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## DSA, Admin reach agreement

by Allison Johnston

The Dalhousie Staff Association is endorsing a tentative agreement in spite of its shortcomings.

The DSA and the Administration came to the agreement Saturday with the help of conciliator Dannie Hood.

"A lot of people are upset about it," said George Evans president of the DSA, who feels that the members deserve more.

Marilyn MacDonald, spokesperson for the Administration said 'there was give and take on both sides.'

There were three major issues on the table. Bette Yetman, Cheif Negotiator for the DSA, said that they lost on the issue of wages, won on the issue of job evaluation, and came to a draw on the issue of sick leave.

The DSA bargaining team is recommending the agreement to the its members for practical reasons. "The Union has to look down the road," said Yetman, and a full strike would not necessarily guarantee a better settlement.

'The Administration is comfortable with it [the deal]," said MacDonald, "it's a deal we can afford to live with."

The contract is for three years and the DSA has received a "slight increase in wages," said Evans, "and COLA [cost of living adjustment] in the third year.'

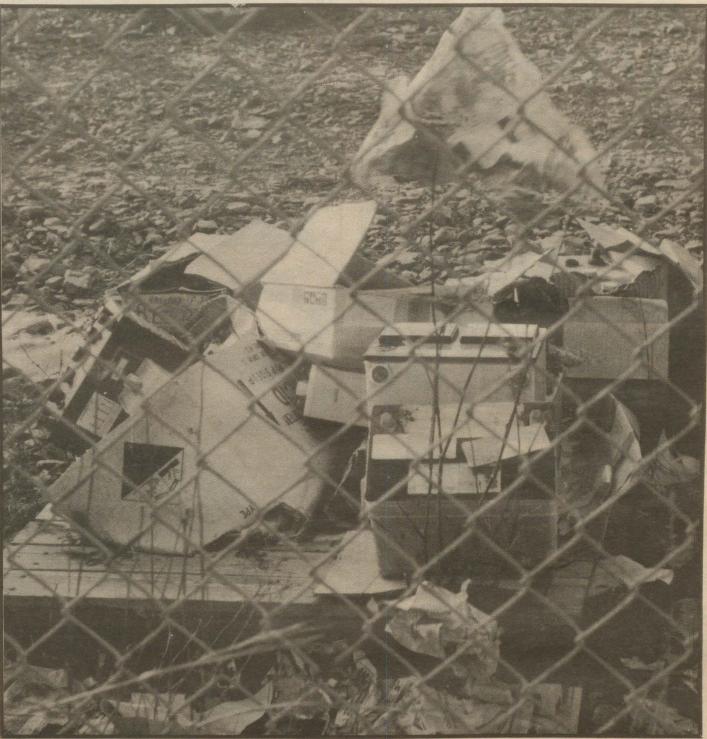
The DSA will be voting on the agreement, the 15,18,19 of February. Yetman said "I am projecting that it will pass.'

When asked if the vote was merely a formality, Evans said "it could still be rejected.

Evans is angry at the Administrations allocation of money. He feels that spending two-hundred thousand dollars on a consulting committee to beautify the campus shows the improper priorities of the University.

As of Tuesday, all DSA members are back at work and will remain there unless the tentative agreement is voted down.

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City charged with waste irresponsibility.

Incinerators in our future

## vironment gets burned

by Stephanie Nolen

A recent announcement by the Metropolitan Authority (MA) about plans for solid waste management, including an incinerator, caught Halifax environmentalists off guard, and angry.

On Wednesday, January 31, about 350 people gathered at St. Mary's University for an information evening organized by the MA. They were the city is now proposing, but did not advocate the strategy which ingreeted with a polished presentation about waste management and incineration, but most were unconvinced that the MA plan was a good

Disposal of solid waste is rapidly becoming a very serious issue for Halifax. The landfill site which currently holds the city's waste will close, full, in 1994. It currently receives 50,000 tonnes of garbage each

Gerry Isenor, a technical consultant with the MA, presented the plan put forth by the city. It includes a residential recycling program, which will remove an estimated 15 per cent of the waste stream, commercial recycling (ten per cent), composting (ten per cent), an increase in tipping fees as a disincentive, and household hazardous waste collection. The remainder of the garbage, some 40 per cent will be incinerated.

The incinerator will cost \$250 million to build, with 43 per cent responsibility for taxpayers.

After eight months of study, the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee proposed to the MA an integrated plan involving the options cludes incineration, expressing "serious reservations."

Nonetheless, elected members of the MA have voted in favour of this option. It is also favoured by consultants and MA staff. Despite the committee's recommendations, the plan which includes incineration is being advocated as the most viable one.

For the meeting, the city imported a Maine doctor, Frank Lawrence, to discuss the health effects of incineration.

'No method of solid waste management provides zero risk," said Lawrence. "There is no more health risk in incineration than there is from a landfill."

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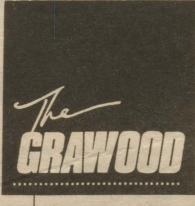
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# Student aid system desperate

by Jeff Harrington

HALIFAX (CUP) — A veritable posse of education ministers will ride into Ottawa Feb. 25, hoping to rescue Canada's badly wounded student aid system.

The Council of Ministers of Education will try to persuade\_equal access regardless of eco-



Secretary of State Gerry Weiner that the Canada Student Loan Program (CSLP) is "in serious need of reform.'

Major student lobby groups feel the federal Tory government is the bad guy, having let the CSLP stagnate to the point where it is of no use for many people and inadequate for others.

'Our biggest fight right now is to keep the federal government involved in (funding) education at nomic background. But given the Tory record on post-secondary education, Arnold said she's "being realistic.'

all," said Jane Arnold, chair of the

Canadian Federation of Students

CFS, which represents over

400,000 college and university

students, has called for a national

system of grants — to be paid for

with corporate taxes — to ensure

The CSLP, created in 1964 on the premise that "inadequate finances should not prohibit people from attending college or university," has been in a time warp since the 1984-85 academic year. Despite inflation, allowable expenses such as rent, food and bus fare have remained frozen.

government recommended in January 1989 that the program be revamped and allowances be increased. But the government ignored its suggestions and has hired a private firm to do an "independ-

The Conservatives have also capped transfer payments to the provinces for two years, and plan to reduce them after that. These funds — given to the provinces for health and education -account for more than 50 per cent of university funding. New Democrat education critic Chris Axworthy has calculated that the payments will shrink to zero by the year 2004, taking inflation into account.

Arnold said that while presenting CFS's position on the cuts to a Senate committee last week, she was astounded by its tenuous grasp of the situation.

"One senator said there are too many students, and by cutting the number of students, we can cut down the crisis our universities are facing. What kind of attitude is that?" she said.

Meanwhile in Nova Scotia, an internal government report has backed up the grim assessment by the provinces and student groups of the CSLP.

The report, prepared by the province's advisory committee on

A committee created by the student aid, uses data from Statistics Canada to suggest that for many students in Nova Scotia, a university education is an impossible dream.

"It backs up what we've been saying all along," said Jeff Phelps, chair of the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS).

The report examines students in a variety of financial situations and concludes that attending university in Nova Scotia "requires significantly more funds than are available" through the province's bursary program, CSLP and family savings.

It notes that 57 per cent of families in Nova Scotia make less than \$40,000 and can't save money to contribute to their children's education. It points out in a "disturbing" case study that even a student from a family making \$45,000 would not be able to attend university using all available resources. Even if the student received the maximum loan and provincial bursary and could get a summer job, he or she would still face a shortfall of \$1,564 annually.

Another case study concludes that a single parent on social assistance with two children would face a \$6,088 annual shortfall: attending university would "obviously be an impossibility." And that estimate assumes the student

could get a subsidized daycare space.

"Daycare is the biggest problem for single parents. The situation is awful," said Lynn MacMichael, who chairs SUNS' child care committee. She added that the last person who held her position had to quit school because she couldn't even find unsubsidized spaces at her university.

The report also details the negative effects that poor summer employment prospects and debt loads have on the number of students able to use the aid system.

SUNS chair Phelps said the report, along with "hard numbers" expected soon from a comprehensive student survey, should "put the ball in the government's court."

'If not, it's a hell of a weapon to mobilize demonstrations and rallies," he said.

Nova Scotia education minister Joel Matheson said the report "is still under review," but noted there is a consensus among the education ministers.

"The federal government has to update its approach to student aid to the needs of today," he said.

Jane Arnold agreed and went considerably further.

"The way things are going, they are creating a system where only the elite, only the rich will be able to attend," she said.

## Business needs green conscience

by Alistair Croll

Alan Ruffman is an activist, and proud of it.

Speaking at the ninth annual Dalhousie Business Seminar, Ruffman told more than 200 people from the business community that very few of them have "an education in environmental sensitivity".

Ruffman, the president and director of Geomarine Associates, discussed the role of corporations in the environment with Ivan Blake of Environment Canada and Sarah Thorne of Dow Chemical.

Ruffman criticised higher education for its lack of coverage of environmental issues. "I'm appalled that you have no mandatory environment courses," he said.

"Any business school that lets its graduates go out into the business world [without environmental sensitivity] is irresponsible. Dalhousie is at the moment irrespon-

"People who raise environmental issues tend to get reduced to 'activists' - and I'm sort of proud of it," he said. Ruffman proposed a variety of solutions and changes which could encourage businesses to think twice before neglecting their environment.

Ruffman cited accountability as

the big problem in the business world. If a person commits a crime against the environment, he said, "bringing that person and making them accountable is quite difficult." Many companies are "an incredible myriad of subsidiaries,' and it is often impossible to place the blame on any one person.

A lack of women in business is another reason Ruffman gives for the problem. "A lot of environment groups are started by women. The business world is a male world. I suspect that will change in time."

An important step towards a cleaner environment, he said, is to make waste financially unwise.

Ruffman suggested a deposit on containers of all sorts, from plastic cups to styrofoam. "We have to say to industry, 'you can use [the environment] free of charge is you make no difference to it.' They will make themselves efficient to lower their costs."

Ruffman feels that if the envi-

ronment were a cost to businesses that abuse it, university curricula would shift to meet the rising demand for environmental sensitiv-

In a panel discussion following each of the three speakers, the issue of containers was raised.

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## Peace protesters — never say

by Paul Webster

Over the last weeks large numbers of people involved in the Halifax peace movement have demonstrated that protest against the Gulf War is growing, not sub-

Events and actions over the last week included the Women Against War protest on Saturday and teachins at NASCAD, Mount Saint Vincent and Dalhousie. As well, lectures on the environmental and development implications of the war were given at Dalhousie, and perspective, a journal aimed at elevating the level of public discourse on issues pertaining to the war will be published Friday the

· Over two hundred people marched from the Grand Parade to

the Halifax Militia Arsenal Saturday afternoon. The protest focused attention on the impact of the war on women and children in Canada, and in Iraq, where 45 per cent of the population are children.

Speakers emphasized that the costs of the war will be borne in Canada by low-income earners, a disproportionate number of whom are women. Protestors plastered the tank in front of the arsenal with flowers and chalk messages, which were immediately removed by military personnel.

· On Tuesday afternoon members of the Dalhousie Faculty held a teach-in in the McInnes room of the SUB. MPs Coline Campbell from the Liberals, Stephen Langdon from the NDP, Robert Corbett from the Progressive Conservatives and Rear Admiral Fred Crickard spoke to and answered questions from the nearly 200 people present.

Langdon regretted that sanctions have been rejected for war. He pointed out that William Webster, Director of the CIA, testified before the U.S. Congress, in early December, that sanctions were working.

