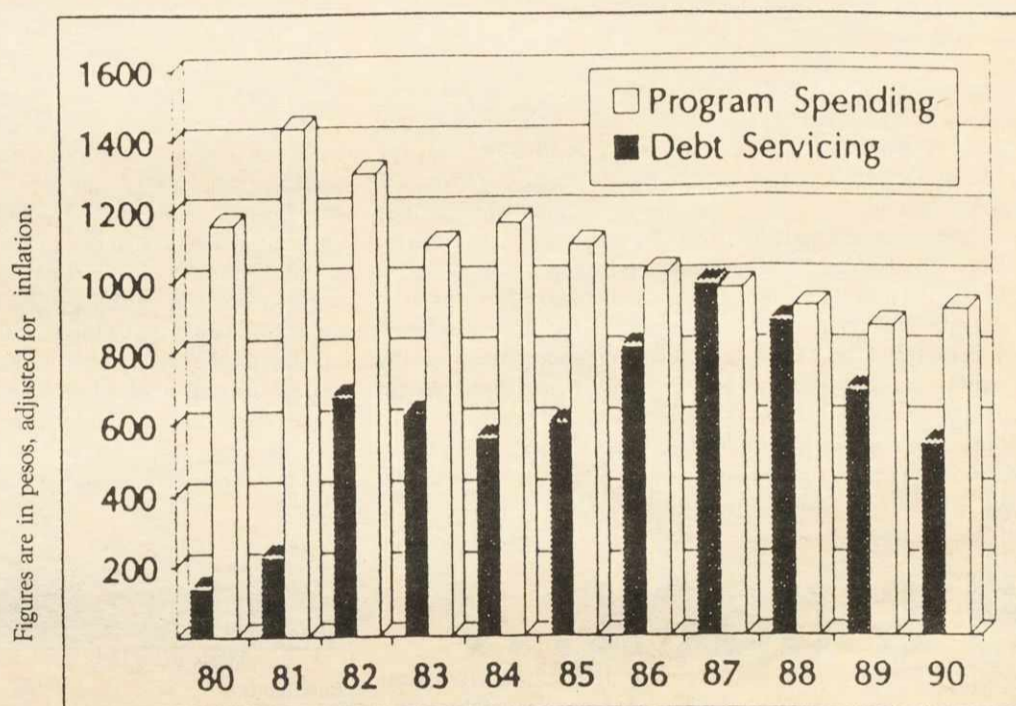
The change...was lost in the 96 page document...Keynes did not find out until later." (Armand van Dormael, Bretton Woods: Birth of a Monetary System, London, 1978, p.202-203)

The new system gave the US the unique privilege of paying its foreign debts and buying foreign assets simply by printing more dollars. Rather

at Chase Manhattan Bank, "but its only talk."

Had it been accepted, Keynes's proposal would have forced bankers and countries to act cautiously. If a country like Mexico borrowed money, its trade surplus would have increased, and it would have been required to import or pay interest on its surplus. There would have been little incentive for Mexico to borrow, and had it not borrowed as ex-

PAYING FOR IT



Figures are in pesos, adjusted for inflation.

SOURCE: CROSSING THE LINE, JIM SINCLAIR

The IMF was "designed to serve the international interests of the US." But its establishment and operation were not contrary to "Canadian interests as perceived at the time or subsequently by Canadian governments."

OOPS!

The most important feature of the Bretton Woods system was the enshrinement of the US dollar as the world's strongest reserve currency, convertible into gold by the central banks of other countries. This key element was suggested haphazardly, and somehow managed to escape debate.

While Keynes was busy chairing the committee that worked on the establishment of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (better known as the World Bank), White chaired the committee that created the rules for the IMF. At the July 6 meeting of that committee, Professor Robertson, acting "against Keynes's instructions, but as the responsible British delegate, suggested that the words 'gold and gold-convertible currency' be replaced by 'net official holdings of gold and US dollars'...Using his authority as chairman, White referred the matter to a special committee, which took it out of any further discussion...The special committee was a group of technicians headed by White. It prepared for inclusion in the Final Act a

than raise domestic taxes, the US financed its war in Vietnam by expanding its money supply. Meanwhile, US gold reserves dwindled. Fearful that it would be unable to honour demands for additional gold, the US imposed its own solution. In 1971 President Nixon declared the US dollar would no longer be convertible into gold.

Seventy cents of every dollar invested in Mexico returns to the U.S.

