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## Irving refuses to pay clean up bill

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Irving gas stations across the Maritimes were picketed over the weekend for their failure to pay for the clean up of the Irving Whale.

The protesters were demanding that the multi-billion dollar corporation pay the full cost of the recovery of the oil barge that sank off Prince Edward Island in 1970.

The barge, which contained 4,200 tonnes of Bunker C heating oil and 8,000 kilograms of PCBs was en route to Bathurst, New Brunswick when it sank in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The barge was raised by the Coast Guard in 1996 at a cost of \$42-million, a cost Irving has refused to pay.

The federal government has filed a statement of claim against Irving for the costs of the recovery operation, after out of court negotiations failed.

"Our position is that they are liable, it was their responsibility, it was their boat," said Michael Turner, deputy Commissioner of the Coast Guard.

The Irving Corporation has filed a statement of defence in federal court. In a public statement they claimed the government took an unnecessary risk in raising the barge, and should have left it where it was.

"The majority of expenditures and costs incurred by the Crown were excessive, unwarranted and resulted from errors and bad judgement on the part of government officials," the

company said in a statement issued last week. (source: CP)

"That isn't relevant," said Aaron Koleszar, organizer of the weekend's protests. "They made the mess and it was their responsibility to clean it up...the government could have handled things better, but something needed to be done.

"Irving does a lot to exploit people and the environment, this [\$42-million cost] is one thing that really draws people together.

"We wanted to raise awareness of corporate rule," said Koleszar.

He went on to say

that the costs of raising the Irving Whale are not the only ones.

"There are still PCBs down there, which Irving didn't tell the government about until 1995, though they legally had to...they should take responsibility for their

Hannah Jickling protests in front of the Robie St. Irving station. Photo by Ryan Lash

## One week after the Canadian Federation of Students released its report "Strategy for Change" system on the wealthy and the elimination of tax loopholes and deferrals. "If we collected a tenth of the deferred taxes from profitable

One week after the Canadian Federation of Students released its report, "Strategy for Change", student organizations remain divided on two issues: is zero tuition possible and is it what students want?

These sentiments were echoed at

"They make a mess and like a

the protest in Halifax, which took

place on Saturday Oct. 4, on Robie

little child they're refusing to clean

it up," said protestor Shannon

Lynch. "It's just an example of how

Street near Cunard.

According to the national director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has not addressed what students really want.

"The CFS is feeling the pulse of students as accurately as the Pepsi Clear executive," says Hoops Harrison.

"Their [CFS's] report calls for across the board abolishment of tuition. What we need are realistic ways to address the immediate student debt crisis — over 50 per cent of Canadian students have some debt. I doubt that CFS will be successful in achieving zero tuition, especially given our country's current financial situation."

Brad Lavigne, national chairperson of CFS, disagrees.

"There will be those who will be cynical and say that nothing can be done. There are also those who said that nothing could be done in areas where we've achieved success," said Lavigne, citing the January 25, 1995 "Day of Action" demonstration which resulted in a tuition freeze in Quebec, and CFS's effort in British Columbia to help maintain the "second lowest tuition rates in Canada".

"You're not going to win if you start off with that lost mentality," adds Lavigne. "If we get tuition fee freezes in a couple of provinces because of this document, then we are steps ahead of where we were before this document was released."

CFS's report states that zero tuition can be achieved by implementing a long-term funding formula paid for by a taxation

Zero tuition?

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Waving signs that read "Make

the polluter pay", "Boycott

Irving", and "End Corporate

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deferred taxes from profitable corporations, we'd have \$4-billion. That would be enough to abolish tuition fees with money left over," said Lavigne. This theory is based on the federation's \$2.2-billion estimate of total "user fees" (which includes tuition, auxiliary and ancillary fees) paid by Canadian students in one year. CASA's "user fees" estimate is closer to \$4billion. Lavigne also cites a Royal Bank report which states that Canada will enjoy a \$250-billion surplus in the year 2000/2001 as a source of funds.

"We're one of the most wealthiest countries in the world," says Lavigne, "Is that [zero tuition] impossible? I don't think so."

CFS believes that its "zero tuition" stance represents the "long-standing view of the student movement since the 1930s".

Amy Cole, chair of the Nova Scotia Component of CFS and president of University of King's College Student Union, agrees with this sentiment.

"I think what people have to keep in mind is that although zero tuition is definitely the goal of CFS, it is not the first thing on its lobbying agenda," says Cole. "It will take years to obtain it, as did universal health care."

Not all members of CFS are as optimistic about a call for zero tuition. Dale Kirby, Chair of the Newfoundland Component of CFS, states that although "we support the actions of our affiliates and we're clapping them on in the fight", the contingent feels that this document does not represent their perspective on post-secondary education issues in Newfoundland.

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## More credit card fraud

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

For nine Dalhousie professors, it might be easier to get a phony credit card than to find out how one was fraudulently obtained using their personal information.

Within the past year and a half, two history professors, as well as seven of the 14 professors in the political science department, have had their names, salaries, social insurance numbers — and in some cases their birth date — used to apply for fraudulent credit cards.

The type of information used on the phony applications, and the concentration within departments raised concerns about the security of university personnel information.

"In at least a couple of the cases they were able to provide very precise information with regards to salary and social insurance numbers," said David Cameron, chair of the political science department and one of the professors whose name was used on fraudulent cards.

"The fact that seven of the members of [the political science] department

were hit by similar kind of frauds suggests...that there's some common element," he said.

As well as fraudulently applying for brand new cards, existing cards had fake supplementary names added, and the address changed to a post office box.

Cameron found out about the supplementary cards under his name last December when the companies called asking for payment. Balances exceeded \$3,000 at Sears and \$2,000 at Eaton's.

Sears, Eaton's, Bank of Montreal, Mastercard and Canadian Tire all received fraudulent applications. And all the credit card companies involved have taken responsibility for any fraudulent charges accumulated on the cards.

Cameron says he brought up the string of fraudulent cards to both the Halifax police, and Dalhousie Chief of Security Sandy MacDonald. Although wary to assign blame, Cameron says he is most concerned about the inaction.

"I want to emphasize that [the political science department is] not pointing fingers anywhere in the university as the source or cause of the leaked information. We are, however.

frustrated that there has been no resolution of a case that, at least to us, involved quite serious fraud," Cameron

"Undoubtedly there are multiple sources [for obtaining personal information]...[but] nothing has changed in the security system. Whether it could happen again is anybody's guess—and that's the concern."

Dalhousie Chief of Security Sandy MacDonald had no comment at this time.

Like the university before them, The Halifax Police Department says there isn't enough evidence either way.

"I can't sit here and say they're getting that information from Dalhousie," said Sergeant Darrell Downey, who is in charge of the fraud division. "The bottom line is you have no suspect, you have no way of identifying the source or the means by which they perpetrated the crime, so the investigation has to be suspended until something materializes."

Dalhousie vp finance Brian Mason also had no comment at this time.

#### Pre-packaged ponderance

"If you say 'cunt' or 'cocksucker', what you say influences the way you think, the way you act, not the other way around."

— David Mamet (see story page 12)

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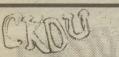
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## Mega classes remain controversial to many

BY PHILIP LEWIS

Wouldn't it be convenient to have a food court next to your classroom? How about seats that are actually comfortable? The idea of holding classes in Park Lane theatres was considered last year, but the plan was axed by this year's Dalhousie Student Union executive.

In response to the growing demand by students in large first year courses like psychology, the introduction of mega classes in theatres was suggested.

One of the most vocal members of the committee proposing new space usage was Psychology professor Marcia Ozier.

According to Ozier, who still advocates classes at Park Lane, the space is vacant all day and cost would not have been a major issue.

The shopping centre would have been more than cooperative with the university, as classes would result in a greater number of students (possible shoppers) during weekdays.

Ozier said that cupholders could have easily been adapted for desks, and the cinema is already equipped with the audio and visual equipment needed. In addition, she says that the theatre was willing to offer Dalhousie its own engineer to run the equipment.

Despite the positive aspects of the proposal, one of the first decisions the current Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) executive made when it took power was to take Park Lane of the table.

Instead of Park Lane, the new executive proposed using the

McInnes Room located inside the McInnes Room were eliminated as Student Union Building. Classroom options, the Rebecca

The McInnes room proved to be an inferior option. It only has the capacity to hold 350 students (where Park Lane could hold 500) and employees from Facilities Management would need to move desks in and out of the room after each class. In addition, it was discovered that the MacInnes room was not suitable to handle the audio visual needs of large classes.

DSU vice-president academic/ external Kevin Lacey recommended the use of the McInnes room, but later discovered that the cost of renting the room for the classes would be \$19,000 a year, on top of the fee from Facilities Management to move desks in and out.

The Studley gym was also suggested as an option, but the planning committee was told that the cost of moving equipment would be in the neighbourhood of \$120,000 to \$150,000.

There are close to 1,400 students in the psychology department trying to get in to the intro classes each year. Ozier says that something must be done to accommodate these students. As a result, the department will have to raise class sizes (creating megaclasses), or increase the number of sections taught.

Ozier says that professors cannot take the burden of more classes. She says that if mega-classes are created, they will save the professors' time — allowing them to focus on second and third level courses

Although Park Lane and the

McInnes Room were eliminated as classroom options, the Rebecca Cohn is being used as a classroom. This is not the first time classes have been held in the Cohn. A number of different courses were held in the theatre during the 1970s, but it has not been in use as a classroom for more than a decade.

Lacey, who strongly opposes the introduction of mega-classes, says the Cohn was a reluctant compromise.

"We [DSU executive] succeeded last year in keeping classes out of Park Lane so [The Cohn] was a compromise, unfortunately," said Lacey.

The Psychology Department was offered the use of the Cohn this year, but it was too close to the beginning of the new school year to properly organize classes in the facility.

As a result, first year biology is being held in the Cohn as a pilot program. If all goes well, psychology could move into the Cohn next year.

There are currently 800 students taking Biology 1000 in the Cohn. One major argument against larger classes is that students will feel too intimidated to ask questions.

"Large and small are relative terms. Some people say a class of 150 is too large," said psychology chair, Chris Moore.

Moore says that to address concerns about a less one-on-one relationship between the professor and first year students, the psychology department planned to create a class where third level students would tutor

first year students.

When asked if the introduction of such a program would address some of his concerns about megaclasses, Lacey replied, "as far as I know that program is already in place, to some degree."

Moore says the department is also looking into creating tutorials over the Internet.

Lacey says that there are more than practical concerns that must be factored in to moving classes into different venues like Park Lane. The damage that could have been caused to Dalhousie's reputation was a major factor in rejecting the use of Park Lane cinemas.

In addition to Dalhousie's reputation, Lacey says that his number one priority is "quality of education". Lacey feels megaclasses provide an inferior learning environment.

Despite his concern, Lacey has not attended one of the classes in the Cohn.

"I've been in the Cohn, but I don't take Biology 1000," said Lacey.

Ozier says that she has been contacted by the biology department and the course evaluations for the first set of lectures in the Cohn were "positive to the point that a prof of a class of 30 would be proud".

#### News-inbrief

HUSKIES LINEBACKER BANNED FOR STEROID USE

The Saint Mary's University Huskies season lineup-up took an unexpected turn for the worse this week.

Huskies linebacker Matthew Demers was banned from Canadian University sports for four years after he tested positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol. Demers was last season's AUAA football Rookie of the Year.

The Huskies will not forfeit their only win of the season because of the suspension.

#### CHARGES NOT TO BE PURSUED IN HOWE HALL, BIKER BRAWL

By Joseph Lambert

Charges will be not be laid against participants in a bar brawl according to Halifax Regional Police's public relations officer Gary Martin.

Two Howe Hall residents went to hospital following a fight with bikers outside of the Lighthouse strip club last month. Despite the seriousness of the incident, no one has come forward with evidence.

"We need witnesses to testify in court...that was not provided to us," said Martin.

"One [witness] came forward, but did not wish to file a report."

Martin added that one of the students injured in the fight "did not wish to file a report and was not cooperative [with police]".

Martin could not confirm if the bikers involved in the fight were Hell's Angels, or if the Lighthouse was a regular hangout for the bikers' group.

"I'd tell you if I knew," he said.

Martin says that fear of the biker group could be a factor in the lack of witnesses and cooperation in the case.

"We respond to a lot of calls, a lot of them are like this. People are reluctant to go to court...it is a legitimate complaint [fear of Hell's Angels]. It is understandable to have fear knowing that they are involved in organized crime.

#### NEW BANKRUPTCY RULES FOR STUDENTS

College and university students who declare bankruptcy within two years of graduation still are responsible for their education debts under Bankruptcy Act regulations that took effect last week.

Students and post-secondary institutions have been voicing concern about rising student-debt loads and bankruptcies for the past decade. This summer, statistics Canada reported that tuition fees in Canada have risen by as much as 18 per cent since 1990. Not surprising, defaults under the Canada Student Loan Program have increased sixfold in the decade up to 1996.

According to *The Globe and Mail*, the federal government is talking to provinces, institutions and student groups about loan reformers, with an eye to changes next year.

For all borrowers, Canada Student Loan repayments of principal and interest do not begin until six months after graduation. But for students in need, a federal-budget change last spring extended the period of interest relief to 30 months from 18 months.

Later this month, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations will meet with federal officials in Halifax to discuss the group's desired changes to the Student Loan Program.

#### DAL LAW STUDENTS WANTED

Dalhousie law students would be hired by the province to sift through more than 200 boxes of "secret" government files on the Shelburn school for Boys.

Bill Leahey, a lawyer representing alleged victims of abuse, says the students are needed because there are not enough hands available to sort through all the information contained in the files.

## Zero tuition debate unresolved

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n in-depth examination of

or an in-depth examination of the post-secondary education policies in this province," said Kirby. "A lot of people have the philosophy of 'ask for a lot and get a little'. Personally, I think that our organization provincially is geared towards 'ask for something more realistic and get something realistic.'

"It's great to ask for an entirely free system, but I'd like to ask for peace on earth too. I don't think I'm going to get that either," says Kirby.

Working towards zero tuition not a goal shared by Dalhousie students either, according to Kevin Lacey, Dalhousie Student Union vicepresident academic/external and Atlantic Canada director for CASA.

"It is my impression that most

Dal students don't see this as anything reasonable or something that will affect them in the end," says Lacey.

"They don't believe that zero tuition is the answer. They would rather see us fighting on issues that we can get real solutions to. What we need to do is look at the problems facing students like student debt and come up with rational solutions to these problems, not just demand for zero tuition.

"At the last CASA meeting, Dalhousie and the University of New Brunswick sponsored a motion which called for an incomebased remission programme," said Lacey. "This programme would allow students who are needy and with large debts to receive grants from the government to reduce this debt load."