The veteran NDP House Member emphasized the importance of equately to Cambell's reminder the Peace Movement by saying that very few U.N. member states "We as Members of Parliament can only do so much, you can do much more. By speaking up, standing up for what you believe in, writing your Prime Minister, you can insist on our independence from the U.S., so that we're more than George Bush's puppydog."

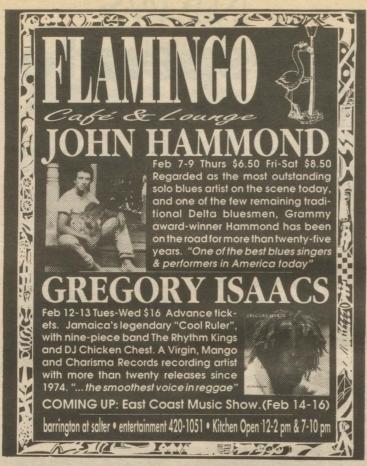
Langdon concluded with a plea

that the "costs of this war do not fall on the poor of this country. There is much talk of budget cutbacks in Ottawa to pay for this war. Those cutbacks will hurt the poor."

Corbett's speech emphasized the legitimacy of the Government's reliance on U.N. involvement, and the necessity of checking Iraqi expansionism as justifications for Canadian participation in the war. He was unable to respond adhave decided to have anything to do with the war. "The U.N. was used", she said, "the U.N. has given itself over to U.S. domination".

Campbell made a constructive call for Parliamentary reform. She deplored the lack of Parliamentary consultation and debate before the

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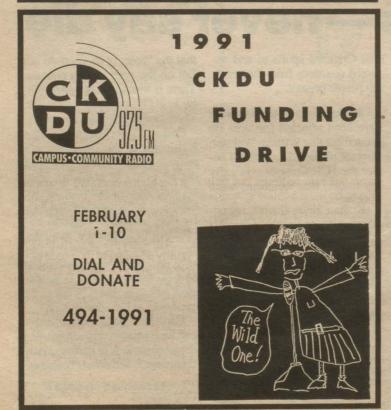
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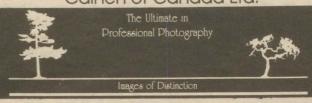
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## Stand is no stand

OTTAWA (CUP) — Many student councils at universities across Canada are avoiding taking a stand on the Persian Gulf war, preferring to leave the issue up to students.

"The only stand we've taken is not to take a stand," said Mark Arsenault, an executive with the student council of Mt. Allison University in Sackville, N.B. "We've decided (the Persian Gulf crisis) is a personal issue."

Student council was split on the issue, he said, but sponsored two "controversial" debates on Canada's role in the Gulf.

The University of British Columbia "hasn't adopted an official stance" on the issue yet, but a motion opposing Canada's involvement in the war will be brought before councillors Jan. 31, said Kurt Preinsperg, president of UBC's Alma Mater Society.

On the other coast, the student council at Memorial University of Newfoundland hasn't made a decision on the issue either, said council president Wade Brake, who wouldn't comment further.

But the student council at Acadia University in Wolfville, N.S. bucked the trend by passing a motion Jan. 13 opposing Canada's involvement in the war.

Acadia's student council has also written a letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney voicing its opposition to Canada's involvement, said council president Steve Machat.

"Our generation has always been condemned for our apathy," Machat said, "This resolution [provoked] a lot of discussion."

## Spicer squads

TORONTO (CUP) — Keith Spicer is sending out "commandos for dialogue" to get students talking, but his guerrillas are firing blanks.

The chair of the Citizen's Forum on Canada's Future, or the Spicer commission, as it is more popularly known, says he is trying to get Canadian students talking about the state of the nation. The commission is trying to get student newspapers to publish an article, for free, talking about their role in nation-building.

"I know what students can accomplish — their ideals and drive — and, yes, even their 'innocence' — are powerful antidotes for the tired cynicism which clogs the brains cells (sic) of every establishment," Spicer says in the article.

However, students' brains seem to be just as clogged as those of the so-called establishment. Ontario Federation of Students chair Tim Jackson, a usually affable man, is not only cynical, he's downright hostile.

"I think [the article] is extremely paternalistic," he said. "I think he's way off base. The whole thing stinks of Mulroney and stinks of the Tory agenda."

Jackson said the absence of students from the 12-member commission indicates just how interested the government is in student concerns. And, he added, it's unlikely that the federal government will listen to what people have to say.

## Race rights

**VANCOUVER** (CUP) — Despite concerns expressed by some members, the University of British Columbia Senate passed a race relations policy Jan. 23.

UBC "is committed to ensuring that all members of the university community — students, faculty, staff and visitors — are able to study and work in an environment of tolerance and mutual respect that is free from harassment and discrimination," the policy says.

A second statement, that "the University may initiate appropriate action against individuals or groups whose behavior amounts to discrimination or harassment or whose behavior threatens that environment of mutual respect and tolerance," was also passed out by the Senate.

Before voting, assistant law professor Philip Bryden warned that there was a potential for conflict between the harassment and discrimination policy and the university's stand on academic freedom.

"Most US universities that have introduced such a policy have immediately found a conflict between the broad notion of academic freedom and that of harassment and discrimination," he said, "I think the issue is to resolve this type of conflict."

In an interview after the meeting, Bryden gave the example of a student at the University of Michigan who stood up in a class and said that homosexuality is a disease and can be treated.

While many gays may say the student is being discriminatory, others may think the student is expressing an academic point of view, Bryden said.

## NEWS

## Stomping out injustice

by Marie-France LeBlanc

The Women's Legal Education and Action Fund Foundation has set its sights on Nova Scotia. Last Wednesday John Tory, the National Campaign's co-chair, came to Halifax to formally launch LEAF's eastern campaign. Joining Mr. Tory in outlining LEAF's mission and goals, were: Dr.Ruth Goldbloom, Nova Scotia's LEAF representative, and Elizabeth Cusack Walsh, a Nova Scotia Lawyer who is a national member of the organisation.

The LEAF Foundation has been established to raise a 5 million dollar National Endowment Fund. This fund will serve to support the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund Foundation in its efforts to carry out its mandate of "equality for the women of Canada". It hopes to dispel sexual inequality in society especially as

it pertains to issues of: power disparity, disparities of access to economic opportunity, disparities of exposure to poverty, and disparities of vulnerability.

The Foundation is made up of volunteers, mostly having some ties to the legal community, who will solicit funds from the private, corporate and professional sectors, to compliment those already provided by the government . Peggy McInnis, a Halifax lawyer who volunteers for the organisation, says she is quite confident of LEAF's success in Nova Scotia. She says that the Foundation "has set a realistic target" and she feels the community can meet it.

The Nova Scotia chapter of LEAF has also been established in order to raise awareness of, and to educate the people of the province of its issues. At this point in time this is one of the Foundations main roles in the province, since as of

yet no Nova Scotia cases have been undertaken, although some are planned for the near future. The Foundation is quick to point out, though, that all cases are universal and the outcomes influence all women in Canada. For example, the organisation had a strong influence in the closing of the women's prison in Ontario due to its fight for the rights of women in prison. This in turn directly effects all women prisoners in Canada.

As well, LEAF was involved in the Mount Cashel Orphanage being brought up on charges. The enquiry set up to investigate the allegations of child abuse received a presentation on sexual and domestic abuse from LEAF. Thus it appears the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund Foundation is a registered charity dedicated to stomping out discrimination and injustice on all levels, even if its main focus is women.

### Getting the run around

## Quebec native students excluded

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP) — When Robert Berube finished grade school at age 13, he and a dozen of his friends were bussed from their small northern Quebec native reserve to the nearest high school.

But two years later, the 30-kilometre daily trips came to an end.

"I dropped out," Berube said. "I hated it: I hated the travelling, I hated the school, the teachers and the students. Everything. I never felt right being there."

Berube was one of thousands of Quebec native students who drop out of the province's high schools every year.

Native leaders point to the alarming 85 per cent high school drop-out rate in some native communities as proof that the school system which is largely controlled by non-natives does not suit their needs.

On average, two thirds of Quebec native students leave high-school before graduating, according to the First Nations Education Council. The Quebec Ministry of Education reports that only 19 per cent of the non-native population drops-out before getting their diploma.

Only one in 12 Native students in Quebec will get to the post-secondary level, while 25 per cent of non-native students will be able to go on to university.

Native leaders say many forces within the education system — such as underfunding and institutionalized racism — are at the root of the crisis.

"It's a system built for whites," said Lise Bastien, president for the First Nations Education Council.

"The curriculum, the teaching materials, all ignore the history of the first nations, their values, and their specific needs."

Bastien said a restructuring of the education system would also have to educate non-natives about aboriginal issues.

Children will very often leave the grade school on their reserve well-prepared and full of confidence. But once they enters a nonnative school, they'll go through a kind of culture shock, she said.

"It's the other students and even the teachers who will make that child ill at ease because they don't always understand that they must deal differently with someone who has a different cultural background and whose first language is often not French," she said.

It would help, she said, if course curriculum would put more emphasis on teaching about the history of Canada's native people.

"People end up knowing more about South-American Indians than about Canadian Indians," she said. "It doesn't make sense that many Canadians live close to a reserve without knowing what band lives there."

But fighting against the high drop-out rate requires not only taking on the education system.

Konrad Sioui, Quebec regional chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said poverty within native communities is the still the biggest problem in the battle against high drop-out rates.

"Natives quite simply lack the material means to fight the racism and segregation that exists in schools," Sioui said.

Native children who leave their reserve to go to high school only

get \$12 a month in allowance and \$150 a year bursary from the provincial government to buy supplies such as books.

Parents are expected to also contribute to a child's education, but if they're poor the children quickly fall on hard times.

"You can be sure that if a native student goes to school wearing an old dirty pair of pants and a pair running-shoes with holes, s/he will automatically be excluded by the other students," he said.

"Native kids are ten times more sensitive to being excluded by other students because they're not living in their communities where they would normally feel more secure."

But native communities that run every aspect of their high school will have a greater success rate, said Gilbert Whiteduck, director of Education Services for the Maniwaki reserve.

In 1980 the reserve opened the doors to its native-run high school and has seen the number of graduates increase yearly.

"We've come a long way in the last ten years," said Whiteduck. "We now do everything ourselves at our high school. We design our course curriculum, do our administration work and hire our own teachers."

Although the school is constantly adapting to the needs of its population with special basic literacy courses and career counselling sessions, one out of every three students still drops out before graduating.

"Our students only spend 14 per cent of their time in school," he said

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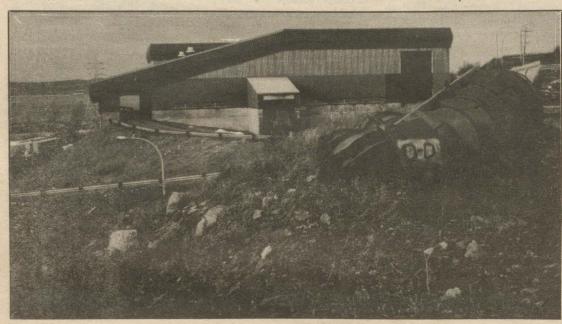
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Lawrence said the danger in the incineration process is dependent on what is burned and how close one is to the incinerator.

Lawrence's assurances were contradicted by members of the "It's Not Garbage" coalition, a citizen's group opposing the incinerator. According to their "Five Good Reasons Not to Burn", incineration has been formally opposed by the American Public Health Association (APHA). The APHA reports "evidence of increased emissions of heavy metals into the environment, their concentrations in the food chain and the danger to public health."