RISKY BUSINESS

In 1974, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) quadrupled the price of oil, and deposited money in the US and Europe; meanwhile the world economy sagged. In 1976 *Business Week* reported: *the stalled recovery in the US and overseas has delayed the return of quality borrowers—forcing the banks, awash in liquidity and desperately eager for higher earnings, to continue to rely on the profitable, but risky, business of lending to less developed countries (LDCs).* "The...talk of caution is still there," says a vice-president

tensively as it did, Mexico would have avoided becoming mired in debt. Economic growth would have been slow, but sustainable.

Instead, Mexico's government spent over 8% of the country's Gross National Product (GNP) paying for past sins in 1989. At the same time, the *Partido Revolucionario Institucional* (PRI) has also been busy shutting down protests, changing laws to favour investment, and courting foreigners in an attempt to spur new economic growth. Hopefully the PRI has learned its lesson and will be more prudent investing dollars sure to come if trade is further liberalized through the NAFTA. Even if it is, there are bound to be casualties. Half of Mexico's population is poor, and wary of trading its existing rights for vague promises of a better future.

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Next week: Mexican students march for justice

KALENDAR

THURSDAY

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MONDAY

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Youth Challenge International will be having a Valentine's Day Semi-Formal on Sun. Feb. 14. \$7 single or \$12 a couple on sale today in the SUB or call 429-8814. Money goes towards fund-raising efforts.

Valentine's Special: "Love & Capitalism- A Discussion of Alienation" All are welcome to this week's meeting of the International Socialists at 7:30 pm, room 306, Dal SUB.

The Austin & Hempel Lecture Series (sponsored by the Dept. of Philosophy) presents Dr. Elizabeth Spelman, Smith College, "Changing the Subject: Studies in the Appropriation of Pain". Thursday, Feb. 11 at 8 pm in the MacMechan Room of the Killam Library.

"Dr. William P. Oliver Day" All day exhibit celebrating the life and works of Dr. Oliver. Speaker Dr. Pearlén Oliver at the Black Cultural Center, 9 am -5:00 pm.

The Black United Students (BUS) meets every Thursday from 6-8 pm, in room 224 of the Student Union Building. All welcome to participate.

BGLAD! (Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie) meets every Thursday night in room 307 of the SUB at 7 pm.

Dal Men For Change meets every Thursday from 6-8 pm in the SUB. Room # will be listed at the Inquiry Desk.

FRIDAY

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Dept. of Biology presents, "Plant Adaptation to Adversity" with Dr. Robert M. M. Crawford (Dept. of Bio. & Preclinical Medicine, The University, St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland) 11:30 am, 5th Floor Lounge, LSC

Dept. of Chemistry lecture series: "Studies on the Role of Dopamine in Parkinson's Disease" by Professor H. A. Robertson, Dept. of Pharmacology, Dalhousie University. Today at 1:30 pm, CHEM 226. Coffee and Doughnuts will be provided at 1:15 in room 225.

Dal Christian Fellowship meets tonight in the St. Andrew's United Church Hall (Coburg Rd. at Robie St.). The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY

14

Youth Challenge International Valentine's Day Semi-Formal. Grab your sweetheart and shake to some local bands (featuring The Fourth Wall, The Mittens & Purple Groove Monsters). See Thursday for ticket info.

GAZETTE Staff Meeting at 4:00 pm, room 312 of the SUB. Come up and feed us some ideas.

"Confronting White Supremacy: Open Discussion" Student presentations by Mona Kiragu (Kenya), Malik Adams (N.S.) and Philippa McFarlane (Jamaica) from 3- 5:30 pm, SUB.

African Fashion Show sponsored by the Black Professional Women's Group of Nova Scotia at the Black Cultural Center at 7:30 pm. Cost: \$5 Adults, \$3 Students/Senior Citizens, \$1 Children 12 & under.

TUESDAY

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Layout night at the Gazette begins at 6 pm in room 312 of the SUB. Feel free to join us for pizza, stimulating conversation and of course laying out this week's issue.

"Re-Educating Ourselves: An Obligation or a Choice" Panel discussion with Ruth Riviere, African Canadian Education Program (ACEP) and Cecil Wright, Black United Front from 3-5:30 pm, SUB.

"Back to the Future: Culture & Education in Zimbabwe" is this week's Brown Bag Lunch Series seminar with Dr. Jacob Ndlovu at noon in the Seminar Room, Lester Pearson Institute, 1321 Edward St. Bring a lunch & help yourself to coffee.