As well, from October 19 to 22, CASA member schools will be meeting in Halifax to redraw the current student aid program. This process will involve student representatives formulating a detailed plan on the first day. On the next day, CASA will meet with representatives of the federal government to present, discuss and finalize their plan. And on October 22, CASA plans to release its national campaign on a new student loan programme plan.

"I would say our approach is more effective [than CFS's]," said Harrison. "CASA's approach is to work with the government first, then announce our campaign. Whereas, CFS's approach is to release their report first, then try to meet with government."

#### Recommendations for DSU elections

BY LAURA GRAY

Recommendations made in the report of last year's chief returning officer should be looked into this year.

The report compiled by the chief returning officer (CRO) of last year's Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) election was recently released. The paper details the process of last year's DSU election and referendum, as well as making suggestions for this school year.

"Many of the recommendations made by CRO Jennifer Riorden

should be considered," says DSU president Chris Adams.

The suggestions include improving publicity for DSU elections, changing the way the elections committee is selected and revamping the way the election is

Adams says that some of Riorden's recommendations have already been implemented. He cites the DSU council's decision to appoint representatives to the elections committee early as a case in point.

But he says that other

recommendations in the report could prove more challenging to implement. According to the report, "the current DSU budget and election organization cannot ensure the turnout of more than 30 per cent of the DSU constituency."

Adams says holding five days of voting, instead of the current three days, is a possible option to help increase voter turnout.

Riorden did not limit her report to recommendations. She also claims the election involved "crafty, mean-spirited, self aggrandizing

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## Students occupy Quebec minister's office

BY SONIA VERMA

MONTREAL (CUP) — A group of students occupied the constituency office of a Quebec cabinet minister to protest the provincial government's shaky record on making post-secondary education accessible.

Shortly before 2 p.m. on Oct. 1, approximately 30 people, most of them students from the provincial colleges, commonly known as CEGEPS, entered the constituency office of Andre Boisclair, Quebec's immigration minister.

They presented officials with a list of demands before escorting them out of the building and barricading the doors.

The list of demands included free and accessible education, a request that the province convert loans into bursaries to eliminate student debt and that students be guaranteed a voice in the running of the province's CEGEPs and universities.

But as the evening wore on, students noticed the growing police presence around the building. By 10:30 p.m. there were 12 police cars at the scene and the students voted on whether or not to leave "on their own terms," according to Patrick Borden, a member of the civil disobedience group Canvas, who participated in the occupation. By a majority of one, the decision was made to leave.

"The police gave us an amnesty and we left. Personally I feel we bailed out way too soon," said Borden.

Jean-Rene Levesque; secretary of Le Mouvement pour le Droit a l'Education, says the students occupied the office because direct action has been successful in the past.

"We are trying to construct a movement to radicalize students in the province," he said. "It has to be a militant approach because that is what has worked in the past."

Last fall, students at 25 of the province's CEGEPS went on a month-long strike to protest the threat of rising tuition in Quebec. In the wake of the strike, provincial Education Minister Pauline Marois announced that the provincial government would freeze tuition for Quebec students until the end of its current mandate.

Julie Bradet, a CEGEP du Vieu'x Montreal student who participated in the occupation, says Marois' track record reveals a lax commitment to accessible, quality education. "Marois should have extended her promise to freeze tuition," she said. "Right now her promise is temporary, and it only applies to Quebec students. She is not committed to an ideal of education for all."

This fall the Quebec government introduced a differential fee formula requiring out-of-province students to pay more for their education. Tuition jumped by as much as \$1,000 for these students.

The occupation of Boisclair's office is part of a broader campaign to pressure the Parti Quebecois government to return to its more

socailly progressive roots with respect to post-secondary education funding. Since the beginning of its current mandate, the PQ has slashed over \$400-million from the education sector, and has indicated that it may cut at least \$700-million more.

Members of Le Mouvement say if the government does not accede to its demands by Oct. 23, they will call for another province-wide strike and other acts of civil disobedience.

The Quebec wing of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) is also planning actions to

protest the provincial government's education policies.

The federation is planning to occupy the provincial government buildings in Quebec City on Nov. 3 to protest poverty, neo-liberalism and globalization. They will also present the provincial government with a list of demands, including accessible education.

"It's a good idea to participate in actions like the occupation because it fits into a larger movement," Erin Runions, chair of the Quebec CFS wing said. "It's important that people feel comfortable with this type of resistance."

## Bank service charges remain unchallenged

BY JULIAN SCOTT

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A little-known legal requirement obligating banks to obtain customer consent before applying each and every service charge continues to be overlooked.

Even minor charges like those resulting from automated teller withdrawals and cash advances are illegal unless the customer approves them before they are levied, according to section 440 of the Bank Act, the federal legislation regulating financial institutions.

The section states that an "express agreement" must be made between both bank and customer before any charge pertaining to the "keeping of the account" is applied. And blanket agreements signed when accounts are opened do not over-ride this requirement.

But this requirement was news to Linda Rutlidge, director of consumer affairs for the Canadian Bankers Association.

"I'm certainly not aware that the banks are required to get a customer's consent every time they charge a service charge," she said. The matter has, however, been dealt with in Canadian courts. In a Quebec small claims court in 1994, the presiding judge ruled in favour of a plaintiff suing a bank under the

provisions of section 440. He said that the Bank Act had indeed been violated, and all service charges in question had to be refunded.

But since then, no other legal action with respect to section 440 has found its way into a Canadian court.

This is because a low-level court made the decision says Kernial Aasland, a member of the social justice coalition, Choices.

"Even if it is precedent setting, everyone's ignored it, so it's a useless precedent," Aasland said.

Aasland added

that the relative obscurity of section 440 coupled with the prohibitive costs of taking a major bank to court have also discouraged legal action against these service charges.

Even in the event that this matter does make it to a higher court, banks may take advantage of a potential loop-hole in the Bank Act to defend themselves, Aasland says.

Banks could argue that section 15 of the Bank Act functions as a disclaimer to the entire document, because this section stipulates that any section of the Act is void if it comes into conflict with an agreement made by the bank.

In other words, if you authorize a bank to apply service charges to your account without notifying you, it may do so, even if it is illegal.

The consumer may have very little recourse in this situation. Refusal to sign the bank's agreements will likely result in a customer being denied an account.

"The bank is not obligated to provide service to anybody," Rutlidge said. "If you're not happy with a particular agreement, then you'd have to find another bank that would offer you an agreement that you're willing to be entered into."

This may be difficult to do in Canada, however, since the major banks all have similar agreements for the opening of an account.



## BC teachers college seeks appeal from Supreme Court ruling

BY LISA SCHINCARIOL

VICTORIA (CUP) — The British Columbia College of Teachers launched an appeal with the provincial Supreme Court last week following a decision to allow a church-based university, which frowns on homosexual behaviour, to expand its teaching program.

Members of the Evangelical churchbased university, a private and fullyaccredited institution, are obligated to refrain from homosexual behaviour and other forms of conduct which are biblically denounced.

"We've been asked to give the stamp of approval to a program that in the view of the [college of teachers'] council is clearly discriminatory. By its very nature, [gay and lesbian] students...would be discouraged from going there and faculty of this orientation would not be able to work there," said Doug Smart, registrar of the BC College of Teachers.

He says the college was comfortable with continuing to certify Trinity Western's current Bachelor of Education program because its fifth and final year, the teachers' education component, is run out of Simon Fraser University.

But they rejected the school's application to have the full program at the Evangelical university.

The BC Supreme Court, however, overuled the objection.

In the initial hearing, the court investigated the conduct of students and graduates of the current program, the majority of whom have been employed in highly diverse classroom settings. According to the court, no evidence was found that the teachers' beliefs led them to discriminate in the classroom, or to neglect their responsibility to shield students from harassment.

As a result, Justice W.H. Davies concluded that the College of Teachers had no reasonable basis for refusing to certify the program, and stated that teachers must be judged by their conduct, not by their beliefs.

But Smart says the College of Teachers' has plans to appeal the decision.

"We have the authority to approve the teachers' education component of the program. We believe the judge erred in not considering that issue," he said. Dr. Guy Saffold of Trinity Western says

he is displeased with the college's decision to appeal.

"We are very disappointed and worried," he said. "It's your knowledge and skills that should matter, not your view of sexuality."

He adds that it is stereotypical to assume that those who are Christian are more likely to discriminate against gay and lesbian students.

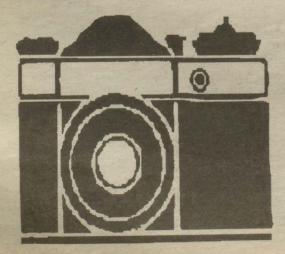
"You can't make an inference about something someone might do just because you know something about their sexual orientation. Similarly, people used to infer that gay men were also pedophiles simply because they were gay. That's ridiculous. People shouldn't be stigmatized based on their view of sexuality," Saffold said.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is

supporting Trinity Western, and its right as a private institution, to enforce a code of conduct on its attendees.

But Steve Solomon, a teacher at the Oasis, an alternative high school in Toronto with a transitional educational program for gay, lesbian and bisexual students, is skeptical of such a program. As a teacher of students who leave mainstream schools because of the discrimination they face, Solomon says that teachers commonly contribute to discriminatory practices by act or

"I think it's artificial that we separate work that we do professionally and the beliefs that we hold. It's going to be up to each teacher to reconcile their own beliefs with the policy of the public school board."



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## Maclean's ranking of law schools criticized

BY DAVID COCHRANE

OTTAWA (CUP) — Maclean's magazine has extended its controversial practice of ranking universities to Canada's law schools, and has once again met with criticism from those under inspection.

The October 6 issue of the national magazine ranks 16 law schools from best to worst in such areas as reputation, graduate satisfaction, entrance criteria, class size, and library expenses. Unlike its broader guide to universities, Maclean's does not provide an overall ranking of the best and worst law schools.

But just like the original university survey, the law school evaluations are being criticized by academics who say the magazine doesn't tell the whole story.

"I think they were working very much to a deadline and there are some things that clearly need some fine tuning," said Marilyn Pilkington, the dean of Osgoode Hall in Toronto.

Maclean's collected data from recent graduates, current members of the bar, and the law schools themselves in compiling the survey.

Osgoode Hall ranked at or near the bottom in all four categories judged by recent graduates. But when assessed by judges, lawyers and legal academics, it consistently placed among the top five schools. Pilkington says such stark contradictions highlight problems with Maclean's methodology.

"The survey just isn't fine-tuned to look at what law schools are doing or what they offer," she said.

Maclean's faced similar criticism in 1993 when it began its practice of ranking Canadian universities. The following year a number of universities refused to participate in the survey, accusing the magazine of shoddy research methods and an arbitrary ranking system some said was misleading. It wasn't until last year, after the ranking process was revamped, that all English language universities in Canada rejoined the

Dowsett Johnston, Ann Maclean's assistant managing editor, says the magazine has updated its research methods over the years and points to the "grad report", where recent law school graduates evaluate the quality of their education, as one of the survey's strength's.

"How well were those who went through the experience pleased with what they received?" she said. "Students benefit more from looking at these raw indicators.'

Dowsett Johnston says her magazine is providing a public service by evaluating law schools. She says that if students are expected to take on three more years of debt, the average length of a law program, then they should be provided with as much information as possible before picking a school.

But Juanita Westmoreland, the dean of the University of Windsor's law school, says Maclean's ignores the unique qualities of each school. Unlike its general university survey, which divides schools into particular categories, Maclean lumps all law schools into the same category, making no distinction between large and small schools.

"I think that a student is looking for the law school that fits their

objectives and I'm not sure that, looking through these [rankings], a student is going to find that information," said Westmoreland.

Windsor scored high in the "most innovative" and "leaders of tomorrow" categories, but the university ranked at the bottom of other categories, including median entering grade and median LSAT score, because it refused to provide Maclean's with that information.

Westmoreland says it has long been the university's practice to keep that data confidential and the school even went as far as to buy an ad in the magazine to make that policy public. She says that academic success is only one of several factors examined when screening potential students, and the Maclean's survey places too much emphasis on grades and not enough on life experience.

"I don't find her reaction surprising given how they handled the survey itself," said Dowsett Johnston. "It was extremely narrow-minded of Windsor not to release this information."

Maclean's will once again be releasing its general university guide later this fall. Dowsett Johnston says the magazine also plans to expand its post-secondary education rankings, suggesting business and medical schools could be examined in the future.

## McGill group to write alternative university budget

BY ANNA LIACHENKO

MONTREAL (CUP) — A group of McGill students, professors and administrative staff are banding together to write an alternative budget that will be presented to the school's governing body.

According to Anna Kruzynski, an executive member of McGill's graduate student union, the McGill

Alternative Budget Group has several goals it plans to incorporate in its alternative budget: increased public funding, lower tuition fees, and greater security and stability for university employees.

"[The] budget is a question of priorities," she said. "We want to generate a debate."

The group plans to present the

university's Board of Governers with a budgetary alternative for 1998-99.

In the wake of provincial cuts to the operating grants of Quebec universities, McGill University has been trying to make up the multimillion shortfall by cutting faculty, staff, and services, and by introducing new student service fees while increasing current ones.

Over the past four years at McGill, 420 administrative and staff positions have been eliminated, as well as over 40 library staff positions. A policy of replacing only one out of every three retiring professors will also soon be taking effect at the university. And students now pay up to \$140 in non-tuition service fees, fees which some students argue are a backdoor approach to increasing

Kruzynski says the idea for the alternative budget came after McGill president Bernard Shapiro issued a challenge to students after some occupied his office last year to protest fee increases — to come up with an alternative.

Representatives of the group say they would like the budgetary process at McGill opened up, with more public input in the earlier stages of the budget's preparation.

"University administration has one perspective [but] creative ideas come from everywhere," said Tara Newell, president of the McGill student union and a member of the alternative budget group.

Undergraduates, graduates, professors, librarians, secretaries and others have joined the alternative budget group. No members of senior university management, however, have expressed an interest in taking part.

McGill isn't the first university where an alternative budget has

In 1995, the graduate student union at the University of Toronto drafted an alternative budget, which called into question the university's assertion that it had no choice but to cut staff and services and increase student service fees. The union, in its budget, found that the university actually had enough money to expand, rather than to cut. Though financial consultants from several major corporations found the alternative budget sound, it was largely ignored by the university administration.

Kruzynski says she hopes, however, that the McGill group will have greater success with its alternative budget because of its broad base of representation.

continued from page 3... and destructive behaviour" on the parts of some candidates.

At the same time, Riorden lauded other candidates writing, "there are many persons within this organization who do incredible work."

Riorden did not choose to elaborate on which participants in last year's election she considered "mean-spirited" and which did "incredible work".