## **Incinerator**

Dal photo: Rochelle Owen



This is where your garbage is collected to go to the landfill.
Unfortunately they seem to have missed a few small pieces.

Steven Salwell, an environmental scientist with Environment Canada, spoke about the incineration process and the National Incineration testing and Evaluation Program. Established in 1984, this program examines the impact of incineration on health and the environment. It advocates an optimum incinerator design which is expected to limit emissions.

Salwell described the four emissions a typical incinerator for solid waste will release: acid gases such as sulfuric dioxide, (the largest contributor to acid rain), combustion gases including carbon dioxide, (the greatest of the Greenhouse gases), particulates such as mercury and lead, and trace organics such as purines.

In terms of the products of incineration, Salwell said that bottom ash, the residue of the incineration process, "is a benign substance, it isn't a problem, it can be landfilled." He admitted, however, that the much more toxic fly ash, emitted during incineration, "is a problem."

The third speaker the MA had invited was Ron Albrecht, an American waste management consultant.

According to Albrecht, there are four parts to an environmentally sound waste management process: waste reduction, composting, incineration and landfilling.

"The way you are approaching composting is right," Albrecht told the audience. "It's one of your options."

Environmentalists who attended the meeting disagreed with Albrecht. In an open-mike question period following the presentations, many audience members expressed the sentiment that composting is not just one alternative to be included with incineration, and seemed to doubt that incineration must be part of the new plan at all.

"First and foremost we must do waste reduction and resource recovery," said John Gordon, with the Ecology Action Centre and a member of the Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee.

Gordon called incineration a "quick and easy way out" and called for a twenty year moratorium on the plans for the incinerator.

The environmentalist's complaint against the incinerator is grounded in doubt that it is really needed. Those who oppose the city's plan sat that integrated, city-wide composting and recycling, education and legislated waste reduction are the environmentally sound alternative to the MA's plan.

Realistically recognizing that some material will remain after recycling and composting, it is highly doubtful that Halifax will generate enough of these materials to necessitate an incinerator.

The second point of contention in the incinerator debate is the accusation that the MA has been underhanded in their handling of the plan. The community Advisory Board presented their suggestions to the MA in July. The Authority is accused of sitting on the report until now, and announcing the incinerator plans only days before the decision deadline.

"Our report was delivered in July, 1990," said an angry John Gordon. "This is the first opportunity as a result of that report for any public dialogue on the recommendations made by that committee. The final decision on whether we incinerate or not is going to be made in 12 days. That leaves no time for consideration or to get our thoughts together. It is totally inappropriate."

Dal photo: Rochelle Owen



Garbage carriers strike causes pile-up outside trash station gates.

The incinerator is being partially justifies on the grounds that it will generate power. This did not soothe one angry member of the audience, who called to Isenor, "This incinerator will generate 16 megawatts of power. OK, we'll do this, if you sell the power to Nova Scotia power and shut down Point Aconi!"

Other points raised by the audience included the idea that the resources irretrievably burned in the incinerator were needed; that composting has no adverse health affects; that the bottom ash generated is going to have to be landfilled anyway; and that other cities, including Seattle, have reduced the volume of their landfilled garbage by 25 per cent in one year by recycling and composting.

If such a program were attempted in Halifax, it could potentially extend the life of the Sackville landfill sight for many years, but cost far less than the incinerator and avoid the health and environmental risks posed by burning.

"We are committed to finding a waste management plan that meets our priorities of human health and environmental protection," said Isenor.

The angry crowd, which left the meeting having had an opportunity to address complaints to the people responsible, had considerable cause to question this committment.

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troops were sent to the Gulf. "The Prime Minister consulted only his war cabinet: contrast this to the fact that George Bush actively begged Congress for a majority vote [on the decision to send troops to the Gulf]."

• A group of thirty concerned Halifax students and community members raised \$3000.00 to produce and publish a review of issues involving the war.

Perspective, according to spokesperson Sandi Creighton "will be ready for distribution on Saturday. We're printing 30 000 so there'll be plenty of free copies for people. It includes a feminist perspective, an economic analysis, an historicl synthesis, a literary analysis, a fact index and bibliography and a lot more very serious input. A wide range of groups on and off campus came together in this. DAL-PIRG, the Pearson Institute, The Gazette, the Dalhousie Student Union, the Canadian International Development Agency, Veterans Against Nuclear War, representatives from the black and micmac communities and many others contributed time and money"

• Tuesday night John Foster, National Secretary of OXFAM Canada, spoke at the Henson auditorium about the Gulf War and Poverty, as part of International Development week at Dalhousie. Foster discussed the plight of refugees fleeing, or trapped in the war zone. As well, he talked about the environmental impact of the war and its overall imact in draining world development aid resources into war expenditures.

Foster notes that before the war began the Persian Gulf was already forty three times more polluted than any ocean waterway in the world. His assessment of the ecological impact of the war suggested permanent, extensive ecological damage. The destruction of nuclear, chemical and biological facilities "would release intense plumes of toxic vapours, if these facilities have in fact been destroyed".

Workers' remittances disrupted and lost due to the war, Foster said, will hve a "dramatic impact" on the economies of Sudan, Egypt, Bangladesh, Turkey, Egypt and Jordan. Bangladesh relied on remittances from workers in the Gulf region for one third of its income before the war. "These countries" he said, "are suffering tremendous impacts from the war. They consequently are in need of aid more than ever".

Foster stressed that twenty million or more people currently face famine in Africa. "Their needs are pushed out of our attention by the war" he said. Perhaps the most directly effective of the overwhelming statistical and factual perspective Foster gave of the war came when he said "the cost of twenty minutes of the U.S. war effort would be sufficient to introduce a literacy program to all of Central America".

## "New World"

the Gulf War have begun to seep through the cracks in the Pentagon's media facade.

Refugees have begun to arrive in Jordan from Iraq speaking of large numbers of civilian bomb casualties. Apparently substantiating these reports, television footage of bombed-out Iraqi apartment blocks, gutted city streets and dead civilians has been broadcast.

The fact that civilians are the main victims of the bombing of Iraq has been clear to anybody intrepid enough to admit it since the night of the 16th. We all remember the 600 or more civilian victims of last years "surgical" U.S. air strike against Panama City.

Less obvious, but equally stark, were the further implications of the war revealed last week in President Bush's State of the Union address. Bush used the opportunity to reveal that the 85% success rate of the Patriot antimissile system in knocking down Iraqi Scud missiles has convinced him that the almost dormant Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) should be revivified.

SDI, you remember, was Ronald Reagan's \$1.5 trillion solution to the "evil empire" and all it's Inter Continental Ballistic Missiles targeted against the "Free

Over the past week various truths about world". It was Reagan's delirious illusion that SDI, by placing missile-destroying laser satellite weapons in space, would make nuclear warfare not only survivable but

Many scientists spoke out against the infeasibility of "Star Wars" technology, and the moral bankruptcy of the Initiative to make nuclear warfare wageable. The money, they argued, would be better spent on social programs, especially after Perestroika brought the cold war to its end.

Bush's address, however, revealed that the economic interests who made a killing out of the cold war are still alive and kicking. The cynical decision to rekindle SDI in the light of the Patriot system's 85 per cent success rate (how would you like to live in a city targetted by one of the 15 per cent of ICBMs that got through?) indicates that General Dynamics, Northrop, Sperry, General Electric, McDonnell-Douglas, Chrysler and all the other weapons-makers are climbing back into their saddles.

The "evil empire" may have come onside but that doesn't mean that the weapons fraternity is going to let the "peace dividend" slip through their fingers. The cold war is not over. Indeed, its just begun again. The victims will, again, be the poor. The poor bomb-crazed people of Iraq, and the poor of America, who are being denied education, health care, jobs, and a decent chance at peace all in the name of the defence industry's "new world" armaments order.

Paul Webster



## War: an A

by Kevin McDonald

War in the Gulf, which has been opposed with such eloquence and passion in past issues of the Gazette, is now an ugly reality. To those opposed to Canadian involvement in this war I say: history will prove you wrong. The well meaning, but "peace/appease" prote. ers with their dramatic "No Blood For Oil" placards cannot reasonably be compared (as they would like to be) to the millions who protested America's unjust conduct in South Vietnam.

Today's protesters will be remembered as Neville Chamberlain was at Munich: clutching at straws (useless sanctions), and bending over backward to maintain an ephemeral peace with a ruthless dictator. Saddam Hussein is feared by everyone in the Middle East except the downtrodden Palestinians many of whom mistakenly believe he invaded Kuwait for the sake of Palestine. This is a lie. He has tried to divert attention from his theft of Kuwait by linking it to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which was done in self defense.

Another of Hussein' lies is that he took "selfish" Kuwait for the poor of the Arab world. That is lie number two. In fact, Kuwait gave a higher share of its GDP in foreign aid than any other Middle Eastern country, and employed hundreds of thousands of foreign workers, many of them Palestinian, whose

remittances are now sorely missed by their families at home.

The "appease" protesters say Kuwait was no democracy. True, but compared to its Arab neighbours it was a veritable oasis of freedom, mostly tolerant, allowing a freer press and more open politics than Iraq's police state. And what of Saddam's specious claim that Kuwait is Iraq's 19th province and that its borders are "artificial"? That's lie number three: actually most of the Middle Eastern countries, including Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Iraq were given artificial borders by their former colonial

Why should the coalition forces be there? For starters, the United Nations and Canada have two motives in this war. A moral goal: to free the sovereign nation of Kuwait, a UN and Arab League member. The second goal is less altruistic, but altogether necessary: to keep oil, the life blood of the world economy, flowing. By occupying Kuwait, Saddam Hussein controls 19 per cent of the world's oil, if he were to take Saudi Arabia he would have 44 per cent. That is unthinkable.

Whether it lasts seven days or seven years, this war is morally right and entirely justified. UN forces must destroy his offensive war machine, chemical weapons and nuclear facilities to protect the civilian populations of the countries he threatens. He has attacked civilian populations in Kuwait,

Iraq itself. Allowed to consolid ate his position in Kuwait he could later turn his attention westward to Israel, a conflict by which this one would seem mild. To those ever ally do share your desire for a quick peace, and a minimum of casualties on all sides, but your simplistic and often naive platitudes are falling on deaf ears.

"No Blood For Oil" is a catchy slogan, but does not tell the whole story, and has no moral, economic, or historical relevance. It's time to support our women and men in the

## Article is unacceptable

by John Burchall

I was quite appalled when I opened up a copy of the last issue of the Gazette (Jan. 31) to see an article entitled "Blacks get adviser". After reading the first sentence my dismay turned into anger.

The reporter, Mr. (Ms.?) Jerry West displayed a remarkable lack of sensitivity in this article. As anyone who has attempted to write a news story knows, the headline and the first sentence are to a large extent the principal means of determining whether a reader continues on reading an article or skips

Let's examine the headline Many persons, especially of European ancestry, would look at that headline and never give it another thought. Why? Because it conforms to the accepted racist stereotype of people of African descent.

In order to justify colonialism the Europeans had to convince themselves that the Africans were in need of their "civilizing" presence. The Europeans, armed with their

ideas of liberal democracy and economic might, were the MINDS bent on developing the Africans who were always identified with the BODY.

Africans were seen as lazy savages, who were highly sexed. African men were supposed to exhibit a potent sexuality, while African women were seen as lusty and especially desirous of sexual inter-

I develop this background to

### ...it conforms to the accepted racist stereotype of people of African descent.

explain why many Black students on this campus including myself were angered by this headline. It implies that we are mindless, shiftless students in need of direction and the Dal administration have lived up to yet another one of its "promises" in granting us an adviser.