SWEAT (Students Working on External Affairs Things) meeting every Tuesday at 7 pm in room 218. Info: Candida at 494-1281/1106.

SODALES (Dalhousie Debating Society) meetings are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers of the SUB. All welcome.

The Dalhousie Women's Collective now meets Tuesdays at 6 pm in the SUB for political action and 7 pm on the third floor of the Grad House for discussion. All women welcome.

WEDNESDAY

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"Ain't I a Woman: In Recognition of Black Women" Student presentations by Quenta Adams (N.S.) and Ivy Kusinga (Uganda) & discussion with Buseje Bailey from 3-5 pm, SUB.

Women's Centre Committee meeting every Wednesday at 5 pm. Room number at Enquiry Desk Info: call Candida at 494-1281/1106.

Donald Winkler's video "Breaking a Leg" will be shown at the Dalhousie Art Gallery at 12:30 and 8:00 pm. Running time is 43 mins. And it's FREE. Details call 494-2403.

Drop by a CEAG meeting. These days we're working on recycling & energy conservation on campus, plus cooperative efforts with NSCAD and SMU... and anything else you'd like to start. Room 307 of the SUB, at 6 pm.

Schizophrenia Society of Nova Scotia's general meeting today at 8:00 pm, Hancock Hall, Dalhousie University, corner of Coburg and Oxford. Guest speaker will be Iain Smith on Clozapine. For more info call 464-3456 or 465-2601.

Tools for Peace is holding a benefit night with *Salsa Picante* at the Flamingo Cafe and Lounge at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$5. For more info or advance tickets call 835-0138/429-5063.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for a challenge? Youth Challenge International is now recruiting participants between the ages of 18 and 25 to represent Canada on three month overseas projects. Projects will take place in Costa Rica starting December 1993. Apply by March 12, 1993. A slide show presentation will take place in the Haliburton Room at King's College Feb. 17 at 7 pm. Info: Andrew MacDonald at 4254118/ 494-3814

"How to think more clearly during tests and exams" will be the subject of a program conducted at the Counseling Centre. This 5-session program will include physical relaxation, mental coping and exam writing techniques. For further info phone 494-2081 or drop in to the Centre, 4th floor SUB.

Anyone from the ages 7 to 107 can learn the fundamentals of computers in fun 6 week sessions at the Thomas Raddall Library's Computer Literacy Program. Call Davis Bennett at 421-2728 to register.

Bring your grocery tapes to the Enquiry Desk to help support the Alzheimer's Society.

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) has recently upgraded their computer equipment and are donating their old computer and printer to a student society or organization which is in need of a computer. The decision will be made based on applications received at the DAGS office, 3rd floor, Grad House by Feb. 19. For more info call 494-2809.

YWCA is offering Wen-Do classes for women. Self-defence for women teaches alertness and response techniques to potentially dangerous situations. Begins Feb. 20th. Also Aikido, a non-competitive and gentle but vigorous martial art designed to neutralize the attacker. Info: 423-6162

The Dalhousie Student Employment Centre (4th floor, SUB), is receiving summer employment opportunities daily. Some currently available: Dartmouth Parks and Rec.; Marine Atlantic; Black Internship Program; N.S. Lifeguard Service; N.S. Dept. of Tourism; and several tree planting companies. COSEP (Career Oriented Summer Employment) forms have arrived-pick yours up today! Employers will be recruiting second term for new graduates. Don't forget to check our notice board regularly!

Counselling and Psychological Services have a new series of resume, job skills and interview workshops to offer this term. Sign up for one today and get an edge on the competition. Counselling Services can be found on the fourth floor of the SUB.

Neat Stuff workshop of the YMCA will be holding a free demonstration on how to turn garbage into crafts at the Halifax Shopping Centre, Feb. 20 from 2-4 pm, lower level in Kid's Way. For more info call Susan Tobin at 423-6162.

The Educational Workers Organizing Committee (EWOC) is actively signing TA's and part-time instructors for membership in the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW). If you haven't signed a card yet, or want to help EWOC, call 429-0282, between 10 am and 4 pm or drop by the office at 6389 Coburg Rd (at Oxford), 3rd floor.



In 1964, Malcolm X greets his youngest daughter, Ilyasah, at New York's Kennedy Airport. A former leader of the Nation of Islam, he formed a new Black nationalist group, the Organization for Afro-American Unity in 1964. He was assassinated one year later at New York's Audubon Ballroom. He was 39 years old.



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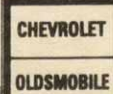
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