Adams was not without criticism. Although he describes the report as "well put together" and credits Riorden for her "valid" recommendations, he says that some of the report is just "a lot of rhetoric". However, he did add that the inclusion of

complaints received about the election process make the report more objective.

The main purpose of the CRO report is to assist the next CRO with election problems.

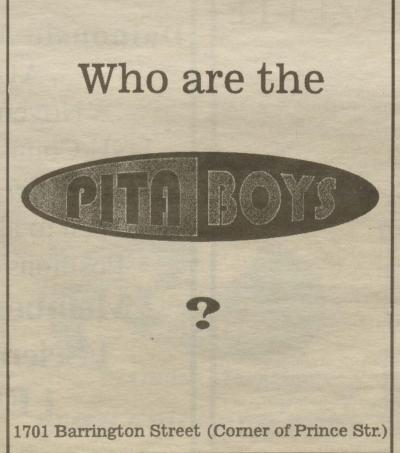
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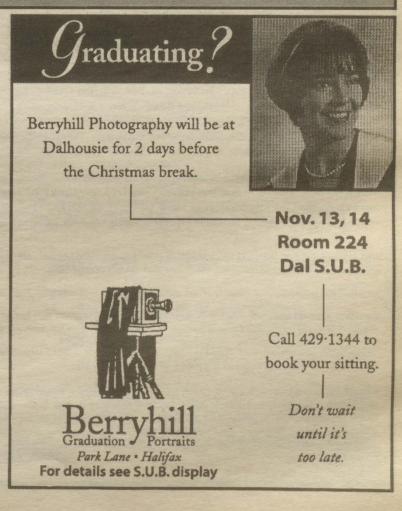
Riorden left this warning to the person who will fill her shoes for this year's DSU elections.

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## New toys for the Pentagon

When the Berlin Wall fell in November of 1989, the Americans claimed victory over the longest battle in recent times; the Cold War. And Bush, followed by Clinton, started meeting with other leaders to reduce the worldwide nuclear arsenal that had kept Americans and Soviets in states of panic for forty years. All seemed to be going in favour of the peace process minus the slight hic-cough that was the Persian Gulf War.

And while the American armed forces have been the not-too-proud recipients of harsh budget cuts handed down from the Clinton administration, military research and development continues to receive more than ample funding. With the threat of a full-scale Russian confrontation now doubtful, and there being no other country that could possibly challenge the American war machine, one would think that the US could spend some money elsewhere. Instead, they have stuck with making bigger and better weapons of mass destruction.

Always trying to stay ahead of the competition, the States have developed a destructive laser to be tested on an outdated Cold War-era satellite. In a few days, they will lock the laser beam on to the satellite and slowly increase the power, judging just how much juice is needed to destroy an object outside of the Earth's atmosphere. The implications of such a weapon are very dire indeed.

engineers have been working on deep in the bowels of the Pentagon.

Recently, The Learning Channel ran a programme dealing with new developments in technology. It showcased a microwave transmitter with some interesting modifications. A smiling man holding what appeared to be a gun with a small satellite dish on the end, pointed the contraption at a toy helicopter and pulled the trigger. The chopper instantly stalled and crashed to the earth. The microwave signal the gun produced had scrambled all of the electronics and computers on board, rendering it useless.

These two developments will no doubt change warfare as much as the tank did during the First World War. Having the capability to fire a laser beam anywhere in the world, and to destroy a target with the precision of a surgeon removing a brain tumour, is excessive. With no definite enemies over the horizon, why does the US military maintain such Cold War paranoia?

Combined with microwave technology, the new laser is the ultimate fighting machine. An entire country could be seized at the push of a button, without one soldier being shipped overseas.

Military personnel is only one of the groups that would be drastically affected by the implementation of this new technology. As it stands 3,167,200 men and women are enlisted in the American military (including reserves). That's roughly

This is not the only thing 1.5% of their entire population. Put half of them out on the street, not to mention all the factory workers who churn out tanks, planes and ships for the war machine, and you are left with some sore folks with chips on their shoulders. The defense department supports a large share of the US economy. A jump in unemployment, coupled with sharp economic decline in the industrial sector, means huge problems.

All this doomsday talk needs to be balanced with something positive. If warfare is to change, then hopefully ballistic missiles will become obsolete. Nuclear power, heralded as the future of energy in the 1950s, has proven to be something of a Pandora's Box. The nuclear disasters of Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and Bikini Island have attested to this. Why would you bother nuking a country if the fallout will eventually hurt you? Now you can hit them with some lasers and microwaves and send them back to pre industrial revolution days for a decade or two.

Creating new weapons of mass destruction is pointless if you already have enough of them. It is also pointless if it means a large portion of military personnel will go unemployed.

America should focus on some of their abundant internal problems instead of pursuing dreams of dominating a world they already control.

JOHN CULLEN

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## Vomen's washrooms

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Tampons and pads can be found on the floors of many washrooms all over campus, including our SUB washrooms. Would it really be that expensive to install feminine hygiene waste receptors in each cubicle of the female bathrooms? I think not.

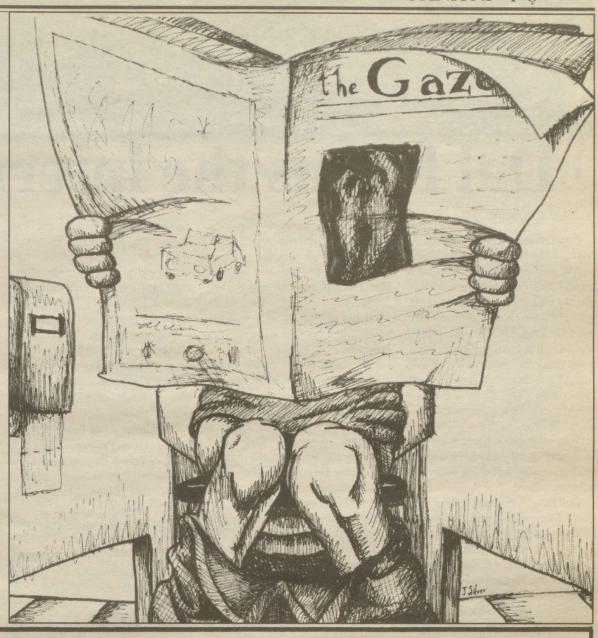
The problem goes beyond being just disgusting. Blood is considered a hazardous biological waste product, capable of transmitting diseases and collecting dangerous bacteria. I doubt that those cleaning the bathrooms have been properly trained to handle this material.

Once the unsanitary material has hit the floor no one wants to use that toilet anymore, so everyone ends up waiting in a line for a cubicle and

So why is it that women's becomes late for class. Although there should be disposal units, there aren't. If we were all civilized individuals we would just throw the material in the garbage outside. It may be a little more embarrassing to carry that stuff out of the cubicle, but c'mon, it 's better than the alternative! A few other bathroom etiquette rules one might want to apply: It may not be safe to sit on the seat and so you squut and tinkle over the seat, well wipe it up, it doesn't belong there; and flush the toilet behind you, no one wants to see or smell it!

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## Dal learns the international way

BY ANDREW GILLIS

Dream of black sandy beaches lined with majestic palm trees. Feel yourself settling into the sand as you watch a tropical sunset unfold in front of you. The sky is a painter's palette of red and gold. The warm exotic sea breezes rustle through palm groves. The white-capped waves crash to the shore. One moment, reality check. You are not on some exotic island, but in the bowels of the dark and mysterious Killam Library. There is no way you are going to go anywhere soon. Right? Wrong.

Why not go on exchange to a school in another country and work towards graduation while immersing yourself in a foreign culture.

Dalhousie University offers over thirty foreign exchange programs. Students can travel to universities in Cuba, Denmark, England, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Korea, Kuwait, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, and the United States.

Regan Chapman, a Dalhousie International Studies student, participated in an exchange program to the University of the South Pacific. While in Fiji she took Sociology and Economics classes.

"It was neat because I was not a tourist there, but a student," said Chapman. "It was difficult, but, I got to know the people. I stayed in Indian houses, ate Indian food, and wore Indian clothes. In the end, I belonged there. Tourists came up to me asking for directions. It was such an amazing experience. It was definitely worth all of the work. Everything ran by Fiji time. That meant everything went by really slowly. It was such a relaxed society; they were so friendly and caring."

Chapman described the exchange school as, "a regional university covering the entire South Pacific. Everyone wanted you to learn a part of their culture. It was great. I definitely recommend exchange programs, it is such a special way to go to university."

However, Chapman noted that, "It wasn't what I expected. I don't think I was fully prepared, but I don't think you can be. I was so busy arranging everything that I never guessed what it would be like. Nobody can tell you what it's like, it's something you have to do

In Chapman's eyes, the women in South Pacific have a low status.

"The men down there have got the wrong image of Western women, they must have watched too many bad movies, like Barbwire. They cat-call, and they pinch your burn in public. The women are demure and quiet; I was loud on the other hand. I know all you could hear coming out of the University was me talking. If you go to another country, especially a developing country, you must be open-minded. You never know what is going to happen next."

Dalhousie is a member of the Commonwealth Universities Study Abroad Consortium (CUSAC) - a student exchange program involving over forty-five universities in the Commonwealth. Through this program students can study in countries such as Australia and South Africa.

The Lester Pearson Institute (LPI),

located on the corner of University Avenue and Edward Street, offers information on various overseas exchange programs. Sharon Blanchard, the new full-time Student Exchange Coordinator for LPI, is available to consult with students wishing to enter overseas exchange programs.

"[I would] like to encourage all students thinking of going overseas to study, or wanting more information on programs to come and see me. We have a lot of information on Dalhousie's exchange programs and other opportunities. We will assist students in choosing where to go and how to do it," says Blanchard.

Blanchard noted that "a key thing in going overseas to study is finding the money to do it. Dalhousie has established a fund to help students financially. The Study/Work International Fund (SWIF) has already assisted over 200 students in going overseas.'

SWIF was established as a part of the student assistance program for students in financial need who want to undertake in an international education experience. Blanchard has all the SWIF information, including the application

She can also provide students with information on work and volunteer programs. Students may want to visit the LPI building to check out resource material in the Overseas Resource

The Russian department offers opportunities for students to study in Russia through the Intensive Russian program. The program runs for one full academic year. Half of the year is spent at Dalhousie studying Russian culture and grammar, and half in Russia at St. Petersburg University.

Professor MacFadyen, of the Russian department, says students should not only go to Russia to learn the language.

"[They can] see the biggest political change of all time: communism choked and died. The transition from a communist country to a totally capitalist one is happening at the drop

St. Petersburg is the second largest city in the largest country on Earth. It is the most northern city of its size.

"There are white nights in the summer — the sun doesn't go down," said MacFadyen. "Even with the reports of major crime in Russia, St. Petersburg is still safer than most U.S. cities. Things happen to people in business. If you are not in business, you'd never see it. It is a chance to see the struggle of something new; shops and small businesses are trying to survive. The 'middle class' is always growing as people are beginning to make more money. Every year the extremes diminish.'

The German department has arrangements with Freiburg, Heidelberg, Munich, and Dresden Universities for students wishing to spend an academic year abroad. Dalhousie student Jayne Belliveau spent a year in Germany, at the Heidelburg University.

"I went to Germany to get into the

culture. It's tricky to do that with books," said Belliveau. "The people were incredible, I met so many interesting people, and made a lot of great new friends. It was extremely exciting, we visited a lot of places. I encourage people to go on exchanges. It is an incredibly good idea. There is no other way to learn. It adds so much when you go abroad to learn a language and see it being used like English [is] here. It also brings so much to your

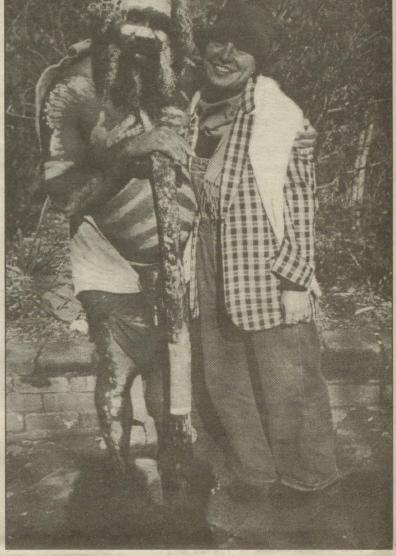
The Université de Provence, in the historic Aix-en-Provence, offers three levels of French language training as well as electives in history, political science, art history, literature and women's studies.

The program is not only for French students," said Patricia De Méo, Chairperson of the French Department. "Our only requirement is that you are a Dal student and have been so for at least one year."

Aix-en-Provence is a historic city in the heart of Southern France. Remnants of the Roman empire are everywhere. Buildings of stucco and red tiles pervade a densely populated city with glorious weather.

Each year a professor form Dalhousie escorts students to Aix.

"Twenty-eight students[from Dalhousie] went to Aix-en-Provence this year and twenty the year before,' said De Méo. "The advantage with



Regan Chapman (r) caught for a moment during her exchange to Fiji.

#### **Constitutional Society or Animal House**

BY LORI MACKAY

University offers many experiences to students, including the opportunity to become a member of a fraternity or a sorority. Generally referred to as chapters, the Dalhousie campus is home to a total of ten fraternities and sororities.

Students rush to meet their chapter of choice during a designated week of campaigning. Rushing involves attending various social events. These events allow students to meet members of the different societies. Students attend luncheons, dinners, and evening open-house parties at the fraternity houses. After the week of rushing, members of the chapters extend bids to rushers who they feel have the qualities the chap-

Applicants are required to give up their spare hours as part of a pledge to the sorority or fraternity. The initiation starts with a ceremony where students pledge their honour to the chapter. The ensuing initiation period ends with a rite of passage which entitles the individual to full mem-

Where did all of this ritual come form? North America's first Greekletter fraternity was founded December 5, 1776. The young men, who founded Phi Beta Kappa, had to conceal their project in secrecy. The society was deemed to be both "treasonable" and "dangerous" by disapproving professors. Over time the fraternity was accepted and invaded by the faculty.

Students then formed the Kappa Alpha Society in order to regain control over their own elections and other matters. Universities saw these young chapters as "threats to their authority and discipline". The societies had to fight intensely in the early years, but eventually, the student groups came to be tolerated. The original founders had begun a new era in the long history of student selfgovernment.

Overall, the example set by Phi Beta Kappa, for future chapters, was one of escaping censorship and gaining "the freedom to discuss issues and to pursue the truth as they saw

The societies continued to grow across North America but, as in all large groups, problems arose. Controversies flared as many universities — at different times in different fashions - announced regulations.

Conflict was always more newsworthy than cooperation. Thus, more attention was given by the press to negative actions over philanthropic endeavours.