First of all, this is the same administration that closed the African Studies Centre, and was threatening to cut the Transition Year Program. The Dalhousie administration, far from bestowing this gem on us poor, backward, shiftless Black students who need direction from above, they were pressured by various interest groups within this university!

I think the presence of Beverly Johnson on this university campus is very important. She fulfills an urgent need, which has long been ignored by this university. Hers is no easy task but I am sure she possesses the determination necessary to serve the Black students of this campus.

I would ask Mr. (Ms.?) Jerry West to do a little research and ask a few more questions before he (or she) sits to write articles of this nature. We may be a minority on this campus but we are vocal and visible!

## Gazette Graded

To the editors:

Since the Dalhousie Gazette so valiantly took it upon themselves to grade the Dalhousie Student Union's performance, I thought it appropriate that I subject the Gazette itself to similar scrutiny. I read all university newspapers regularly (though at times I feel quite alone in that regard) and, upon careful consideration, have given the Gazette the following grades:

News coverage, A. The Gazette's strong suit - always a diverse collection of news items from Dalhousie and elsewhere (through Canadian University Press). Sometimes I think the Gazette is a little too newsy, which seems a strange thing to say about a newspaper, but it can get boring. Stories about cafeteria price increases can only interest for so long.

Sports coverage, C. Decent coverage of Dalhousie teams, which I guess is alright, but straightforward to the point of tedium. Lack of editorial punch or outside sports coverage makes for tiresome reading. Even the articles about Dalhousie sports are formulaic — how about some dramatics instead of blandly listing goal



Editorials, B+. They always have something to say, but what they have to say is a bit predictable -until Alex Mason's condemnation of the Persian Gulf teach-in at Dalhousie, I felt I'd read every editorial somewhere before. But the writing is crisp and to the point, and sometimes deliciously cutting (the DSU report card was particularly good). And thank God Gazette readers have been spared thus far the agony of a "Student Apathy" editorial.

Letters to the Editor. A. Arguably the best part of reading the Gazette. Though sometimes things can get out of hand - for example, last year's laughable "Homme legitime" debate — the letters printed consistently provide better editorializing than the editorials.

Humour, F. Surely the most glaring weakness of the Gazette. There are no cartoons, no humorous articles, no satirical editorials. And it shows badly. Of course humour has its limitations - witness the pathetic "Joe and Andy's Excellent Advice" of my own university's newspaper, a sad spectacle of forced humour gone wrong — but it is necessary. Lighten up, Gazette!

Proofreading, B. Too many typos in too many places, but still leagues ahead of the Journal and Picaro in that regard.

Overall, I give the Dalhousie Gazette a B. It probably deserves better, but the lack of humour really hurts. News and anti-tuition hike editorials are fine, but in the final analysis the Gazette needs a few laughs to complement them.

> Colin Boyd Saint Mary's University

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Angel Figueroa's article on the return of Ben Johnson. Near the end of the article, it is stated that Johnson "used drugs to beat those who were clean...

Considering the fact that Figueroa is not only a writer, but one of the sports editors, one would expect a little more objectivity in his opinions. He makes it sound as if Ben Johnson was the only athlete to ever take drugs in an attempt to surpass all competition. This, however, is completely untrue. The fact is that the majority of the Canadian team was using steroids and Johnson just happened to be caught and an example was made of his actions. And even if only the Canadian team was using steroids, wouldn't it then be far superior in all track and field competition? Considering the probability that most, if not all, other countries are also guilty of the same crime, stating that Johnson should "never be allowed to compete again" is utterly ridiculous. Does Figueroa also believe that athletes such as Bob Probert and Grant Fuhr should never be allowed to play again? Get real! They have made their mistakes, have paid (or are paying) for them, and have hopefully each learned their lesson. Now let them get on with their lives and their careers.

S. Townley



To the editor:

This school has let me down yet again. They wanted me to fork over another \$419 before I was to graduate in April. I'll tell you how.

At the beginning of the year I needed 3.5 credits to graduate and was thinking of applying to the honours program. So, under advisement, I registered myself for 5 credits. The extra credits, I was told, would please the ruling

committee in question. An unfortunately low mark disqualified me from any honours pursuit, so after dropping 3 B-term classes I was back to my simple B.Sc.

The problem started when I tried to pay my second term installment. Since I was registered as a full-time student in September, I had paid the typical \$1195 (plus Dalplex) first installment. Now, since I dropped 3 B-term classes, which left me taking two classes I was a part-time student, right? WRONG. I'm still being called a full-time student and therefore I owe them the full-time second installment of

Let me explain why this ticked only taking one B-term class I would only owe them 134 bucks. Those of you who have studied the Fees page of your calendar know that a half-credit course costs \$200 even. If the math majors help us do some quick calculations we find that I'll be paying \$619 for that extra half-credit so I can graduate. That's over three times the regular

"Yeah, but there must be some way around it," you say? Well, there is. If I take only one class this term and another class some other year, I can avoid paying \$619 bucks for my final class.

To those who may call me a cheapskate, I say the hell with you! just that it's happening to me but I don't think this is right. Somecomplaining. But the way I see it, With a \$6/hour part-time job, that's more than three weeks wages.

Lastly, I'd like to acknowledge that the employees in the Student Accounts office were just doing their jobs. Which I might add, knowing Dal, are probably underpaid. I don't know how much they make but why would they be striking if they were rich? No, the real villain is high up, and I'd like to express my deep discontent with him or her. Maybe we should put a name and a face on this person so it'll be harder for them next year. Who do they think we are anyway?

Let's not blame student president Ralph Cochrane for it. I'm sure Ralph did everything he could think of to stop it, even reduce it. Let's blame the people who are really responsible. I'd like the Gazette to give us the name or names of the people that are responsible with their office addresses and phone numbers printed below this letter should they decide to print it, so that people besides myself who may be fed up can personally express their discontent.

I'm leaving this letter unsigned because I don't know what kind of a kingpin this tuition guy is. Seeing the damage they can do to this institution as a whole I can just imagine what they could accomplish if they focused that destruction onto one student!

Darkman

Typesetter's note:

Last year I was also in the position of needing 3.5 credits to finish my degree. I ended up taking the final half-credit in the summer session because I didn't feel inclined to make a "gift" of \$419 to the university. You may be interested to know that several years ago, when the Dalhousie Board of Governors proposed that students taking over three credits in an academic year be charged full tuition, the Student Union approved the policy. Evidently, tuition for students taking a full 5 credits is cheaper when students taking between 3 and 5 credits are forced to pay full fees. So maybe you should me off, if it isn't obvious. If I were head to the DSU office to voice your disapproval.

## DSU?

To the editor:

After reading the last issue of the Gazette (Jan. 31), I was surprised to see that the DSU, true to form, was absent from these pages.

One would think that after receiving such a poor report from 'the student body as a whole', that the DSU heirarchy would have had some response. Either they just accept that all said about them was I'm not made of money! It may be true, or they are just too indifferent to care!

If all that was written is true, then body else may want me to quit the very least they could do would be to apologize to the student body \$400 buys a lot of cheeseburgers. publicly through the Gazette. They could openly admit their mistakes and try to make things right by getting some input from the student body.

But, as we have seen from the past, the DSU is bad at apologizing or admitting error.

I think that all conscientious members of the student body should attend all the forums put on by the new people seeking to be a part of the DSU next year. The present DSU has given us POOR leadership, let's make sure this does not happen again!

> John Burchall President, ISA



## **Infounded** Assumption

To the editors:

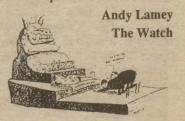
The headline "The Mainstream Media is Censored... The Gazette is Not" which appeared on the cover of your Peace Supplement is the result of an unfounded assumption. The rest of the cover was just plain sensationalistic.

The assumption: that campus newspapers are not mainstream, but instead constitute part of the alternative media (like This Magazine, the Utne Reader or the Village Voice.) Nothing could be further from the truth. Aside from the fact that many professional journalists were at one point campus writers and editors (what's the name of the Gazette editor of a few years ago who writes for the Chronicle Herald now?), college papers serve the community. The stories and advertisements are of primary interest to the people of that community. What's so alternative about this? Who strolls onto campus looking to pick up a copy of the Gazette to get alternative coverage of the stories they read in the Globe and Mail that day?

The sensationalism: you quote the New York Times and Harper's in your peace supplement. Can there be a newspaper that represents genteel (read: mainstream, and mainstream American at that) wisdom more than the Times? The editor of Harper's is rich and Cambridge-educated. If you are going to decry the mainstream (icky and "censored") media then put your money where your mouth is and write something different: just don't quote journals of polite opinion while posturing as an alternative. When you think the mainstream is good enough to quote in your supplement, but call it censored in huge letters on your cover, well, let's just say that Fleet Street tabloid barons would be proud. While you are not selling newspapers in the same sense they are, your front page fulfills the same purpose as theirs. I hope you never complain about page three girls: after all, catchy covers are what it's all about.



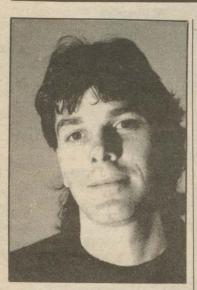
Peace supplements are a good idea, but they should be done right. Your hypocritical treatment of a serious issue, the role of the media in wartime, can only lead me to question your commitment to sound journalism: alternative, mainstream or any other kind. Finally, papers that run "we reserve the right to refuse to print any material of a sexist, racist or homophobic... nature" should shut the fuck up when talking about censorship.



### QUESTIONS

#### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

- 1) Why are you running for the position?
- 2) Do you think the DSU has an effective voice at the Board of Governors? How will you improve that voice?
- 3) Do you believe the Board should be dealing with "non-educational" issues such as affirmative action, campus safety, the environment?



### **Brian Hill**

1. I want the Board to hear and respond to student voices on campus. I want Dalhousie University to put the interests of its most important constituency where it belongs, students first!

The Board of Governors has the last word on policy at Dalhousie. I want to represent student interests in this forum and I am committed to reporting all Board of Governor's decisions to the student community through the Gazette.

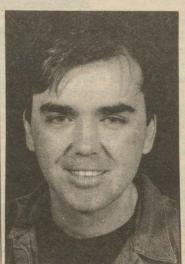
I think I have experience that will help me lobby on behalf of students effectively. I have been active on the Dalhousie campus for several years, completing a B. Ed. in 1988 and I am now in my first year at the Law School. Prior to that I was an Instructor in the Biology Department and in 1989/90 I served as 2nd Vice President of the Faculty Association. I continue to teach in the 1st year Biology class. We have to change this administration's vision. They seem to put Buildings first, people last!

#### 2. No.

On October 16th the Board of Governors gave final approval to 1991/92 student tuition fee hikes. FASS student fees will rise from \$1770 to \$2195, (+\$425); Medical/ Dental up from \$2200 to \$2835, (+\$635); Law students' rent will hop from \$2025 to \$2575 (+\$550) and Commerce students' fees will jump from \$1870 to \$2215 (+\$345). In the same issue of the Dal News that reported these increases, President Clark stated parenthetically, "no fees will increase by more than \$500." Anybody home??!!!

3. Yes, I don't think any of these issues are "non-academic". The University has policies in place on affirmative action and accessibility, campus safety is under review by committee and the Senate has introduced new environmental policies. However, these policies are only pieces of paper until they become practice. For example, it is time for the Administration to co-ordinate full tilt campus wide recycling.