Fraternity recruitment, indeed, evokes derision from many individuals, for various reasons. For those outside chapter life it is all too easy to visualize the members within as arrogant and cruel; arbitrarily picking and choosing members from the student body and maliciously downing the hopes of others who wish to be accepted. Not exactly a saintly image. Such a poor picture is embarrassingly out of place in a campus culture with modern moral

codes. Codes which dictate access to opportunity for all students.

From the various chapters' point of view, these are harsh judgements. For them, the recruitment process represents very hard work and pleasurable social outings. They do not see it as sitting around rejecting eager candidates. They believe they are involved in a detailed organizational process in order to sell the values of their chapter to fellow stu-

One of the historical controversies relates to the conditions and rituals undergone by new members. There is a space of time before the initiation ceremony coined by newspaper writers as Hell Week. Fraternities and sorori have run into trouble with police, university authorities, and neighbours. The result is a massive list of damages and

During the 1950s, four students were killed in the US. Two of these students were struck and killed by motor vehicles while returning from missions assigned by their prospective chapters. In 1968 a student from the University of Southern California choked to death trying to swallow a piece of raw liver, fed to him as a Hell-Night prank.

Despite the severity of these cases, they are only a small fraction of the Greek population. And even in light of these horrific occurrences and to the dismay of college and fraternity officials, some psychological studies have reported that Hell Week activities may give aid and comfort to the participants.

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-Cherry Mammen, BSc. Kinesiology



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-Jennifer Wepp, BSc.



"Basically, they do all the dirty work and have as much education and experience as a lot of the other instructors do; maybe not a masters, but they certainly do have the education."

-Ginnie Holden, BSc. Biology/ Neuroscience



"Because they be helpin' me with my edumacation."

-Dereck Kerr, BA. Theatre



"They contribute to the overall education of everyone within this school and they are a valuable resource for people. They are! Teachers don't have the time to reach 150 students, but with a TA, everyone can get personal instruction."

-Nadine Jackson, BA.



"To Match the increasing costs of living."

-Alan Hodgkinson, BA.



"I think TAs should recieve equality just like other TAs across Canada ... It wouldn't be fair for a TA in chemistry to get \$13,000 at Waterloo University and \$4,000 at Dalhousie."

-Peter Giannoulis, BComm.



"Because, you see, we need to have money to learn how to fly!"

-Paul Earle, BSc.

## Learning opportunities abroad for Dal

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doing [an exchange program] with

Dal, instead of doing it on your own, is that you pay Dal tuition."

The department does the legwork:

The department does the legwork; they pay the university and students get the difference in the form of a bursary.

Attending a foreign exchange program, such as Aix-en Provence, jump-starts a number of things.

"Students are more comfortable in speaking French," said De Méo. "They have an insider's understanding of the language, as they have been immersed in it for a long time. Students do not come back speaking bookish French. They have a love and appreciation for the French language. I think it spurs people to further their French education."

It, also, helps students appreciate their own language. Once they see other cultures, they realize that English, or whatever language they used before, is simply a lánguage. They become aware of the cultural differences in the world.

However, De Méo notes, "Some people may find it easier. People who are flexible...adapt easier. Culture shock happens, but the whole process is worth while."

The French department will be holding information sessions with those interested in the Aix-en-Provence exchange program for the up-coming year. If you would like more information contact the French

department, by E-mail, at: french@dal.ca.

Cynthia Neville, (External) Assistant for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, has assembled a booklet called *Study Abroad*, which summarizes the foreign exchange programs associated with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). Neville received help from the LPI and various departmental heads and the registrar's office. The booklet is now available in the LPI and the A&A

It discusses departmental exchange programs for the Classics, French, German, International Development Studies, Russian, Spanish and Theatre departments. Classics students can take archeology, classical studies and mediterranean history classes at the University of Malta. Students who have completed two years of Spanish can attend the Colegio de España in Slamanca, Spain. A work-study program is offered through the Theatre department. Students in their third year of Theatre may attend a number of

different institutions.

Neville was quick to point out that exchange programs are constantly changing. New ties are being created and new exchange opportunities are opening.

"There is a new exchange with American University in Washington, DC," said Neville. "I am also looking into links with the University of Leeds, in the United Kingdom."

program is offered through the Theatre department. Students in their third year of Theatre may attend a number of place. All those interested should apply.

## Friendships or debauchery

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of Incorporation, and group Solidarity: A study of Fraternity Hell Week discusses the positive implications for those initiated. He feels that some pranks are both enjoyable and assist worthwhile goals. It may seem irrational to suggest that anyone gets pleasure out of being humiliated, but there is some evidence that pledges look forward to the unknown perils of Hell Week. However, Walker notes that "for many years Hell Week has been getting less severe, especially with respect to physical hazing."

In the 80's and 90's legislation was finally passed in both the US and Canada, banning physical hazing.

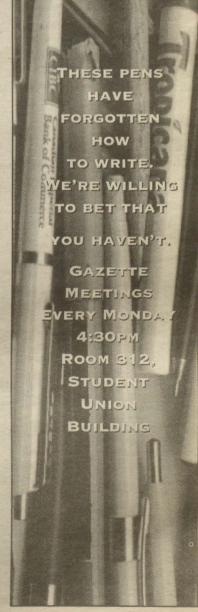
What happens to the student once in the fraternity or sorority? This topic has not been studied in depth. One existing report claims that once you are in a chapter, or similar organization, it is hard to get out.

"When a student spends a great deal of time in a living group of his own choice, and is dependant on its members for much of his security and satisfaction, he [she] should be vulnerable to potent influence from this group. His values may be affected, first, because the group's members provide cues concerning what notions are 'universally shared'; second, because they induce the person to engage in behaviours that he may subsequently be called upon to justify to himself or to others; third because the group members are in a posi-

tion to punish serious deviation from their norms by withdrawing emotional support from the offender."

As one pledge stated, "I wanted a feeling of belonging. Independents feel lost. The fraternity is a smaller group working toward a common goal."

It seems this controversy surrounding fraternities and sororities will never end. Even today, on the Dalhousie campus, fraternities and sororities are petitioning the Dalhousie Student Union to recognize them as societies. The DSU constitution states that no group can discriminate on the basis of sex, age, colour, religion or ethic background. They have told the fraternities and sororities that, because the groups are gender exclusive, they can not be recognized as Dalhousie societies.



# SCIENCE & LENVIRONMENT

## Good coffee in cyberspace

BY ERIN SPERLING

There are signs up all over the computer labs at Dalhousie: No food or drink allowed. Who would have thought that breaking this rule in a different setting would become entertainment.

Paul Gordon is a fourth year computer science co-op student at Dal. His computer operations expertise and his affinity for poutine, along with my love of coffee, lead us to the Ceilidh Connection Internet Café.

At the Ceilidh Connection, the atmosphere is comfortable, whether you are there for a bite to eat and a bottomless cup of coffee, or to take advantage of one of their ten computer terminals. For \$6.75 an hour (show your student card for a 10% discount), there is access to a variety of games and software applications on their network.

The internet applications included Microsoft Internet Explorer, which is based at the Sympatico homepage. Javascript, however, was not available through the network.

The internet service is solid as Gordon explained, "the connection is a 14.4, which is good enough to have fairly good sound and video."

The Eudora Light program provides an E-mail account through which you may send mail. Unfortunately the Telnet program did not let us have access to our Dalhousie accounts.

"It would also be nice if they had newsgroups or IRC," commented Grodon. The entire system is connected through a proxy server. "This is a firewall for security purposes, to protect against outside tampering," Gordon explained.

"If you bring in a disk, we will scan it for viruses and then unlock the disk drive for you to save documents" said Ceilidh co-owner Fiona Merry.

The Ceilidh Connection does not endorse the downloading of games, programs or pornography from the internet. As for word-processing and spreadsheet software, they have available Corel Wordperfect 7.0 and QuattroPro, which are both more

than adequate.

Fiona Merry and Moira Lloyd are co-owners of the café. When asked why they had opened the Ceilidh, Merry said, "If I had my choice I'd open an internet café. Business is picking up every day since we opened it three weeks ago. People say that the atmosphere is comfortable here. I am not

computer literate either, so I can relate to people if they need help."

"[Apparently] Nova Scotia has the most internet users per capita...and the best connection in North America" said Merry.

Internet aspect taken care of, the menu at the Ceilidh is impressive too. Nothing on the menu is over \$5.95 and the chicken gravy option on the poutine is mouth-watering. The Ceilidh is also licensed and is in the process of getting a lounge licence.

The decor is bright and cheerful, painted boldly in the Sympatico colour scheme. The people working there are friendly and approachable, should there be any problems with the computers.

Although the possibility of losing conversation between friends to the use of computers may seem scary to some, there is always the Chat option.

The Ceilidh Connection is located at 1672 Barrington Street and is open seven days a week.

## 200 year old harbour disaster

BY GLENDA MACLEAN

It was the second biggest nautical disaster to occur in the history of Halifax, yet it remains virtually unknown. More than 240 men, women and children died when the ship HMS Tribune ran aground at the mouth of the harbour November 27, 1797.

This story of an ignorant captain, a money-hungry pilot and a nameless thirteen year old hero is the topic of this year's Carl C. Coffin Lecture.

The lecture is an annual event hosted by the Dalhousie Chemistry Department in the memory of Carl Cowan Coffin (1903-1954). Coffin was an eminent professor and researcher at Dalhousie, with interests lying in chemical kinetics, calorimetry and physical chemistry. He was elected a member of the Royal Society of Canada at the young age of 32 for his contributions to Canadian Chemistry.

This year's presentation will be given by Rod MacLennan, a Dalhousie alumnus, who is quick to point out that his lecture will be in the form of an "informal, illustrated talk".

MacLennan's personal interest in the disaster stems from a piece of land at Tribune Head near the wreck site that has been in his family for over half a century. His love of the tale has turned into a collection of

It is particularly interesting to

artifacts and artwork, much of which will play a role in the interactive lecture.

note that the story of the wreck has strong ties to Dalhousie through the late Archibald MacMechan. MacMechan was a respected Dalhousie English professor whose research on the Tribune and other sea stories developed into the book "At the Harbour Mouth" (Pottersfield Press

1988).

In addition to being part of the history of Halifax, the wreck has gained acclaim within the scuba-diving community. It is hoped that the site will soon be protected as an underwater dive park. History buffs, art aficionados, and divers are welcome to attend.

MacLennan has mentioned that the talk will contain an "interesting surprise...something will be heard that has never been heard before".

The lecture will be held October 17, 1997 at 1:30pm in room 226 of the Chemistry Building.



Photo by Ryan Lash

#### Irving shrugs responsibility

continued from page 1... fairly good response.

"We've had a lot a honks, people have been taking our pamphlets...there's been no real problem," said Lynch.

Protests also occurred in Sydney, New Glasgow, and Charlottetown where turnouts ranged from 9 to 18 people.

Koleszar said that though these protests have been happening in PEI since the beginning of the year, this month the Alliance Against Pollution plans to expand all over the Atlantic provinces, with protests planned in Newfoundland and New Brunswick.

The government will take some weeks to examine the Irving statement of defence, and then both parties will move into a discovery phase, when relevant documents are examined on both sides.

"At some point in the future it will go to court," said Turner, "but we are going to be very clear that we are prepared to talk to them at any time and work towards an out of court settlement."

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#### SCIENCE BRIEFS

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Conservation Ontario is offering corporate donors voting positions on their board.

A change in policy made in May means that for a \$750, 000 donation, corporations can buy a seat on the board which oversees more than 138,000 hectares of parkland, wetlands, floodplains and forests in Ontario.

Seven such seats are available on the board. If all are filled, the board will have a total of 45 members and the corporations will be just a small minority.

The first corporation to take advantage of the offer was Dofasco Inc., a Hamilton steel company. Dofasco was named one of Lake Ontario's biggest polluters last year by Environment Canada.

Conservation Ontario intends to use the donations in an image-enhancement campaign.

#### AND MEANWHILE ON THE HOMEFRONT...

The Nova Scotia government is accepting proposals to explore for oil and gas on lands in the northern mainland region of the province.

There are seven areas available for exploration, most along the Northumberland shore, from Amherst along to Pictou and New Glasgow. There is also a block north of Truro and another along the Minas Basin shore from Londonderry to Advocate. "If there is interest in exploration of these areas, it will help determine whether there is any potential for onshore oil or gas development in Nova Scotia," said Natural Resources Minister Ken MacAskill. The Department of Natural

Resources will be accepting proposals until November 10. Results will be announced within 90 days of the closing date.

If issued, exploration agreements will be for three year terms.

Write for the Gazette.

## A balanced medical equation

"All scientific

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Since the beginning of medicine as a profession, there has been conflict between those trained in a conventional institution and those who are otherwise identified with the "fringe"

Such things as naturopathy, homeopathy and herbal remedies have often been shunned by the medical

profession at large for being unconventional, without scientific support and possibly even hazardous. But perhaps there is something to be learned from nonconventional medicine.

This topic was discussed by visiting scholar Dr. Robert Buckman at the annual Dr. J. Murray

Lecture Series, held in the Tupper Building on September 30. Dr. Buckman is an oncologist at Sunnybrook Hospital and a lecturer at the University of Toronto. His other credits include authorship of several books about healing and cancer, working with actor John Cleese on educational health videos in his native England and winning a Gemini award for a television series he hosted.

Dr. Buckman came to Dalhousie to address the issue of complementary medicine. He stated, "Complementary medicine is not merely a fad. Thirty per cent of people and Eighty per cent of cancer patients have been to a complementary medical practitioner."

Complementary medicine is not meant as an alternative to conventional, broadly practiced medicine, but rather a solid combination of both. In the past,

conventional medicine has been very scientific. Often a patient could be lost in the maintenance of scientific rigour.

"Doctors can be truthful and supportive of patients needs," said Buckman. "You have to direct the person, support the person and not the disease.'

This follows with an important

message from the philosophy complementary medicine: "Patient = Person + Disease".

People have travelled as far as Mexico and beyond to get what they think is the best in health care, although much of it may not stand up to the hypothetical deductive theory of scientific practice.

"All scientific theories have not been proven; they have merely survived attempts to disprove them,' said Buckman.

He did claim that there have been several complementary remedies proven effective after clinical trials although many work on the basis of a placebo effect. But even this has its

'Feeling better is not the same as getting better. A better quality of life but no increase in survival [is more likely]...except for [one particular case: (Speigel, 1989)] of support groups for women with breast cancer," stated Buckman.

However, a better quality of life in the case of a terminal illness can be a valuable

"Unconditional positive regard can be as supportive as your mother's chicken soup," said Buckman.

operation in the area. They planned to cut just 10,000 cubic meters in the area, as opposed to the 75,000 that Interfor is allowed.