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### **Tom Digby**

1. The reason I am running for the BOG can be distinguished on two grounds.

Firstly, having worked with the Dal Student Union for three years, I have a pretty good handle on its political dynamics. The BOG rep must be aware of the crucial political concerns of the DSU such as tuition fees, management of the SUB, and student protection from staff and faculty strikes. I have spent three years working behind the scene with these issues and I think I can effectively represent students at the BOG.

Secondly, as the DSU rep on the Dal Sexual Harassment Committee, I have had considerable exposure to the serious issues of sexism on our campus. As BOG rep I will make sure that the Board does not lose sight of how serious sexism is at Dal.

2. Look, you must not see the BOG as monolithic. It is com-

posed of 53 members with 53 competing agendas. The DSU can only have an effective voice if it presents its own agenda clearly and cohesively. Yes, I think the DSU does have an effective voice at the Board. Getting DSU reps together to plan strategy and discuss ideas is the only way to get the job done. The BOG is not monolithic and we can make it respond to student needs.

3. There is no such thing as non-educational issues. All issues are important to the Dalhousie community, especially the ones you have listed: affirmative action, campus safety and the environment. Admittedly some issues deserve a reduced allotment of time, as for example the price of tea in China which we can do little to influence. The BOG must be concerned with so-called "non-educational issues" but practical considerations should take priority.



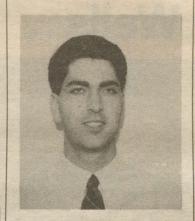
Ron O'Brien

1. I am running for the Board of Governors because I feel I can be effective in shaping the policies that will foster Dalhousie's strong national reputation.

2. The strength of the DSU's voice at the Board of Governors is solely the conscientiousness of the student representatives. In the past their efforts have been poor, primarily due to lack of attendance.

As a student representative it is my obligation to express the opinion of the student body, particularly if it is contrary to current policy. Furthermore, the strength of my mandate at the Board of Governors is determined by the number of ballots cast.

3. "Non-educational" is perhaps unfortunate terminology, as I see the central problem with these issues is, in fact, the lack of education or awareness. Under the university's statutes, the Board of Governors is responsible for the operation of the university. It should therefore address all issues that affect the operation, whether or not they are deemed "non-educational".



### **Robert King**

1. There is only one valid reason to run for the Board of Governors: The DSU is in need of a representative, a voice, at the top level of university government that is capable of weighing financial decisions and not afraid to stand up to administration on issues that are important to students. I feel that I could be that voice.

2. In the past at Dalhousie, there has been an apparent misconception on the part of incumbent student BoG representatives that they are just a rubber stamp for administration. Nothing could be further from the truth. The student representatives on the BoG are the voice of the entire student population at Dalhousie, regardless of how many people actually vote in elections. It is the responsibility of the representatives to be present for all meetings, to vote, to lobby, and to keep students informed of any decisions that directly affect them.

3. There is no question that the board should be concerned with some non-educational issues. I would, however, hesitate to call environmental issues "non-educational". It is important for universities to cultivate ideas that are

important for the future of the community and society. The Board can channel funds into the promotion of worthwhile concerns such as the environment.

4. Campus safety should be everybody's concern. It is the responsibility of university leaders to make sure that a committee exists within the university government to deal with any concerns or complaints regarding safety on campus.

5. Affirmative action is necessary in cases of gross inequality. It is debatable, however, whether or not it should be a permanent or blanket structure in any hiring policy. Application of affirmative action policy is, however, an issue that should be dealt with by the Board of Governors.



### **Donald Mason**

1) I am running for one reason, the bettering of the student situation at Dalhousie. The student population is the majority on campus and the only group that pays for the "privilege" of being here at Dalhousie. Students should be the major part of any decision at Dalhousie. I wish to continue voicing the students concerns to the Board, in committees and the

2) At times the D.S.U. has been the only voice on the Board of Governors. The D.S.U. has greatly increased their effectiveness over the past year. This culminated in the changes to the student bursary program over the howls of protest from the bureaucrats. To improve our voice we need to continue to provide concrete examples to the Board that there is another side to the stories that they receive from the administrative staff. We must encourage them to join us in questioning "the facts".

3) I question whether the examples given are truly "non-educational". Matters such as equality, safety and the environment are best dealt with in the context of education. The Board (university) must be a leader in these areas. The Board has taken tentative first steps in these areas. It is very important that we build on these first steps. Remember, the first steps are always the hardest.

## DSU ELECTION SUPPLEMENT



1. We have chosen to run for the positions of President and Vice President of the Dalhousie Student's Union because in the time we have been at Dalhousie, and specifically in the last year we have seen a number of positive initiatives taken by the DSU. We are committed to maintaining and improving upon them...

At the same time there are areas of concern and issues of importance to the Dalhousie Students which have not been given the level of priority which they deserve. It will be our challenge to provide all students a balanced and open council where all individuals can have their concerns addressed.

We each come to this decision with a different set of experiences and perspectives Pottier: In my present role as treasurer of

the DSU I see the financial side of the council. I know it well. The position has also allowed me to gain experience in various student issues, not solely related to money

I have also come to believe that students are concerned with the direction which Dalhousie is taking academically as well as fiscally. My aim is to ensure that students are heard, but more importantly respected as the university confronts these issues over the next year.

Wells: My time at Dalhousie has given me a variety of experiences. The reason I have decided to run for the position of V.P. is that I feel the Student's Council must draw on the experiences of people who make up the exciting and diverse communities of Dalhousie in order to properly serve stu-

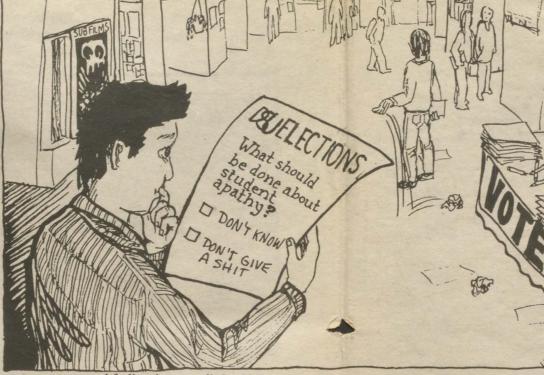
Another motivating factor behind my decision is the fact that this allows me to bring up for discussion in the campaign issues which might not have been emphasized otherwise.

For example, student safety on campus, women's issues, and the environment are areas of concern which I hope to discuss during the campaign.

2. We see at least four major areas of concern which will almost certainly be the subject of discussion during this campaign they are: 1) The quality and affordability of education at Dalhousie. 2) The position of disadvantaged and minority groups on campus. 3) Communication on campus. 4)

ample, it is hard to alk about the quality of Dalhousie students might have. education at Dal without considering the fact that we've experienced a faculty strike in the recent past we are in the middle of a labour dispute, the fact that classes are overcrowded, and that there are problems getting signed into these overcrowded classes!

3. The role of the DSU is essentially three tiered: 1) To act as a liaison between stu-



provide and operate services for students. 3) To represent Dalhousie students on a national and provincial level.

In its role as a liaison the DSU is responsible both to represent student views at the Administration level as well as report back to students regarding Administrative policy. It must also act as a facilitator between different groups and organisations on campus.

As well as operating and being responsible for the Student Union Building, the Union has a "programming" role which includes booking various entertainers and lecturers. It also organises student oriented events such as Homecoming, and Orientation Week.

The role of the president involves being the spokesperson of the Union; he/she represents the students, along with other representatives, on the Board of Governors.

The resident acts mostly as a facilitator to ensure free flow of information between students and the Administration, various groups on campus, as well as representing Dalhousie Students to the public.

The role of the president is more structured in that he/she deals directly with societies, regulates building policies and deals with the employees of the Student Union.

As a team we act as ambassadors of the students of Dalhousie, and ensure the smooth workings of the DSU.

4. As the Gazette report indicated there are groups on campus that are more than the DSU efforts in 1990-91. There are however areas which deserve and require more open council interaction.

The first step is realising that council, or the executive of council does not have all of the answers to how we must address these concerns. It should be a two way exchange of thoughts and strategies. It is imperative that the union sit down with these groups to identify the problems that exist, as well as to receive input into how these concerns can continue to be dealt with.

5. We believe the primary task of the DSU is to deal with issues specifically related to Within these expansive topics various | the education of Dalhousie students, with pecific issues must be addressed. For ex- the intent of ameliorating any problems

In terms of taking a stand on non-educational items, we believe that the situation becomes situation or issue specific. If our intent is to remedy a specific problem and taking a stand will do this - then we must. However, taking a stand on certain issues does not solve problems. For example, we cannot take a stand on abortion as this would dents and administration. As well as between | be in conflict with the 1989-90 referendum various student groups on campus. 2) To result. Perhaps this referendum indicates a 1t.

general feeling that council should devote itself to solving campus oriented issues, such as the non-replacement of faculty, and overcrowding of classes.

6. Over the past year we've seen a number of initiatives designed to counter campus apathy. One such project was homecoming. Building on last year's experience, homecoming can serve as a focal point for student involvement and activities on campus, as it does on many other campuses. Orientation week is another tool whereby Dalhousie students come together showing pride in our university.

Sports have an important role in generating Dalhousie spirit. This year many of our varsity teams have been nationally ranked. Part of this can be attributed to increased student support and Gazette coverage.

Cultural events, such as MISSA night, also increase much needed interaction between students on campus. We are committed to support for these various groups.

Finally we believe that the key to countering campus apathy is to exploit the natural enthusiasm of the individual Dalhousie

7. It is very important for the Student's Council to be representative of all the different groups and perspectives at Dalhousie. Only in this way can every student feel free to voice their individual concerns to council, as well as feel that the DSU is adequately and fairly representing their views.

Dalhousie is also divided physically into upper and lower campuses. Often, the barrier f Robie street keeps the two parts isolated. Everyone looses as a result of this situation. There is much to be gained through increasing communication in both directions and through increased interaction.

8. As chairperson of the recruitment committee I would not play a role in filling any elected positions.

In terms of appointed positions, the committee in the past has simply received applications from interested students and then proceeded to make its judgement and appointments. As chair of the committee, I would actively seek out applications so as to ensure that at the selection stage we are choosing from a representative sample of Dal students.

We want to make sure that we reach individuals who might not free or comfortable to apply for positions otherwise.

We aim to draw on the people who make up the exciting and diverse community of Dalhousie in making our appointments, and if this is affirmative action - then we support SENATECANDIDATES

ARTS: David Pringle, Stavros Vrettakos SCIENCE: Mausumi Banerjee GRADUATE STUDIES: Valerie Noftle MANAGEMENT: Kevin Surette



FOR PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

1) Why are you running for the position?

2) What do you see as the major issues of the campaign?

3) What is the role of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU), and in particular the President? 4) As the Gazette's DSU Report Card has recently indicated, many student groups are dissatisfied with the

DSU. How will you change this? 5) Do you think the DSU Council should take a stand on issues labelled "non-educational" such as abortion, the Persian Gulf War, or the environment?

#### **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES**

1) Why are you running for the position?

2) What is the role of the DSU, and in particular the Executive Vice-President?

3) What will you do counter campus apathy?

4) What will you do to make the DSU more inclusive?

5) As the Chair of the Recruitment Committee, do you support an affirmative action policy for elected and



## Mike Zelle Ralph Bastarache



Hi! We are Mike and Ralph, and we are running for President and Executive Vice-President of the DSU. "Why should I vote for Mutt and Jeff", you might be asking yourself, as indeed people have already asked us. Before we can answer that, maybe you should ask yourselves why we want to run a 'Fido-Dido' type campaign.