"The problem is that [companies like Interfor] are huge corporations," said Langer. "They're structured towards high volume, towards quantity, not

"We could provide eco-forestry and prove it could work."

Darcy Riddell, a member of the Sierra Club, another environmental group, says he is discouraged by terfor's decision not to sell the license to the area to the Friends.

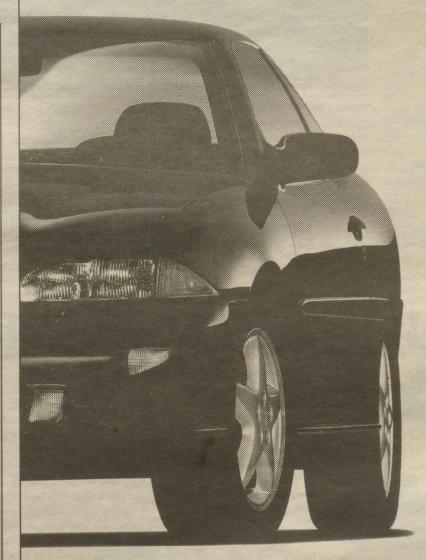
"I think it shows that if you want to The group thought that given the fact do sustainable forestry, it's absolutely impossible," said Riddell. "The key to sustainable forestry is that we need to have people in the community taking care of the forests."

> Interfor has had its logging in license 54 restricted since 1995 by the Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices, a government committee established to ensure logging operations in the Clayoquot are ecologically sound.

Still, Langer and others say they have grave concerns for the Sydney

"We will have to blockade if they go into the Sydney Valley," she said. They've dug in their political heels on this one. I don't think we have to argue that the last valleys shouldn't be Write for Science. Don't let those Arts students have all the fun. room 312 SUB

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## Not for sale

#### BY ANDERS KNUDSEN

VICTORIA (CUP) — The forestry company which holds the rights to the Clayoquot Sound area has turned down an offer from an environmental group to buy the license to log the land.

The Friends of Clayoquot Sound offered International Forest Products \$500,000 for Tree Farm License 54, which comprises 30 per cent of the Clayoquot Sound area and parts of the Sydney Valley. One of the few remaining rainforests on Vancouver Island is found in this area.

But the company, also known as Interfor, said no.

that Interfor lost money on the licence area last year, it would like to have the opportunity to cut its losses while withdrawing from a politically volatile environment, according to Friends of Clayoquot Sound spokesperson Valerie Langer.

"We gave them a chance to cut their losses," Langer said. "We feel we have tried just about everything to stop logging in Clayoquot.

"They felt [the offer] was nowhere near adequate, and to put it shortly, they turned us down."

Officials at Interfor could not be reached for comment.

If they had successfully acquired the license, the Friends planned to establish a low-impact, locally focussed forestry

# ARIS

## Les Grands Ballets: dancing the night away

BY JANET FRENCH AND TAMARA BOND

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens entertained crowds at the Rebecca Cohn Amphitheatre on October 3 and 4: However, many students wouldn't even think about attending the ballet, clinging to stereotypes they have held since they were six years old. To combat these stereotypes, and any misinformation picked up along the trails of adolescence, the Gazette sent two reporters to cover Les Grands Ballets Canadiens: Janet French is an experienced dancer with a well-rounded knowledge of contemporary and traditional dance; Tamara Bond represents the other ninety-nine percent of the student population.

The experienced viewer, Janet French: Witty, sharp and lively, is the best way to describe the performance of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens in the Rebecca Cohn on October 3rd and 4th.

Lawrence Rhodes, artistic director of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, certainly put together a spectacular combination of pieces for the company to perform. The lineup of pieces performed included the modern-contemporary pieces Duende and Soldier's Mass, the typically classical "pas de deux" from Don Quixote and ended off with a balletic, yet atypical potpourri of pieces called Desir.

Duende proved to be a bit playful, reminding the world that a graceful dancer need not have pointed feet all the time. The choreography in most of Duende was nothing short of excellent. It was unpredictable, with virtually no repetition of moves, and performed with technical perfection.

The program states that Duende literally means "elf or fairy" and this idea was created by the music, costume and lighting. However, the darkness of the stage and drab music somehow took away from the lively dancing. With better lighting and

created just as well and made the dancers more visible at the same time. But overall, this piece was so well performed that even the people there to see the hard-core classical ballet couldn't help but love it.

The first time viewer, Tamara Bond: If you were a first time watcher, the opening dance was very surprising. They weren't on their toes and they didn't look like Karen Cain in The Nutcracker. There was a definite modern element. Arms

foutes and pirouettes that the dancers made look like second nature to them. However, the person sitting next to me was right when she whispered "that guy looks like a peacock", because dancers are instructed to hold themselves up high in these lively classical pieces and yes, it did look rather silly. Still, the piece was clever and very amusing.

Tamara: Although the performers of Don Quixote looked really strong

what with all the endless strings of director did a terrific job portraying the idea that an army may assimilate individuals into a seemingly homogenous collective, but the grief of war still touches every man individually. The choreography was danced with passion but was still amazingly synchronized for the most part, which is a difficult and impressive feat. The one big flaw with this piece was its excessive length. Although it was engaging and intense, the same message could

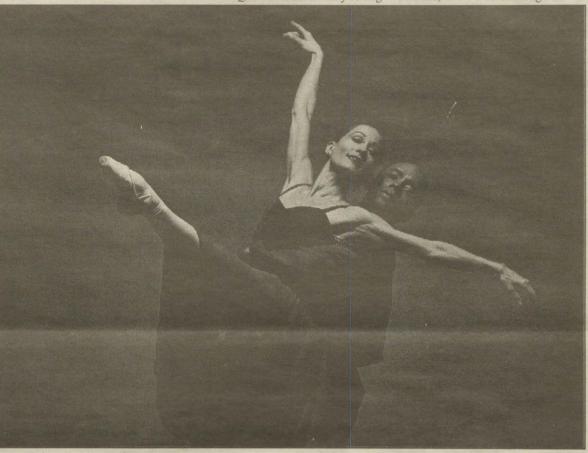
their starving children. It felt like their story. Although the same actions were occurring on the stage, different groups or individuals performed them at different times. It gave the effect of a group struggling through a horrible fate; each in their own way.

Janet: When the last piece, Desir, came on, it was evident that they had saved the best for last. What made Desir so appealing was its compromising quality between contemporary dance and classical ballet. The costumes were vibrant shades of red, pink and purple and the mood was lively without being corny. The one confusing aspect of Desir was that the director seemed to give the most talented dancers the least number of solos. Despite this disproportionate distribution of solos, it was all well-done and virtually flawless. The timing in these pieces was so critical and the dancers just nailed the clever choreography in an effortless manner. It was different, it was catchy, and it held your interest.

Tamara: Desir did remind me of the dancing done by Karen Cain. I loved it! There were amazing lifts, twirls and splits. The balance and timing of the performers was amazing. I didn't want the piece to end. Skirts swirled and dancers smiled and I smiled. When it was over I wanted to watch the dance

Although my first ballet was not what I had expected, I liked it and I would love to go again. Some interesting facts I learned were that dancers are not short little people like I had expected and that ballet comes in many forms with many

Janet: All factors considered, this company was astounding. It was amazing to see the degree of technical perfection that they have achieved. I can honestly say that this is one of the most impressive dance performances I have ever seen. An impression was created that this company rehearses more than most do, merely from observing their synchronicity and complete understanding of the pieces they perform. There was something in this performance for people of all interests, and such universality is what made it truly majestic.



Innocence versus experience: Les Grands Ballets Canadiens recently visited the Cohn. Photo by Michael Slobodian

weren't arched in perfectly smooth half circles and movements were sometimes quick and jerky. At times I felt like I was watching some really great break dancing. Not all ballet is dainty and docile. The stage looked like a Cirque du Soleil performance. It was great!

Janet: The "Grand pas de deux" from Don Quixote was as cheesy and lively as was expected. It was and the ballerina could stand on her toes for what seemed like forever, it just was not as exciting as the first dance. As for the peacock comment, I couldn't help it.

Janet: Soldier's Mass was a compelling piece, performed by 12 men, that was touching and perhaps a bit depressing. The choreography itself was quite brilliant and had lots of "special effects" in it, created by the shapes and configurations that the

have been conveyed in a much shorter time. Still, some eyes in the crowd were not dry afterwards, particularly those who had lived through wars themselves.

Tamara: This dance reminded me of The Men of the Deep, a group of Cape Breton coal miners who sing sad songs about coal mining and hard times. When the coal mines stopped paying its workers, the workers went on strike and ended up fighting in the second world war as a way to feed

#### impressive how well this "pas de music, the mood could have been deux" was performed technically, dancers were in. The dancers and the COVID

BY NEIL FRASER

On October 15th, a Dalhousie Theatre Department production will both entertain and challenge its audiences, says dramaturge Natasha MacLellan. Sexual Perversity in Chicago - a controversial play by David Mamet — runs from the 15th to the 18th of this month.

Mamet is the writer of such plays and films as "Glengary Glenross", "American Buffalo", and the "The Edge", which is in theatres now.

Sexual Perversity in Chicago is about two friends, Bernie and Danny, Danny's girlfriend Deb, and her roommate Joan. The characters lives are missing

something, so they go out and try to find love, but find sex instead, and mistake one for the other. According to Mamet, "[I]t is a play about insight...It's about four different ways of dealing with or failing to deal with insight." All of these ideas come through in the straight forward dialogue between the characters.

The controversy surrounding this play arises from the dialogue between Bernie and Danny. They talk about girls, using vulgar and obscene language. This is not a play for children or the politically correct.

Natasha MacLellan says that many people hear the words and just dismiss the play as

misogynistic and meaningless, but "...he chooses every word he writes. The dialogue is very fast paced and everything is important"

Mamet creates a persona separate from himself that exposes the way people think, in order to force people to think. Mamet said, "If you say 'cunt' or 'cocksucker', what you say influences the way you think, the way you act, not the other way round."

MacLellan hopes that this play "...will challenge people's immediate reactions. Their immediate reactions will be that it is sexist and offensive, but I like to give Mamet the benefit of the doubt."

Although most of the people

involved in this play are Dalhousie students, there is a guest director involved. Emmy Alcorn has been imported from the Mulgrave Road Theatre Society, located in Guysborough, where she was the artistic director. One point that distinguishes this play from others is it's small cast of four characters. MacLellan said that everyone is enjoying the tightness that this brings to the production. The fourth year theatre students playing Bernie, Danny, Deb and Joan are Brett Delaney, Richard Davidson, Jessica Bastow and Tiffany Jamieson-Horne, respectively.

The scenes are sometimes very short, some only a couple of minutes long, perhaps reflecting the characters inability to concentrate on one thing for

very long.

The nightmare in set design. caused by the short scenes, was overcome by placing all the sets on the stage at one time and using lighting to illuminate the locations of the characters.

While this play may keep some people away because of its content, it will probably attract many more. Nothing sells better than the taboo. Sexual perversity in Chicago combines the worlds of art and sensationalism in a way that should draw many people to the Arts Center next weekend. There will also be an open colloquium, sponsored by the theatre department, discussing the relevant themes of the play. Call the department for details.

## Neptune theatre comes full circle

On Friday night the Neptune theatre began its 35th season in style. With benefactors, politicians and journalists in attendance, the curtains were raised on a new season and a new \$12-million building.

The original Neptune opened in 1963 with George Bernard Shaw's Major Barbara. 35 years and over 100 productions later, Neptune is inaugurating its new home with a new production of Major Barbara.

Despite being one of Shaw's finest plays, it was the building that drew most of the attention before opening night.

The "New" Neptune is a pleasant sight in one of the dreariest parts of the downtown core. The glass and red-brick exterior and the Art Deco interior replace the old wood building that was as unkempt as it was ugly. Three times bigger than before — stretching between Argyle and Barrington streets - Neptune has expanded all of its facilities, save one. The main-stage auditorium from the original theatre has been preserved and refurbished so that Neptune fans can still enjoy its superior acoustics, sightlines and cosy atmosphere.

Following the reception and speeches, Major Barbara and the cast showed they were not about to be outdone by a building.

An engrossing story, with moments of sharp humour, chippy debate, devilishly endearing characters and unsettling moral dilemmas — Major Barbara reminded us, amongst other things, that theatres were created for plays, and not the other way around.

The two act play focuses on the reunion between cold-hearted arms



Loretta Bailey (centre) plays Major Barbara in Shaw's play of the same name. Photo by Kenneth Kam

Shuttleworth) and his Salvationist daughter Barbara (Lorretta Bailey).

Undershaft's mantra is money and gunpowder; Barbara is obsessed with saving souls.

When Undershaft sets out to prove the limitations of Barbara's faith, he doesn't guess that setting her free from organized religion will open her mind to a personally tailored religion (a popular theme for Shaw) which unleashes a previously untapped well of inspiration.

Meanwhile, Undershaft is a man of dubious character — selling arms to any buyer - and yet there is something about him that is very

markets his power to the highest bidder. But Undershaft also has a personal religion which suits his character and frees him from remorse. It is our attraction to Undershaft that forces us to question our own sense of right and wrong.

Other notables include David Renton as Morrison the butler (Renton acted in the original 1963 production as the imbecilic Charles

Jordan Pettle is quick and witty as Adolphus Cusins and Nicola Lipman

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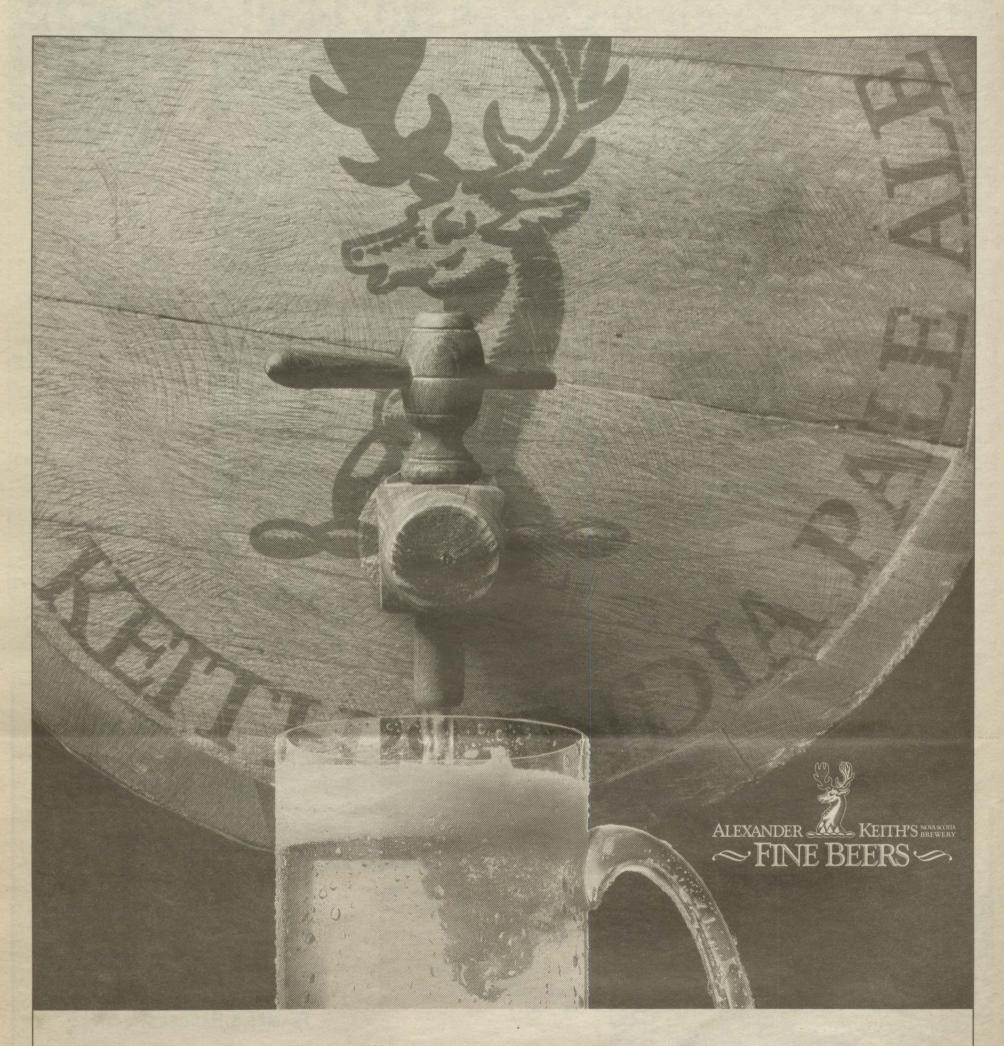
is hilarious as Lady Britomart.

Perhaps the most interesting surprises were the three fantastic sets created by Set Designer Brian Perchaluk. Neptune apparently spared no expense in making the backdrops for this inaugural production, and the almost choreographed change-overs drew some large ovations from the

Major Barbara was an exciting, intelligent production and a great way to kick off a new era of theatre in

Bearly's Bar & Grill: Th-Joe Murphy, F-Big City Blues Band, Sa-Big City Blues Band, Su-Blues Jam with Roger Howse; The Bike Shop: Th-10pm The Cabaret, one, no cover, F-9 pm Dave Carmichael Band with guests \$5; Birmingham Bar & Grill: T-Paul Mason, F-Paul Mason with Don Gorman and Joe Bonvie, Sa-Paul Mason with Don Gorman and Joe Bonvie, Su-Paul Maon, M-J.P Ellis to Thursday; Le Bistro Cafe: Th-Linda and Don till Saturday; Blues Corner: Th-P.F.Station, Samatinee Paul Ryan's open stage blues jam; Dutch Mason, Su-Reggae HipHop Party, M-3 of a Kind, Tue-open mic night with Dave Carmichael, W-Dj Dance Party with Djs Mark Willitt and Andy Haigh; Bob & Lori's: Th-Tue-Lunchtime with Bill Dawe; Cheers: F-Frank Mackay, Sa-Frank Mackay, Tue-Clam Chowder; Lower Deck: Th-Th-Signal Hill, Sa-matinee with Tony Quinn; Metro Centre: F-Creedence Clearwater Revival; Rebecca Cohn Auditorium: Th-Big Band Swing \$31 reg, \$22 B seats, Th-S-Only Drunks and Children Tell the Truth \$5 opening night, \$15, Tu-John McDermott \$22.50; Seahorse: Tu- the Blue Normans; The Tickle Trunk: Th-Rasta Gumbo, Su-Big Fish, M-Big Fish, Tu-Dale Lechter and his acoutic guitar; Your Father's Moustache: Th-Open Mic. Night, S-Joe Murphy and Blues





## Tap into tradition.

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## Toasting the corporate beer pig

Alexander Keith's 202nd birthday extravaganza

**ANDREW SIMPSON** 

Some red-nosed lush is on the stage dressed as Alexander Keith. He raises his glass and asks the audience to recite an oath of allegiance to his beer. The drunken hoard follows him through the oath like sheep, re-affirming what everyone already knows, "those who like it like it a lot". And those who like it enough drank some of it for free at Alexander's 202nd birthday party.

"Who's that guy on the stage," Andrew shouted, more than a little annoyed.

"That's an Alexander Keith impersonator," I replied.

What a rip-off," Andrew whined. "I paid ten bucks for this ticket. I'd rather see his exhumed body than some imposter."

"Settle down Andrew. There's no way they were gonna' dig him up, and besides, you didn't even pay for the ticket."

Andrew looked slightly baffled. "I didn't?"

"No, they sent them to us and every other media outlet that might be able to help them sell beer," I said, becoming bored with his lack of memory. Andrew pondered this for a moment. And, with a few beers under his belt, you could almost see the wheels moving. He was on the threshold of something profound. I waited with feigned anticipation.

"John, this is very serious," he said with furrowed brow, "You know what they're trying to do, don't you? They're trying to slip their corporate message in our unsuspecting cerebrums.'

My previous disinterest quickly turned to worry. Andrew was slowly changing into his conspiracy-theorist clothes. I had seen him in this delusional state many times before. There were 800 potential victims at the party that night; none of them with the capacity to handle Andrew's paranoia. I braced for the worst.

'They're using us as test animals for market research," said Andrew seriously. "Sure they have some corny 'heritage' ads on TV to make us feel at ease, but they're employing some pretty modern tactics of brain-washing. Filthy corporate pigs, I don't want your two free beers, I have to stay sharp gotta' keep edge...expose...dirty agenda.

And with that, Andrew ripped up his tickets, and tossed them on the floor. I scrambled to pick them up and went in search of scotch tape.

Throughout the evening Andrew stalked around the room taking notes on happenings he felt were suspicious. When he found something juicy, he would return to to let you get a taste of it. How much continue his rant.

"This is preposterous," he shouted in my ear. "They've got these people dressed in 18th century costumes wandering around the room, And the women all have

is the Beer Pig paying you for this stint?"

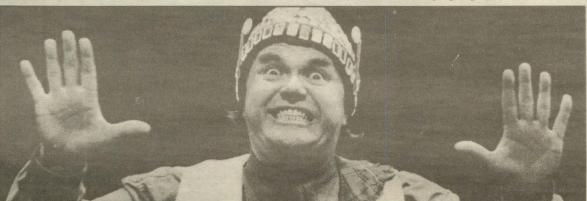
"Minimum wage plus tips, sir," said the bartender.

"Aha-hah," said Andrew with an air of satisfaction. "No wonder they

are designing our beer labels?" I asked

"Exactly," said Andrew.

"Why don't you go tell Alexanderthe-imposter about your little idea." I said, trying to get rid of him.



Crazyman says: "A mind is a terrible thing to use."

blank looks on their faces; like they're robots. John, I must save them...I think they've already been converted."

"Yeah great Andy," I replied. "And while you're saving them, could you swing by the bar and get me a beer?" I handed him the scotch-taped tickets, and he was on

A long time had passed since I'd seen Andrew. Truthfully, I didn't mind. I wasn't there to start riots or piss off the corporate machine. I wanted to schmooze, network and belong. Everyone was doing it, and people like Andrew stick out like an inflamed hemorrhoid on the ass

Some tall guy with a red shirt and glasses tried to convince me that he was the editor of The Coast. I tried to talk shop with him, but he was more interested in my dating history, leading me to believe that he knew nothing about newspapers. He was an imposter like Alexander

Looking around for an escape from the prying questions, I noticed a commotion at the bar. It was Andrew. I ran over immediately.

"What do you mean I can't buy beer here," Andrew was yelling, "this is the bloody bar isn't it?"

'Sir, you have to buy tickets at the counter over there, and then come back and give me the ticket. I've told you several times," said the nervous bartender.

"I know what you said," Andrew screeched. "I just wanna' know why. I bet you never thought to ask why. They've got their hooks in you too, don't they?" The bartender was looking scared and Andrew showed no signs of letting up.

"Even though they've got you brain-washed, they still won't let you handle the money. The money, that's what it's all about. That's what they want, and they're afraid

don't trust you with their money...they'll use as much of you as they can take. But once you get a little old and you lose those good looks and the patrons stop flirting with you, they'll drop you like a Sunday-morning shit.'

Seeing the situation getting out of hand, I grabbed Andrew by the back of the neck and directed him towards the dance floor.

"See those people on the dance floor? They're Marxists. Why don't you go and talk to them."

I continued my social wanderings and ran into one of the talking heads from ATV. I stopped to introduce myself and make some solid connections in the real world. I was just getting into my "you know, people in the media should really work together" spiel, when Andrew re-emerged from the crowd and rudely shoved her out of the

"Have you noticed the demographics in this place?" He

"Sure, lots of young people and lots of dusters. Big deal," I

"You're missing the point," said Andrew coldly. "The old people are already converted. They have the decision making power, and the corporation already controls them. The young ones, that's what this night is really about...and brand allegiance. They're trying to cultivate a psychological attraction to the label on their beer bottle, something that will last for life.

"Whenever one of these kids sees a Keith's sign, they will think happy Nova Scotian thoughts. But really, Keith's is owned by Oland's, which is owned by Labatt's, which is owned by InterBrew — a Belgian company. And how do we know the beer-mongers in Belgium really care about Nova Scotian heritage?" said Andrew.

Without a word, Andrew bolted towards the doorway where Alexander was greeting the guests.

"I've figured you out, Beer Pig,"

"Are you trying to say that Belgians shouted Andrew as he ran. "There is no way I'm gonna' swear allegiance to your pissy ale.'

> As he prepared to lunge at the bloated-brewmaster, he was intercepted by two 76th Highlanders in full formal dress.

Andrew kicked, screamed and blubbered a little as the Highlanders dragged him from the banquet hall.

"How much are they paying...dear God, put that bagpipe down...don't know...alienation...workers...dirty work...how much pay? No...ouch...hey, no underwear."

I sauntered towards them and pleaded for leniency, and they asked me if I knew how to calm him down. The thought of babysitting Andrew for the rest of the evening was unappealing.

"Uhhh...let him rot," I decided. "I'm really starting to enjoy this Keith's stuff, and these are my kind of people."

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## Dancing the night away part 2: the Halifax rave scene

BY RYAN STEVENS

Good vibes, good feelings and good dancing. That's how most loyal ravers will describe what goes on at your average rave.

Once you pay your cover charge (averaging ten dollars), you enter a hazy room of karmic lights and trippy, fast electronica. This is where the dancing happens.

On the dance floor is also where the picking-up of a significant other begins (if you're into that sort of thing). Later on when you need a break you can head over to the "chill room." This room, which is filled with a variety of sitting needs, is where most people go to smoke their dope, make further advances on their significant other or just chill. There are also TVs showing trippy, crazy computer art and your favourite Japanimation movies.

The recent success of raves in Halifax can be attributed to P.J Swim and Murray Trider. A group of people works around the clock to make sure these parties happen. To find out what's going on in the rave scene you can call the "vibe line" (454-2992).

The "dump line" (454-3780) tells the location of the rave, which is released 24 hours prior to the event—a tradition that started almost a decade ago, and helps to avoid complications caused by those who would try to prevent a rave from taking place.

P.J Swim is the main man making the Saturday night parties happen. His Last Party (AKA Elegant Dump) series consisted of six parties taking place every Saturday since August 23rd. The 25-year-old Swim has been spending many hours in the last year-and-a-half

planning and working at parties. Peter Axnick, Mike Mader and David Ross are your lighting, visuals and general "chill room" specialists. Big security guys Neukem, Bryan, Andre and Spilly make sure no shit happens.

It took quite a few years for the rave scene to reach our fair city. The parties originated in Europe a while ago and then made their way to Toronto and Vancouver seven years ago. The scene made it to Halifax two years ago and has been growing ever since.

DJ groups SOS and Slim are two of the many great artists who have been featured in the *Elegant Dump* series. These Toronto and Vancouver DJs have to be booked two months in advance, which again shows the time and preparation involved in making the raves happen.

Recently, the television show 20/20 made a documentary on the rave scene, which basically said that it's just a place where teens hang out and do all the hard-core drugs they can find. Canadian ravers responded with a ten-minute cut on CBC to defend their hard work. The media doesn't realize that all ages ranging from 16-42 attend the parties.

Yes there are quite a few drugs at raves. P.J swim responds to the question of drugs by saying, "We provide the vibe, not the drugs." He went on to say, "Crystal-meth, cocaine, crack and heroin will not be tolerated." Alcohol is also prohibited as the organizers don't have a liquor license.

One of the favourite drugs of ravers right now is ecstasy or "E" for short. E causes the love juices in your brain to increase to great proportions and increases all your nerve sensations. You

won't hear anything bad from ravers about ecstasy, except that it costs about thirty to forty dollars for a small capsule and runs most people broke.

(ed. note: Dr. Richard Brown, who is a professor of Drugs and Behaviour in the Dalhousie Psychology Department, cites studies done by

McCann et al. (1991), Kosten (1992), and Randal (1992) to explain the negative side effects of ecstasy. Ecstasy, which can be addictive, causes the release of serotonin, which is a neurotransmitter in the brain that causes people to feel relaxed and happy. However, ecstasy is a neurotoxin that kills smaller nerve terminals and, in the future, obstructs and deregulates the release of serotonin. Although the effects of ecstasy are not visible in the immediate days after one has taken the drug, the effects can be seen several years later, as serious brain damage, loss of nerve cells, and depression may occur. Also, if ecstasy is poorly made, it could contain toxins which can cause kidney failure and death, which has occurred in documented cases in Britain.

If you like speed and/or acid then you will have a relatively inexpensive night. Weed and hash go for the same price that they've always gone for. Again, the media gets the idea that there's a counter set up to buy and sell narcotics. Not true; if you want drugs you usually have to look for them.

If you want to go sober, don't worry. The music, the heat and the environment

will fuck you up anyway. Remember things are placed the way they are for your own anesthetic pleasure.

The police have shown up at two of the raves in the *Elegant Dump* series. The first time was at the rave September 6th entitled *Peace*. They spent quite a long time checking for permits and



looking for something wrong. They eventually left. The second time was September 27th (*Last of the Last*). Roughly ten police officers rushed in claiming there was a noise complaint. Much to their disappointment they found no alcohol or visible drugs.

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Bottled spring water or liquid adrenaline boosters can be purchased

at raves if you get thirsty, and there's

also a wide variety of munchies to fill the hunger gap.