It boils down to student apathy. Last year had a record turnout of voters...a whopping 25 per cent of the student body. This occurred during a year where there were three teams to choose from and the major issues were a possible 25 per cent increase in tuition and possibility of yet another faculty strike. The strike was averted but not the tuition increase, and now we must all pay

the price. Student awareness must be raised, so that in the future the students know what the issues are BEFORE it is too late to affect them, so that students may voice their opinions to their student leaders and have their opinions represented when and where decisions are being made. Our campaign is based on communication, commitment and involvement. Teamwork is a logical extrapolation of these ideals and therefore we have chosen, as a team, to answer these questions together. Before the Student Union can increase its communication with the students, before the Lower campus can feel that it is represented, before all the clubs, societies, and groups on campus can be properly addressed in all their concerns, the Student Leaders have to

be able to work together themselves. Once a strong communication network has been established, then as your Student Leaders we can work with all the various groups on campus individually. For some groups this might mean taking part in their regular meetings, whereas other groups will prefer to see us when they have a concern to voice. No matter what manner each and every society or group chooses, we as your Leaders will see that we meet their needs. This will be an ongoing process, insuring that concerns are dealt with on a day to day

That concerns must be dealt with individually is mirrored in our approach to "noneducational" issues that have been put before us. Issues such as the environment have a large following around campus, with the general consensus being that as the youth of our nation, students must take steps to preserve the planet we live on. Some other issues, however, do not have a consensus

among the student body and it would not be appropriate for the DSU Council to attempt to represent the many diverse views with one blanket policy. An example of this is the abortion referendum that was held last year. Many views were expressed, and in the end students voted to not have a policy.

One policy that will be followed is that of affirmative action. We believe in ensuring proper representation within the Student Union from all possible groups. The result-

ing mosaic can only enhance the multicultural experience that is intrinsic to post secondary education. A lot of what is learned over the course of earning a degree is learned outside of the classroom. It is the job, the responsibility of your Student Leaders to ensure that the broadest spectrum of experiences and people are within your

As such, the President and Executive Vice President have distinct responsibilities while in office. The President is the official spokesperson for the students at Dalhousie, representing them to the Board of Governors, the Senate, and on various committees. The Executive Vice President is responsible for the smooth operation of the Student Union Building and associated events, communication with societies, and to liaise with the Alumni Association.

You may be wondering what experience either of us have as Student Leaders. Ralph has been the President of the Dalhousie Association of Biology Students (DABS), a member of Senate, member of the Student Union Executive (Communications Chairperson - 89\90), and is presently a Night Manager for the Student Union Building. Mike has been the Vice President of DABS. editor of the Looking Glass, Assistant Coordinator of the Second Hand Bookstore, as well as volunteering time at CKDU. Involved both directly and indirectly with the Student Union, we believe that we have built a broad base of experience to draw upon as Student Leaders.

So on February 11, 12 and 13, VOTE. If you want leadership with a difference, VOTE Mike and Ralph.

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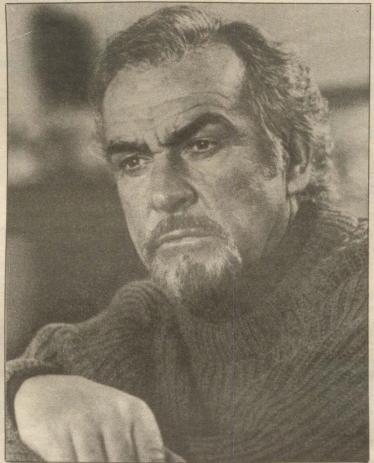
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by Gurn Blansten

Kindergarten Cop

HIS IS A FAIRLY solid Schwarzenegger vehicle, this time with Arnold posing as a kindergarten teacher to catch a drug dealer. Penelope Ann Miller is suitably sweet as his love interest, but it is Pamela Reed who steals the show as Armie's spunky partner. Unfortunately, director Ivan Reitman (Twins) had no original ideas on how to end the movie, so he simply let it degenerate into another shoot-out in the school's locker room. The most surprising thing about the film is that, considering its title, Kindergarten Cop is much too mean and violent for children under 12. A must for Arnie fans though.



Sean realizing he's too old for for Michelle Pfeiffer.

## **Best** Western

The Russia House

This is a beautiful, moody spy story set in the Glasnost-era of the Soviet Union. Sean Connery plays a British publisher drawn into the spy game by a mysterious Soviet scientist and a gorgeous Russian courier. Connery is dead-on as always as the boozy, haggard hero, but Michelle Pfeiffer is even better as the courageous messenger. With an immaculate support cast and breathtaking on-location photography, The Russia House is perhaps the best Western film ever made in, and about the Soviet Union. It is an excellent sociological and geographical essay on the culture, politics, and secrets of the country in this new age of openness and detente.

by Matthew Rainnie

E IS NOT A conventional leading man. He is not well-built or classically good looking, and he is not

Gerard Depardieu is the most acclaimed French film actor of our time. He is a veteran of over 60 French films, including The Last Metro, The Return of Martin Guerre and Jean de Florette. He recently won the Best Actor award at the Cannes Film Festival for his portrayal of the title character in Cyrano de Bergerac.

Green Card is Depardieu's first English speaking project. He was brought to the film by director Peter Weir (Dead Poet's Society), who wrote the screenplay with Depardieu in mind.

Green Card is the story of two people who want to get married for different reasons, neither being

Bronte Parrish, a horticulturalist who desperately wants to rent a lavish Manhattan apartment with a greenhouse. However, the apartment can only be rented to a married couple. Depardieu is Georges Faure, a French composer who needs a wife so he can get his green card and start a new life in America.

The film begins with their marriage and their parting, that is until the Immigration and Naturalization Service decides to check up on the arrangement. Bronte and Georges are given a weekend to invent their past and convince the INS that they are really in love. In the tradition of all good romances, they initially despise one another but come to find some common ground.

The premise of the film is interesting, and Weire makes the

love. Andie MacDowell plays most of it. The two try to learn everything about one another; what kind of face cream she uses, what color toothbrush he has. In one amusing sequence, the two even take pictures to try and create fictional vacations of their past.

> Depardieu is excellent as Georges, the zestful, beef-eating Frenchman. His thick accent, beer belly and mangy hair add to the character's charm. This performance has already netted him a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor (Comedy).

> MacDowell (sex, lies and videotape) gives a sporadically distant performance as Bronte. Her character is reserved and somewhat snobby, yet, as times, MacDowell carries this to robotic lengths. However, her ability does shine through, particularly in the film's concluding sequences.

Bebe Neuwirth (Lilith on TV's Cheers) and Ann Wedgeworth (Lana on TV's Three's Company), provide amusing supporting performances, particularly in a party scene with Neuwirth's rich parents, where Georges is definitely a fish out of water.

Green Card is light, fun, romantic fare. It is a throwback to pictures such as The African Queen and The Goodbye Girl, where two people are forced into an arrangement and end up falling in love.

The romantic comedy has made a strong comeback recently, with Pretty Woman and Ghost becoming two of the five highest grossing films of 1990. Green Card, which has no hookers, billionaires or dead boyfriends, won the Gold Globe for Best Picture (Comedy), edging out the two aforementioned films.

It is currently playing at Park Lane Cinemas in Halifax.

## Nettwerk shows new slant

based Nettwerk Productions has recently released a compilation album entitled "Nettwerk Sound Sampler Vol. 3". The Nettwerk label commands a diverse range of artists, and this release acts as a comprehensive showcase for the talent.

The song arrangement places those easier to take first, with smooth sweet "Baby" by Lava Hay opening the Sound Sampler. The intriguingly named and angelically tressed duo sing like sultry, main-stream Indigo Girls, and serve as a powerful lead to Sarah MacLachlan's "What Lies Beyond".

The next two songs prove disappointing. One, aptly named "Beach Party (Remix)" by Aquanettas, rivals the depth you would expect from a Go-Go's song. The following tunes improve dramatically, with the pared-down celtic pop of The Water Walk presaging the strong, driving beat

of "Head Down" by Moev.

The rap element of Nettwerk Productions is stellarly represented by two groups; Consolidated and MC900 Ft Jesus with DJ Zero. These groups produce an absolutely funky and off-beat sound, with lots of creative sampling and

infectious lyrics.

Seguing neatly from the sublime to the tragic, Boxcar offers "Insect", abhominable techno-drivel with a positively painful premise. Thankfully, Bel Canto's haunting "Shoulder to the Wheel" blessedly abolishes all memory of the fear-some previous track, but the respite proves brief as Hill, the Skinny Puppy sound-alike band, wails and growls an industrial conclusion to

Altogether, this album is impressive, professional, and well-orchestrated, but with marked crests and troughs that even excellent production can't hide. Nettwerk has provided an unlimited forum, but that can only help, not fix, some of its' limited talent.

# Halifax presents

by Jennifer Seamone

BRUTAL BEATING, a re-evaluation of eight lives, and in the end redemption. It does not sound like much of a plot line, but if the passion and energy of guest director Susan Wright comes through in the upcoming Dalhousie Theatre Production of Sam Sheppards', "A Lie of the Mind", it will be a great suc-

With twenty-three years of acting experience across Canada, in theatre, radio and television, including the role of Lorraine in "A

Lie of the Mind", Susan is eager and enthused about directing at Dalhousie. "The play speaks to twenty-two year olds as much or more than to forty-two year olds," explains Susan. "And for that reason the theatre students seem to have an amazing feel for it."

But don't come expecting just a nice evening. "A Lie of the Mind" will be a thought-provoking experience, it will make you laugh, and then you will wonder why, it will make you cry, and some may find it offensive. Susan wants to take her audience off guard. "Don't look too deep for the political significance," says Susan. "It is about feeling and relating... and the humour is personal... it strikes close to home... people don't laugh if it doesn't touch them somehow."

The play can be considered a mystery or a psychological thriller, and there are many other things it could be, explains its electric yet soft spoken director. "It's full of poetry, and beautifully-written with potent emotions that are totally universal and verge on the spiritual... Something good comes out of all the bad in the end." But, admits Susan, this may be an optimistic interpretation.

"A Lie of the Mind" is thoroughly Susan Wright's play. It's the director's job to bring out of a o script their image of what the play is. "None of it is like what's in the script," she says, "because that's part of the creativity of being able to do it."

Never having expected or wanted fame, Susan chooses plays

for herself, scripts that enrich and satisfy her artistic ambition, and she is very pleased to add "A Lie of the Mind" to her directing credits, which include "The Rainmaker", "Taming of the Shrew" and "Liars".

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Running from Feb. 13-16, "A Lie of the Mind" promises to be an intriguing and fascinating experience, and one more powerful because it is the young playing the young for the young and more.

by Jenn Beck

NHERIT THE MEDIAN Strip by Laura Borealis is a sensual, provocative collection of interludes, or visions, that could either be products of pure fantasy or of creative description. The pieces are stirring and startling, sexual but never vulgar, probing but not intrusive. Little snippets of advice pepper the collection:

If I bite my lip too hard I will break it and it will be useless.

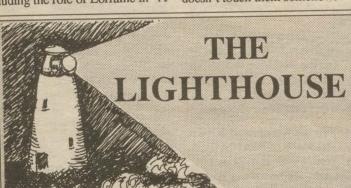
There is an innocence and awareness in these tidbits that allows them to escape triteness, and every piece has the quality of confession that arouses empathy and recognition in the reader. There are cryptic entries:

About five times a day, really, it could be anything. And whimsical ones: A capitol G looks like an ar-

row if you look at it right. Mark Twain would have approved of this entry from the sec-

tion entitled "Statement of Intent": You can take long breaks between pages. You can also use this book as a colouring book. Feel free to draw on the pages or add things if you think there's stuff missing. Also you can cross things out if you think they are unnecessary. It's your book.