Bring a few changes of clothes with you and make sure you've put on plenty of deodorant unless the smell of sweat turns you on, in which case you should probably dance by yourself at home anyway.

If you can't dance, you'll learn, as just about anything goes. If you don't want to dance, you'll change your mind before the night is over.

What do you do if you want to go to the rave and none of your friends are going. Go anyway! It's an experience that you have to try. You won't know if you like it unless you try it (your mother has always told you that). You are bound to meet people and make new friends if you go. It also gives you a chance to meet different types of people from a wide variety of places.

So what are the negative things about raving? If the rave is indoors you are going to get extremely dehydrated. Get water. If you have severe asthmatic conditions, use caution if the rave is indoors. And most importantly, if you have serious bowel problems and need to use the washroom a lot, you might not want to go as you are looking at quite a line up for the bathroom. No one I've met has had anyone steal anything from them, but you might want to put your stuff in a safe place just to be sure.

What's new on the rave market? Those crazy rave masterminds are having a party October 18th. If you want to check out the scene definitely go and see what it's all about. Call the "Vibe Line." for more news.

Go to a rave and check it out. See for yourself what everyone's talking about.



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#### How the East was won: women 's soccer alone in first

BY RACHEL JONES

Three games, three wins, nine points and first place in the Eastern Division — the women's soccer Tigers had an awesome weekend, winning back-to-back games against Acadia, UCCB and SMU.

The weekend began with Friday's gratifying 2-0 defeat of the Acadia Axettes.

"After the half, we hadn't scored," relates rookie Mary-Beth Bowie, "but I was pretty confident that the goals would come because we kept with our game plan. We knew that we wanted to get those points back that we had lost at the home field."

The goals came, scored by none other than Bowie herself, who capitalized on what she describes as "a spectacular ball" from teammate Amy Harding and "a beautiful cross" from midfielder Kelly Larkin.

"We came to play, which was really nice to see," said coach Dara Moore. "We knew what to expect from Acadia in that they were going to give one hundred per cent and that we were going to have to earn our points. The players worked hard and played with a lot of heart — I think that had a lot to do with us getting the result."

Saturday's game at Wickwire Field brought equally rewarding

results, as well as demonstrating the Tigers' versatility as five goals were scored by four different players, and not one by Bowie. Andrea Gillespie, Larkin, Stefanie Finateri and, Player of the Game with two goals, Julie Pigozzo stepped up to finish a game that began a little flat. The Tigers eventually exhibited some decent play as they knocked the ball around the Cape Breton end and created some entertaining soccer.

As for St. Mary's, the Huskies are no doubt still licking their wounds after Sunday's Tiger triumph. It was a hard-fought game, with the Tigers playing with somewhat less than their usual composure to begin with, but a blistering shot from stopper Harding sent the Huskies reeling backwards and they never quite recovered. Fired up from the goal, the Tigers dug in and Bowie's insurance marker in the second half sealed the game - bringing her personal tally to a league-leading total of seven. Special mention goes to Claire Martin who did a tremendous job of frustrating SMU's Marie Rasmusson's perpetual attempts at a 75-yard sprint breakaway down the sideline, and also to keeper Roxanne Murphy who did not concede a single goal in all three

So now they're on top, the Tigers have to stay there to secure a place in the playoff finals, taking it one game at a time. As coach Moore admits, "[S]ometimes it's harder to stay on top than to work to get there." However, never one to rest on her laurels, Moore is ready for what the rest of the season

"It's a good challenge to try to stay there," she asserts. "You're only as good as your last game. We need to keep improving on our own performance, and every game you need to improve on the last. That's where we're at and we need to go forward from here."

## Men's soccer team inch closer to first place

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

Men's soccer had a successful three-game weekend. They tied Acadia 0-0 on Friday, beat Cape Breton 3-0 on Saturday and Saint Mary's 1-0 on Sunday.

Dal played a good game on Friday but goals didn't materialize.

"Friday was quite good," said coach Ian Kent. "The tempo was very good with an even effort [throughout] the whole game. We just didn't find the net.'

Acadia did their job in back.

"We had possession most of the 90 minutes," says Stuart Cochran. "You have to credit Acadia for defending well. Unfortunately we just couldn't put the ball in the back

"It was a typical AUAA game," adds midfielder Mike Ayyash. "It was rough and fast. We got a good result - we played well and we could've won the game."

On Saturday, the Cape Breton Capers challenged Dal at Wickwire field. Cochran, Dave McFarlane, and Ayyash played well and Dal got a break in the 35th minute off a penalty kick when UCCB was called for a take-down in their own box. Cochran put the shot away and followed up with another goal in the last minutes of the half.

Dal opened the second half with a lot of pressure in front of UCCB's net. Several yellow cards were handed out in this half, but Dal kept the pressure on with good shots by Tomas Ernst and Paul English. Cochran got his third goal of the day 28 minutes into the second half.

Though Dal didn't play up to their potential, they won the match thanks to Cochran's hat trick.

"I thought that the first half of the game was a bit sloppy," commented coach Kent. "The bright light was that Stuart Cochran showed hunger upfront... For the second game of a three-game weekend, it was far too sloppy.'

"I am happy we got three points and scoring three goals was very nice,"says Cochran. "It was a bit of a flat game on both sides, but we ground the result out and got the three points - that's the main thing.'

Dal overcame very cold and wet conditions to beat SMU at home 1accumulating three yellow cards. The lone goal was scored by newcomer Marco Cesario in the 5th minute. McFarlane, Marc Rainford, and English also played well.

"It was a typical Dal-SMU game," said English. "It was a fast-paced game made faster by the slick surface.

"I thought it was an even game, but SMU going down to ten men helped, though we didn't really use

0. Cochran sat out this game after the extra man well. I think that's a sign that we are a good team — that when we aren't really playing well, we are still getting the points. So when we do play well, we will certainly be more effective."

> The cold wet conditions had little effect on Dal's keeper, Grant Spence, who registered three shutouts this weekend.

> "I thought the whole team played well," says Spence. "A couple of times we were challenged — they

were coming out hard. I had a lot of help from my defence for sure. It was lucky they didn't put many shots on the ground—it's the skippers you've got to watch out for in these conditions. It's a challenge but that's what I like."

This weekend was important for more reasons than getting the points says Ayyash.

"It was a big weekend this weekend because it resembles what we will have to play in nationals -

three games in three days - which we will have to win," he notes. "It is great to get the games and get the points."

Dal plays St. Francis-Xavier in Antigonish on October 16, and will be without English, who will sit out after accumulating three yellow cards. This game represents Dal's biggest challenge, and will more than likely decide first place in the East

#### Rookies lead swimn ners in weekend win

BY SCOTT SANCTON

The Dalhousie men's swimming team started the season opener against the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds with a 54-52 win Saturday night.

Stuart Kemp played a vital role in the win, also setting two meet records in the 200m freestyle (1:56.86) and in the 400m freestyle (4:14.33). Also playing major roles in the win were rookies Danny French and Mike Murray.

French started the season with one first-place finish in the 200m breaststroke (3:39.63) and a second-place finish in the 200m Individual Medley (2:22.26). Murray had two top-three finishes coming second in the 50m freestyle (25.25) and third in the 200m Backstroke (2:21.10).

"Personally I'm pretty happy with the way [the competition] went," said Murray after the competition. "I think it would be contribution and depth [from the really nice to win double titles at rookies] and UNB have got a few

the end of the season, and I think that everyone thinks that it is possible."

He went on to say, "We won, but we had three really good swimmers that weren't eligible and score couldn't points.'

Both French and Murray swam for Nova Scotia at the Canada Games. The UNB Varsity Reds men's team won the AUAAs last

The Varsity Reds Women's team

defeated the Tigers in a hard fought battle 62-44. The Tigers qualified Lindsay Eller for CIAUs in the 100m freestyle with a final time of 1:01.00, also winning the

"[The women] had high expectations for this swim meet, and the outcome is a little bit upsetting but not a big deal," commented women's team captain Gail Seipp after the meet. "We have a lot of depth and I think we have a lot more potential; it's just the first meet and we've only really

been training for a month after having the whole summer off."

"I think there is good

outstanding swimmers, but so do we," commented head coach Nigel Kemp of the rookies' performance at their first competition. "[A]t the end of the season it is going to be matching talents and trying to get

people in finals."

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The Dalhousie Tigers swimming teams' next competition is the AUAA Invitational at UNB on October 18th and 19th



Photo by Jan Adams

Athletes of the Week

PETRA DEWAARD, WOMEN'S SOCCER

Petra led the Tigers to three consecutive victories over Acadia, UCCB and Saint Mary's from October 3rd to October 5th. Her control of the backfield helped ignite many counter attacks and was critical to holding opponents scoreless for the weekend.

The three wins moved the Tigers to first place, four points ahead of second-place Memorial. Petra is a first-year Science student from Port Colborne, Ontario.

STUART KEMP, SWIMMING

Stuart won three races, including the 200m and 400m freestyle and the 200m butterfly, and lead the Tigers to a 54-52 victory in a dual meet versus UNB. Stuart's times of 1:56.86 and 4:14.33 were meet records in the freestyle events. Stuart's swims propelled the Tigers to their first dual meet victory over UNB in a number of years. Stuart is a third-year Arts student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.



## 'Andy G' — Soccer captain leads by example

BY RACHEL JONES

"Aggressiveness." That's what Andrea Gillespie ("Andy G" to her friends) sees as her contribution to the Dalhousie Tigers soccer team. Others describe the 19-year-old second-year player as "experienced", "tough", "intense" and always "positive"

Gillespie began playing soccer at the age of six in Fall River, Nova Scotia because "everybody did it", and describes the team as typical mini soccer — "little kids running around, swarming around the ball." Years later. a 1995 CIAU Tournament All-Star in her first year, a Provincial team member at both the U-17 and U-19 levels, and, most recently, a member of Nova Scotia's Canada Games contingent, she's certainly very experienced.

"A lot of people believe that, in order to be captain, you need to be third-, fourth-, fifth-year, but I think she's a very good player and a good leader," coach Dara Moore states confidently. "Although she's only in her second year, she brings to the team a fair bit of experience from the Canada Games program as well as last year [at Dal]."

And there is no doubt about it, Dalhousie's captain is a force to be reckoned with on the field.

"She's always just nailing people," laughs teammate Amy Dunphy, shaking her head. As one of the few players on the team who have had the questionable pleasure of playing against Gillespie, Dunphy should know.

"She's very tough. She likes to tackle hard. She's a very attacking player. She's just tough to play against in general. She's fast too, deceivingly fast. She's tough," concludes Dunphy, still shaking her head.

As for playing with Gillespie, Dunphy says, "She works hard all the time. She's gonna' give you everything she's got for 90 minutes. [She's] a good leader on the field, she talks you through things — very positive, very encouraging. You do something right and she'll tell you about it and if you do something bad, she'll find a nice way to tell you. [She is also] intense, strong, just a solid force on the field in general. She has the ability to pick a game up for a team."

"She's a really aggressive player, really intense. You can depend on her to go into a tackle hard, she always plays hard, with a lot of heart," adds teammate Mary-Beth Bowie, "that's the best way ecribe Andrea."

Steve Hart, technical director for Soccer Nova Scotia and coach of the Canada Games team for the past two years, points out that all this aggressiveness comes from having the right mindset when you step out on the field.

"She has good fighting spirit never seems to give up on any occasion, which is the correct attitude to have when you're in soccer. That's half the battle if your attitude is correct and she's got that."

And her attitude is always positive. "I think regardless of her performance, she's always there for her teammates," notes Moore when asked about what makes Gillespie dependable. "If she's struggling a little bit with her own game, she'll work hard to try to help the other players out, to pick the intensity up and to keep things positive on the field."

"Andrea's a lot of fun to be around," remarks Bowie smiling. "I roomed with her at Canada Games and she's just a fun, positive person. She makes a lot of situations a lot of fun. You could be totally secluded — a lot of times it happens at soccer tournaments [where]

you can't go out — but she'll make it a players, let alone in one player. fun experience for you. She's just a good person."

Playing at both sweeper and centremidfield positions, key positions for controlling the game, one of Gillespie's greatest assets to the team is her ability to read the play.

"For me, I thought she read the game really well," reflects Hart. "[She] anticipated situations more than just reacting to them. That's a big strength in the game." Add to this the ability to take that knowledge and communicate

'She knows the game very well, so she has the ability to sit back and read. especially when she's sweeping," echoes Dunphy. "She has the ability to see the whole field and know what's good for us as a team and be able to vocally get that across to the rest of us."

"She talks so much on the field it really guides a lot of players; [she] lets them know what they have to do," concurs Bowie. "She's not afraid to talk off the field if there's a problem. She's someone I think players feel they could go to with a problem because she's pretty open with things."

And, both coaches Hart and Moore agree, she's a great player too.

"She's a very good defensive player —one [on] one, she's very strong. She's strong in the air. She communicates with her teammates very well and she's a decent distributor of balls," says

"I certainly think she's got some areas to improve," she adds cautiously, a bit of a perfectionist herself, "but she's very strong in those areas. She's probably one of our best strikers of the

"She's strong in the air," agrees coach Hart. "She's technically good, quite efficient, able to use both her right and her left foot. But I think most of all, her best qualities are in reading the game. She reads the game really well."

Yet Gillespie was surprised to be chosen to lead this year's Tigers.

"I never would have thought that -I don't see myself much as a leader well, maybe by example — but I'm not very verbal off the field. But [Dara] picked me as captain and that's made me step up," says Gillespie, a little bewildered by all the attention. "I try to help everyone out by communicating, telling them what they can do and also try to lead by example. So, if I go into a tackle hard, I show others that they can go into a tackle hard and win balls. I just try to lead by example basically," she concludes, as if it were just that

Gillespie seems to take for granted positive, constructive communication on the field, her "fighting spirit" as Hart calls it, and her ability to see and read the game so well. She leads by example because all of these qualities are innately a part of her, qualities that are, as her teammates appreciate, not always easy to find in

More at ease with complimenting others, Gillespie is quick to praise the coaching of Moore and identifies that there are advantages to having a female coach who has played in this league and can relate easily to the players.

"She's been through it all, she knows a lot about the other teams," explains Gillespie. "She knows a lot about the game since she's experienced it

When asked what she sees for the rest of the Tigers' season, Gillespie is

"We're in a very tight division but if we keep going like we're doing this [past] weekend, we're winning our game. It's going to be close but I think we have a good chance of coming in the top two of our division for sure, and then moving on to AUAAs."

On her most memorable moment in soccer: "The whole Canada Games experience was really good. It was fun, but it was just a little upsetting because we had a good team and we just didn't have any good luck. Things just didn't go our way. But it was fun, reflecting back on it. We didn't win or anything. We came in sixth, so hopefully the best is yet to come."