Many of the stream-of-consciousness interludes are trying to tell us and have us understand something. Laura Borealis is interested in having the reader acknowledge something, something we know already but perhaps of which we have lost sight. The episodes travel from the wistful to the forceful to the erotic, evoking dimly remembered sensations with more punch than nostalgia, making them real and almost tangible all over again. There is no escapism here; pain as well as pleasure becomes tactile. If you're not afraid to take a wild ride, contact the Anna Leonowens Gallery 3 for your



Why do holdog buns come in sets of eight while hotdogs themselves are sold in packages of twelve? -Time On My Hands

Well, first of all, to make bucks of course; it forces you to buy two packs o' buns. This age-old marketing ploy might prove beneficial in the long run. Save the extra bread, and eventually you won't have to buy any buns, ie- the bun to weiner ratio will soon even

Why do we drive on the parkway and park in the driveway?

—B. Nicholovsky Good question comrade. We took this perplexing problem to our trivia Guru - Tito, sitting high atop the SUB in the ever-so-contemplative lotus position. He suggests that maybe you should avoid the busy parkways and just walk. We think this semantic problem may be the result of an ancient tribe of dyslexic engineers.

Why, when people drop food on the floor, do they blow on it and then deem it acceptable to eat?

Gross—do you do this? Man, lets hope you don't scrape foreign gum off the sidewalk and chew it too. This must be a definite social faux pas in most circles. Of course, we at the lighthouse have seen it happen time and time again at our own table. The only explanation we can give is that when you blow on food, it gets rid of the obvious dust, regardless of the fact that it adds ten times as many bacterial factors to the problem. Our expertise inclines us to suggest that you do not eat off the floor. However, if it is that crucial last bite - we understand.

Enveloped, perplexed, scraped, or otherwise battered by those bothersome barnacles of life? Perhaps we can show you the light. Please send all quizitive correspondence to:

"The Lighthouse" c/o Dal Gazette, 3rd floor SUB. **Note**: Overly sensitive or easily offended individuals need not apply.

by Paul Webster

Opera lovers in Toronto might have found some reassurance last Friday night at the Dalhousie Arts Centre when the Music Department's Opera Workshop production of Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutti proved that excellent opera can be performed even without the benifit of a \$200 million opera house.

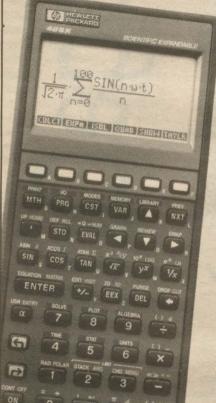
The Workshop's English-language production of the last of Mozart's comic opera buffa featured a six-person rotating cast accompanied by Michelle Beaton's solo-piano interpretation of a score originally intended for a full symphony. Lighting and sets were minimized to virtually symbolic suggestions, with costumes providing almost the only hints of splendour customarily associated

Given the production's physical sparsity, timing, voice and acting were thrown into relief. Dan Grantham, in the role of the cuckold Don Alfonso, and Kristin Kuttner as the sarcastic chambermaid Despina gave strong performances as comic foils, delighting the audience as they led the cast through a plot which gets progressively sillier with every

Paula Phillips and Elizabeth Rigney as the aristocratic 18th century sisters Fordiligi and Dorabella managed to deliver performances strong enough to overcome the plot's abnegation of female physical and creative fibre.

Emmanuel Serra and Alan Porter, as Guglielmo and Ferrando, the two officers betrothed to the sisters, managed to convey the impression that Lorenzo du Ponte's intention in writing the libretto was not to suggest that "women are all 'like that", but rather that men, no matter how well they play their roles, are absurd.

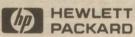
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## ARTS

## Get out the shovels it's time for the Skydiggers

by Amber Creaghan, The Lambie Man and Mary Littlejohn

TWAS A DARK and stormy night and the sky was enveloped in inky ink. The Gazette wanted, no - needed an interview with The Skydiggers, so here it is. The doors opened at 6 p.m. (the place was jammed in minutes) and the bands didn't start playing 'till 9 p.m., so we had three hours to kill in the Grawood. The Skydiggers played a song for their sound check called "Every night. just another dead beat town" and, another round o' Gins seemed in

We caught up with the Diggers and chatted with Josh Finlayson (guitar and vocals) and Andy Maizer (lead singer) after the show.

Gaz: What does the band think of

Sky: We get a really great response here. Its something that we've found indicative of a University town. Playing in Toronto all the time, we often get a lot of the same people coming out to shows, so its

get some work done.

Gaz: Do you have any sort of specific target audience?

Sky: You mean consciously? Not really. We do what we do - we get more University students than the general population in most of our audiences. Even at places like The Flamingo there's more of a student crowd. But with our good radio and Much Music support, its always amazing to see the different kinds of people that come out to the shows.

Gaz: You've had two amazing videos - can you tell us more about

Sky: "I will give you everything" was the first and "Monday morning" was the other one — its both incredible and kind of scary that we can get our stuff on a television station that runs coast to coast.

Gaz: Why did you open with "We don't talk much anymore"?

Sky: Well, for the last six months its the song we've always started with. The three of us sing it - its easy to sink your teeth into and it gets us right into the show.

good to break away from that and Gaz: You guys incorporate a lot of humour into your act, stuff like covers of Fever and Broadway that seem to go over really well. It's a unique approach, how did you incorporate it into your act?

Sky: We started out doing it as something we could do when we had too many busted strings - to give us a chance to change them. Its really easy, and we've never ever rehearsed it before. Its become very campy and its really lost its improv feel now. We only do 'Whole lotta love" in Halifax, by the way.

Gaz: People have tried to categorize your music as a folk-rock sort of thing, how would you describe the sound you're aiming for?

Sky: When you do stuff, you hope that you can combine a million different things and make it work well. To play one type of music would be limiting yourself incredibly. If you grow up listening to the radio, its hard not to be influenced by almost everything you

Gaz: How do you guys feel about the US market as the making or breaking point of a Canadian band?

Sky: Were going to write some of the songs for our next recording with Vanilla Ice...(guffaw). We actually haven't had a release yet, but one of our objectives is definitely to get as many people as possible listening to our music. Gaz: A lot of your act and drive on

stage is deeply Canadian in content. Won't you have to get away from that to make yourselves more accessible to the larger markets? Sky: We think we could go anywhere. Its not that hard to find out what's going on. Its particularly easy in North America, because you just have to pick up the local newspaper. Its really just a matter of taking an interest in you audi-

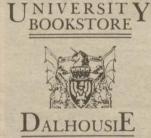
Gaz: What do you think of the Canadian music scene itself?

Sky: We're lucky to be touring with Blue Rodeo this year they're a great band. There are all sorts of bands out there we like: The Tragically Hip, The Lesley Spit Trio, The Cowboy Junkies, Grapes of Wrath - we end up meeting a lot of these bands because we get stuck on the same bills. Its pretty interesting to exchange ideas, thoughts and stories with them. It also gives us a good chance to learn more about what these bands are really all about. Its encouraging to be part of the new era of song writing competition. The greatest distinguishing factor of Canadian bands, aside from the fact that we travel further than anyone else does to tour, is that we

get to share our writing abilities.

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## SPORTS

## **Hockey Tigers win tourney**



Tiger winger Ken MacDermid fights off an aggressive SMU player during the tournament championship game

by Gord Sutherland

Dalhousie 6 St. Mary's 3 at Dalhousie Memorial Arena attendance: nearly 1000

Dal scorers: Mike Griffith, Paul Kleinknecht, Craig Morrison (2 assists), Kevin Meisner, Joe Suk, and George Wilcox (2 assists).

SMU scorers: Ron Pitre, Wayne Morrow, and Jim Izzard. Elimination game: UCCB 8

Acadia 5

The Dalhousie Tigers trailed the St. Mary's Huskies 3-1 early in the second period, but came back with five unanswered goals over the last 35 minutes of play to win 6-3 and to capture their third annual Lobster Pot Hockey Tournament for the third consecutive year.

The Tigers advanced to the final with a hard fought 5-4 win on Saturday over the Cape Breton Capers, while the Huskies advanced to the championship by virtue of their 6-4 win over the Acadia Axemen. Both games counted in the league standings.

The win on Saturday was Darrell Young's 90th as head coach of the Tigers, thus giving him more wins than any other head coach in the history of Dalhousie hockey.

In the final, the Huskies held a 3-2 lead after two complete periods but in the third period the Tiger Lobster Pot mystique took over. Captain and Tiger Player of the Game Craig Morrison initiated the final period rally with a goal just 27 seconds into the period. Morrison broke in on a one-on-one,

used the SMU defenceman as a screen and then took a quick snap shot that beat goaltender Graeme Harvey. In the second period, Morrison picked up his 150th university career point by assisting on a goal by teammate Paul Kleinknecht.

Morrison, in his fifth year with the team, explained the Tiger turn around: "We came in after the second period and we got a boost. A lot of the guys were talkative and we knew that we had to hustle more than we had in the previous two periods to turn things around."

After Morrison's marker, the Tigers went on to score three more goals at five minute intervals. The Tigers' third period surge resulted in part from St. Mary's fatigue. The Huskies were playing their third game in three days, a fact that the Tigers' head coach was well aware of.

That was our game plan. It's like a full court press [in basketball] - you just keep tiring the position out, working them, working them, working them over. All of a sudden they get tired and you capitalize on their breakdowns", said Young. "That's what we did tonight. We knew we had to keep the puck on the wall, hit hard and finish the checks."

Entering the championship game the Tigers had failed to score even once in 15 regular season power play opportunities against the Huskies. On Sunday, the Tigers went 2 for 3 with the man advantage, and in fact went 5 for 11 in the tournament.

"We got back to the basics as Darrell said a few times: 'keep it simple, stupid, and that's basically what we did," said Morrison."We didn't do anything fancy. We just got the puck on the net and we crashed [went for the rebound."

All season the Tigers have been effective at killing off penalties. This trend continued in the championship game and especially in the third period when the Tigers went shorthanded on four occasions. Morrison, Scott Milroy, Derrick Pringle, and the speedy Gordie Reid were particularly effective in the late-game shorthanded situations.

For Darrell Young, this year's Lobster Pot victory was just as sweet as the first two.

"Anytime you win a championship, whether its the NHL or a minor hockey tournament championship, you always want to defend it," he said. "We wanted to defend, especially being at the Dalhousie rink this year, as it added a little more meaning to it."

The good news for the Huskies is that the rivalry doesn't end with the Lobster Pot. If the Tigers finish first and the Huskies finish fourth, the Lobster may be the preview to the first round of the playoffs. "Hopefully we'll get into the playoffs and make it an interesting first round," said Huskies' captain John Gladiator.

"We always have great battles. They have a good squad and I think they outweigh us in talent but I think we have more desire so, we'll give them a good battle every time."

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## Dal curlers hog the spotlight

by John Barleycorn

As action began last weekend in the Nova Scotia provincial men's curling championships, in that south shore metropolis of Bridgewater, one of the teams favored to win was a group of Dalhousie students. Skip Paul Flemming is the only member of the team that does not attend Dal, he is a student of Mt. St. Vincent. Lead and second, Chris Oxner and Vance LeCocq are both in the commerce program, while Third Glen Mcleod is not quite sure what he is in but knows that he is registered at Dal.

Flemming, Oxner and Mcleod all graduates of Halifax West High School (which, by the way is in the west end of Halifax) have been curling together for over ten years,

at the Mayflower Curling Club, some have to watch out for are; last and were Nova Scotia's representatives at the Canada Winter Games in 1987. They ended up winning the silver medal. LeCocq is the new member of the team, he came to Dal from Dal. Dalhousie New Brunswick that is.

Over the weekend "the boys" (they have the youngest average age of all 48 teams in the finals) managed to stay away from the bars for a change and ended up undefeated. That qualified them for a spot in the final round of 12. Starting Monday the round of 12 play a round robin and the top four then play off for the one team to represent the province at the nationals. As of Tuesday they are 3-0 in the round robin play, and looking as a good pick to take it. Other teams the Flemming Fouryears defending champion Alan Darragh of Dartmouth, Truro's Ragnar Kamp, and maybe the sleeper of the event Halifax's Robert Harris and his team of Peter MacDonald, Don Sweete and that bald sensation Kenny P. Myers.

While all this foolishness was taking place on the south shore the real curling event of the weekend, and maybe the year was taking place in Pictou N.S. at the Pictou Winter Carnival Lobster Bonspeil. Down in Bridgewater the only prize was a chance to represent the province in the nationals, while up in Pictou something a lot more important was on the line, canned lobster. Dalhousie was also represented at this event. Rob Corkum, and Alan Manara are both Dal students and Neil Macmillian was a former standout at Dal in many different sports. The fourth member of the team was Brian Corkum. After dominating the first game of the event and coming away with a victory, the guys from Dal looked like the early favorites to take the top prize of 36 cans of lobster but the long afternoon layoff took its toll on the team and they were not as sharp for that evenings match. Poor shot making, especially by Manara resulted in a loss. Sunday morning behind the outstanding play of Rob Corkum, the team came away with their second victory, and because of a first round bye a chance to play in the second

conciliation final. Poor ice conditions resulted in some lucky shots by the home Pictou team in the next game and the Corkum team was again beaten and had to settle for sixth place overall, good enough for eight cans of lobster.

This maybe Dalhousie's only chance to shine this year on the curling ice because the AUAA championships slated for UNB at the end of this month have been cancelled. So good luck to the guys at the provincials down in Bridgewater. Also if you know any good recipies for canned lobster could you please send them in to the Gazette office.

by Ian Robertson

The Dalhousie women's swim team finished their final home meet of the season with a resounding victory over Mount Allison Friday night. The women won every event, racking up a 142-129 margin, to remain undefeated for the

Dal was led by Jill Hayden who posted lifetime best times in the 400 meter I.M. and 100 meter backstroke, and Lisa Beaton with personal bests in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle. Other winners were Kellie Andrews (50 free), Robin Mckay (800 free), Marsha

Golan (100 fly), Christy Gustavisson (100 back), Heidi Moores (400 free), and Maria MacPherson (100 breast).

Head coach Nigel Kemp was optimistic about the team's chances at the upcoming AUAA championships at UNB February 14-16. "If both the men and women swim as well as they are capable, we should emerge as the Atlantic region champions. Everyone will have to rise to the challenge for us to succeed. Our goal is to win AUAA's, and to qualify as many swimmers as possible for the CIAU championships.'

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## SPORTS

Mens volleyball

## Better than the rest

by Kevin Barrett

for the competition. In their first teams and is the final opportunity action since the Dalhousie Classic, for Dal to impress CIAU ranking the Dal Men's Volleyball team officials before the national chamenjoyed a leisurely weekend sweep pionships. of their opponents in the University of New Brunswick's AUAA damage before the nationals. Also, invitational Volleyball meet in since the finals are at Laval, it is Fredericton to remain undefeated in AUAA play.

Last Friday, in a regularly nals," said Scott. scheduled game against Moncton, the Tigers rolled over the Blue their performance in the Dal Eagles 3-0 (15-7, 15-5, 15-12). Classic, wants to maintain their Then on Saturday, they defeated Moncton again 3-0 (15-4, 15-13, 15-7) and Memorial University 3-0 (15-5, 15-2, 15-6) as part of the UNB tourney. Finally, to wrap up the event, Dal took care of the host team 3-0 (15-6, 15-5, 15-3).

In dominating their opponents, the Tigers left little doubt as to which team will represent the conference at the CIAU national tournament in March. The team may have been excused for looking ahead to an important tournament in Laval this weekend.

"Our execution was not as sharp as it should have been but it is hard to get motivated for these AUAA games. We did have to stay sharp though as the Laval tourney is very important in the rankings," said Tigers coach Al Scott.

The Tigers will play their final nationally ranked teams in the

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tionals March 14-16. The event It is just a case of being too good features five nationally ranked

> "This is our last chance to do good that our players get exposed to Laval's facility prior to the fi-

> The team, still beaming from

CIAU number three rankings at the very least, and coach Scott is making very few changes to the game plan. "If anything, we are trying to add a few more things to make our offence more complex. Specifically, we are trying to improve our mid-blocking offence."

This weekend the Tigers are pooled with number seven ranked Sherbrooke, and two unranked teams; Montreal and Western Ontario. The tournament is part of the Laval Winter Carnival and concludes Sunday.



## Women split pair

by Kevin Barrett

The Dalhousie Women's Volleyball team split a pair of key matches last weekend but remained very much alive in the hunt for first place in the tough AUAA Women's Volleyball Conference.

Friday, the Tigers spotted the Moncton Blue Eagles to a two games lead, fought back to take the next two before finally losing 15-11 in a thriller at Studley Gym.

On Saturday, the Tigers came out with a vengeance against the first place Mt.Allison Mounties and dominated the New Brunswick school 3-0 (15-2, 15-13, 15-8). In recording the victory, the Tigers started fast as they got the first twelve points of the match and never looked back. The result leaves Dal with an 8-2 win-loss record and second place in the loop as the teams begin to prepare for the AUAA championships in March here in Halifax.

### Dal bounces back

Dal, Mt. A, and Moncton figure to be the teams to beat with one month remaining in the schedule. Moncton appears to be on a roll as they ran off four victories last weekend in three days, including the win over Dal.

Dal bounced back from Friday night's loss to post the convincing win over Mt.A. After winning the first game 15-2, Dal spotted the Mounties a 9-4 lead in game two and it appeared that the fans could settle in for a long affair between the two top teams in the conference. However, the Tigers rallied in the second game, thanks to some good serving from Suzanne Dittmer and some impressive kills from 5'6" Deanne Delvallet, and won the game 15-13.

### Look for successful weekend

In game three, Mt.A jumped out to another quick lead, this time 8-3, but faded in the stretch. Delvallet and April Delorme provided the tough serves and Dal's top player Saturday, Christine Frail, dominated the net to bring Dal back again and win the match in much the same fashion as they had started it, with a 12-0 run to win 15-8.

Frail, a 5'9" sophomore from Dartmouth, was dominant at the net both offensively and defensively, especially in the third game.

Dalhousie travels to PEI this weekend to take on the struggling UPEI Panthers. The Panthers have only won three games this season so look for a successful weekend for the Tigers.

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# Focus On... DALHOUSIE

## African roots to be celebrated

portant one for the people of African Ancestry in Halifax.

On Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, a conference entitled African Diaspora is taking place at Henson College from 7 until 10 p.m. each night.

The event is being organized by a committee of students from the African Students Association, the Black United Students, The Caribbean Students Association, the **International Students Association** and the Transition Year Program's Students Council.

The idea for this event was born during Africa week (Oct. 31-Nov. 3) last year. However, it was felt the month of February would be a

### **Environment** conference

by Paul Webster

A conference on Pollution and Global Environmental change is taking place Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 8-10 at Saint Mary's. A wide range of environmental experts will be attending the conference organized by Pugwash Canada, the SMU Environmentally Concerned Students' Society (ECOSS), King's students, the Dalhousie Public Interest Research Group and the Campus Environmental Action Group,

Friday at 7:30 pm Dr. Charles Lin from McGill University will commence with the keynote speech on Pollution and Climate Change in the Loyola Building room 152.

Barry Hargreaves from the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Allyn Clarke from the World Climate Change Program, and Dalhousie Environmental Science Professor Peter Stokoe will be conducting a panel discussion at 1 pm Saturday, also in the Loyola Building room 152.

Moderated workshops will be conducted throughout the weekend. Discussing the ideas behind the Conference, organizer and ECOSS founding-member Thea Wilson-Hammond says "I hope the conference can help students and community members find out some of the things we need to know about pollution and environmental change. The Conference is one of five planned by Pugwash as part of its Global Change Confe Program. Findings from the Conference will be submitted to the upcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. All concerned people are invited to attend".

Registration is Friday evening in the Loyola building, and the fee is \$5.00

This coming weekend is an im- better time for it since February is Black History Month.

> The theme of the conference is "Quest for Our African Identity". Within this theme various panelists will be discussing various perspectives of how Black peoples of the Caribbean, Nova Scotia and Africa maintain a sense of themselves in a world that renders them

February 9 will focus on Women of the diaspora. Here the six panelists will discuss issues of concern to women of African descent. February 10 will focus on general issues of Underdevelopment, Racism, Economics and Politics of the diaspora.

The discussions will be interspersed with entertainment such as poetry readings and singing. Refreshments are provided and admission is free!

Full sponsorship is being provided by the Lester Pearson Institute in conjunction with the ISA and the Canadian International Development Agency's Public Participation program.

February 11 will mark the one year anniversary of Nelson Mandela's release from prison. This man, whatever his faults and past mistakes, has become the physical incarnation of the Black struggle. We the sons and daughters of Africa will be using this day as one in which we remember our fallen leaders, male and female, and the contributions they made to the quality of life we enjoy.

We take this opportunity to welcome the university community to come and celebrate with us during this weekend which starts Friday, Feb. 8 with a dance in the Grawood where Umoja will dazzle and entertain with its special mixture of Afrocentric rhythms.

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## Tossing around the charity ball

This night (Feb. 8) will see the Dalhousie Student Union's (DSU) first ever charity ball. This one night extravaganza includes cocktails at 7 PM, a buffet dinner at 8 PM, followed by a night of dancing to the music of the John Alphonse Band.

Jamie Lougheed, a fourth-year History student and DSU's Community Affairs Chairperson, has coordinated this event to raise money for Veith House, a place for battered for battered wives and children. As well as providing

basic shelter, Veith House provides a daycare service, counselling, literacy and education programs. It is also an agency of the United

Lougheed hopes to raise at least \$3,000 which will be directed towards keeping the Veith House literacy program going. "They approached me over the summer seeking DSU support," he said. Each year DSU sponsors some charity, last year giving its support to Byrony House and Ward Five Community Centre.

The charity ball would not have been possible without the valuable assistance from Oland's, Q104, Coca-Cola Ltd. and Beaver Foods.

Lougheed got the idea for a charity ball from University of Western Ontario, where they recently raised \$30,000. Of course, they've been at it for four or five years. However, in the "years to come," Lougheed would like to see this event increase in size, and possibly even move to a bigger

He also said that the ball is

"aimed to wards societies that don't hold their own balls" but as well, his hopes are "to get as many people to come."

For those still interested, it's not too late to purchase tickets for the charity ball. They can be obtained at room 222 or in the Council Offices (2nd floor) of the Student Union Building. At \$40 per couple for cocktails, dinner, great music and door prizes, the DSU's First Annual Charity Ball is both very affordable and bound to be a great

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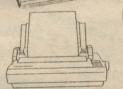


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