Tiger note: Andrea is cousin to former Dalhousie Tiger Kate Gillespie, and her sister Amy, plays for the St. FX

## "A tremendous will to win"

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

Marc Rainford is playing his last year of varsity soccer at Dalhousie and, according to teammates and coaches, he has provided men's soccer with confidence, experience, skill, and leadership on and off the field.

Marc Rainford started playing soccer when he was four years old. It was always his first choice even though he had participated in other sports.

"It has always been soccer," he says,

Rainford is a highly-talented 25year-old defender from Pickering, Ontario studying in his last year of a Sociology degree. He has maintained a high level of athleticism throughout his soccer career at Dal, as '95 and '96 AUAA All-Star and as a member of the CIAU gold medal team in 1995.

A player as talented as Rainford could have had the pick of many schools, so why did he choose Dal?

"It's a good program," says Rainford. "[Ian Kent] brings out a professional mentality, he looks after every detail. From day one, in terms of your preparation, you feel like you are being treated properly, like a proper athlete would [be treated]. You feel as though you are a part of something good and you have to respect it."

Rainford believes that the soccer program at Dal has many benefits.

"It elevates you. Players come in, play soccer and have fun, and sometimes they think it's a joke, then they realize they can be good at something... [that] they have the potential to come out of something and have an impact on it.

"Our prior record is such that, when you come in, the program is so good that you don't want to come in and screw it up. You want to come in and say 'I want to add to it ... it's my turn to make it better'."

There is no question that Rainford has contributed a great deal to men's soccer at Dal over the last four years, as his teammates and coach attest.

"He is very experienced," says cocaptain Paul English. "He reads the game well and is a calming presence in the back that makes us more confident."

"He has amazing skill for a defender, more skill than you will probably see anywhere else on the field," says veteran midfielder Dave McFarlane.

"He has a ton of composure. He gives everyone confidence because he is always talking, making everyone feel

"He is probably the greatest captain you could ever ask for," adds defender Jeff Hyles. "He is a leader and an example on and off the field.

"Personally, I have known him for a long time and he is a good person and a great friend, along with being the best sweeper I have ever played with. It has been a real pleasure playing with him the last four years," concludes Hyles, reflecting a sentiment that teammates seem to share.

Coach Kent feels lucky to have Rainford on the team.

"I think Marc Rainford as a player



photo by Jan Adams

brings calm, pride, and leadership," says Kent. "As a person, he is probably one of the nicest people I have ever met.

"He has sound morals and ethics. He brings maturity to the team that is much needed especially for the young kids. He helps on and off the field with teammates. I was lucky enough to get him three years ago; it was a stroke of luck and I have got nothing but praises

for him."

Coach Kent has high expectations for Rainford this year and no doubt he won't be disappointed.

"I expect the same as he has done for the last three years. He'll be there every day. He has a tremendous will to win. He keeps things in perspective.

"He battles with pain every game but he plays through it. He came back here this year with one thing in mind and that was to help us to be the best team we could be, to have the best possible showing at the Nationals, and he is a huge part of that.'

The high expectations don't worry

"I ask way more of myself than someone else would. So if you ask more of me, I am not scared to do it because, guess what - I want more to begin with. The only time you feel pressure is when you don't feel prepared."

Rainford also has high expectations

"I expect our team to continue our strong winning tradition. All of us work very hard. We want to win AUAAs and CIAUs. Winning is part luck, [but] the odds are greater if the attitude is right and if you have a team that believes in

"It goes beyond winning," continues Rainford. "The most important thing is leaving a base behind so that the younger players can step in to fill the senior players' roles. Win or lose right now, we have to continue a competitive

"I have enjoyed this year a lot so far, but I can't think of a better way to end my soccer career at Dal than having the CIAUs at home," says Rainford, obviously excited and motivated for the Nationals. "Even if we win CIAUs again, the desire to be better should always be there. If you don't have that, then you will win only one National championship and that's it.'

The loss of Marc Rainford will certainly be felt next year but, for the time being, we can continue to expect consistent quality play in back, and who knows — maybe even another a gold medal.

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## Men's basketball has high hopes for season

BY GERRY FABER

"I expect to win a championship this year," says Dalhousie men's basketball head coach Tim McGarrigle thinking of the players trying out for this year's Tigers. Of course almost every coach starts their season with that goal, but McGarrigle says it with enough confidence so as to be sure that people know he will do everything he can to make it a reality. If the past is any indication, hoops fans should be excited. In the three years McGarrigle has been at Dalhousie, the Tigers have won two regular season titles and captured the AUAA title once.

This year's Tigers have their work cut out for them to replace the people gone from last year's team. Centre Dallas Shannon, guard Kannin Osei-Tutu, and five-year starter and monster rebounder Shawn Plancke have all used up their years of eligibility. Other departures from last year's team include front court men Blair Pallopson and Tim Elliott, rebounder extraordinaire Ray Fountain, as well as rugged point guards Tim Maloney and Dwayne Hopkinson. Elliot has decided to play for King's and Maloney was playing for the soccer Tigers before being injured.

There have also been some changes in the coaching staff. Jim Charters, McGarrigle's assistant for four years, has moved from the basketball sidelines to the spectator seats as Dalhousie's Director of Varsity Promotions. Coach McGarrigle will, once again, be assisted this year by long-time coach Mark

Parker has been with the Dalhousie teams under three head coaches, as well as coaching in the Metro high school league as the head coach of the Halifax West Warriors. He brings a wealth of experience to the team and is a man who demands nothing but a person's hardest work.

The other assistant coach is former King's assistant Andrew Cook. Cook is a hard working guy who relates well to the players and who has tremendous basketball knowledge.

The Tigers have five players returning from last year's 15-5 squad. Leading the way is 5'8" point guard Brian Parker who returns for his fifth year. Parker, a team co-captain last season, was an AUAA first team All-Star and second team All-Canadian. He averaged 20.0 points, 6 assists and 4 rebounds per game, while breaking or tying league records for steals and threepoint percentage. He placed first in the Conference and fourth in the country in free throw percentage.

Another key returnee is 6'1" Darryl Baptiste. The fourth-year guard is a tremendous defensive stopper who averaged 9 points per game last year and showed fans that they can expect much more with a 26-point explosion coming against crosstown rivals St. Mary's. Baptiste worked extremely hard through the off season and comes into training camp in great shape.

Former Georgetown Hoya Mike Sabol, who showed a brief glimpse of his talent last year before getting injured has recovered well from surgery. The 6'7" fourth-year forward plans on showing everyone the extent of his talent this year.

Also returning are 6'3" second-year swingman Dale Jackson and 5'8" second-year guard Jesse Brothers. Both solidify the backcourt and are expected to contribute major statistics to the team this season.

Two big transfers are eligible to play for the Tigers this year. Fans will be

excited to hear of the addition of 6'7" Paul Williscroft to the team. Williscroft, in his third year from Richmond BC, transfers in from Langara College which is also in British Columbia. In the summer of 1996, Williscroft played for the Jones Cup team. He will pose many match-up problems for opponents as the coaches plan on using him as a small forward because of his excellent outside shooting and good dribbling skills.

The other transfer is 6'8' forward Dave Mullaly from the University of Prince Edward Island. Charlottetown native is in his second year of eligibility and will be used to give the Tigers some inside scoring punch and help on the boards.

The coaching staff lists solid play from the younger guys as a key to success for the upcoming season. Coach McGarrigle has brought in a (literally) big recruiting class — the smallest recruit is 6'7"—and there will be no shortage of rookies for this help to come from.

From Midland, Ontario comes 6'7" Scott Devnick whose smooth game and slick rebounding will help the Tigers at the three forward positions. Also from Ontario is 6'7" Ken Hodgkins from Guelph. Hodgkins brings a combination of power, strength and a desire to always become a better player that will help the Tigers battle in the paint. From St. Stephen, New Brunswick comes 6'9" Tim Zinck whose shot-blocking and inside presence will make things much should call 494-3753.

tougher for opponents who come near the Tigers' basket.

The other big recruit is bruising 6'7" Colin Crawford from Dartmouth High School, Nova Scotia Division 1 high school champions last year. Crawford plays well with his back to the basket and is a solid defender who is difficult to get around. When you add to this mix the surprises that walk-on players can give, the freshman class is strong and looks to solidify the Tigers for a few years to come.

The Tigers have a lot of frontcourt depth and will pound the ball inside the key to make use of it, but the guards could end up logging major minutes. Another key to success for the upcoming year is the number of injuries. "We have to stay injury-free, especially in the backcourt," says McGarrigle.

This year, the AUAA has changed the playoff format so that all eight teams make the playoffs.

"This is something that could affect the effort the players put into the regular season," says Cook. However, fans will have to wait and see.

The Tigers' first game is October 25 in a tournament at UCCB featuring St. FX and Laval, as well as the Tigers and host Capers. The Tigers' first home game isn't until November 18, when they take on St. Mary's.

If you are looking to help out, coach McGarrigle is looking for managers and people who have experience as score keepers. All those interested

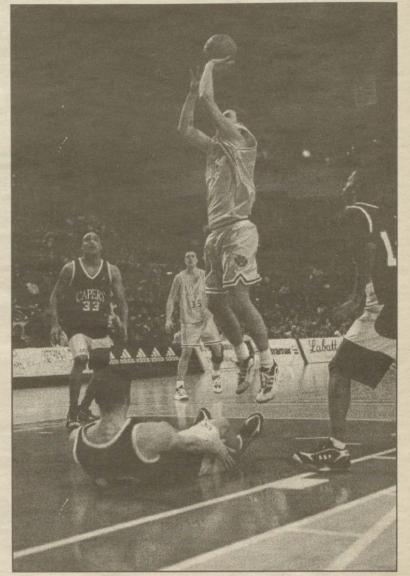
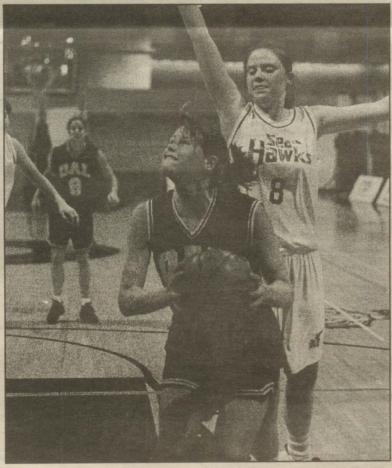


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## Women's basketball rebuilding for '97-'98



BY ANDREW COOK

Entering her twenty-first season as the head coach of the Dalhousie women's basketball team, Carolyn Savoy faces a daunting task. Gone is the veteran leadership of graduated senior guard Dani Moe, gone is the tenacious rebounding of graduated senior forward Sue Parke. Most importantly, gone is one of the most dominant forces the league has ever seen, Carolyn Wares.

As Wares — who graduated last year after an All-Canadian season — plies her trade south of the border, she leaves behind five teammates and a bundle of fresh faces ready to prove they can continue the legacy she upheld for the last four seasons.

Coach Savoy enters the pre-season with the team cupboard not entirely bare. She returns two players from last season's regular rotation and three others from last season's roster. Sophomore guard Sara Hennenberry headlines the returnees. Hennenberry, who came out of her father's highly successful program at Sackville High, spent much of last season getting acclimated to university basketball and

playing a limited role on a star-laden team. This season, Hennenberry will be counted on both to fill the leadership role and to fill up the scoresheet.

Returnees Jessica Mace, Alana Coffin and Angela Thistle will also be forced into expanded roles at the swing position. Mace, a second-year science student from Almonte, Ontario saw the most floor time of this group last season and will get first shot at helping Hennenberry provide leadership to the youthful line-up.

The new faces will become familiar faces very quickly as several freshmen will be expected to log significant minutes from day one. Attempting to fill the all-conference shoes of Wares and Parke will be Logan Dunning of Calgary, Alberta; Martine Huot of St. Jean Chrysostome, Quebec and Jillian MacDonald of Moncton, New Brunswick. MacDonald is coming to Dalhousie after a season in which she led her Harrison Trimble high school team to a provincial title.

The responsibility of getting the ball to the promising young post players will fall in the hands of freshman Angelia Creelock. Coming out of Sussex, New Brunswick, Creelock will take over the vacant point guard position left by Patti Hutchinson. After spending the summer leading the New Brunswick provincial team during the Canada Games competition in Brandon, Manitoba, Creelock goes into AUAA competition with experience against high level competition.

Without a stable full of superstars, this year's women's basketball team will not face the seemingly constant burden of high expectations. This, however, does not dim the hopes of coach Savoy.

"I feel that we've had a good recruiting year. We've put together a group of young prospects who are going to uphold the proud tradition the Dalhousie women's basketball team has come to stand for."

## Field hockey blanks

BY JENNIFER LAMONT

Rain didn't slow down Dal last Sunday when Dalhousie's Field Hockey Club team beat the St. Mary's varsity team 1-0.

Goalie Laura Schrumm fought off many shots on net, while the offense took care of the scoring. Dal's goal was scored by Jane Storey, a former member of the New Brunswick provincial team, on a short corner. Storey said that, before the game, she had told herself she was going to score a goal.

This win is the latest in a series of accomplishments for the Field Hockey Club. The team has also played the University of Prince Edward Island varsity team. Defeated by UPEI in the first half, the club came back strong to tie them in the second at a score of 1-1.

Both the tie and the win are especially impressive given the limited field time that the club has to practice. The varsity teams that they play practice several times a week, and play more games. This gives them the advantage of having played together more often.

Mary Teakles, a rookie to the Dal team who has played with Storey on the New Brunswick team, says that she finds "everyone works together - most are previous [Dal] players, so they understand each other's strengths."

Dalhousie has also played a local women's team, "The Pink Ladies", twice. They lost the first game, and tied the second at 0-0.

Dalhousie plays St. Mary's tonight (October 9) in the third of a series of four half-field scrimmages at 8:00. Dal and SMU are currently even at one win apiece.

## Never mind Carmen Sandiego...

Whatever happened to Greg Dreveny?

"As a result

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BY EUGENIA BAYADA

When Tiger goalkeeper Greg Dreveny left Dalhousie hockey in December '96, his primary reason for leaving was his internship in Therapeutic Recreation. He didn't think that he had much of a future in hockey and "knew that some people would be pissed off that I left".

Like three-quarters of his class, Dreveny went to the United States where there is greater demand for professionals in Therapeutic Recreation and hence greater availability of positions. He started working at the Baptist Medical Center, a psychiatric hospital in

Birmingham, Alabama, but still kept in touch with some of his former teammates to see how the Tigers were faring.

"As far as I was concerned, I was backing up Freddy Corkum who was playing well at the time," he says now of his departure from Dal. "When

you're backing up like that, you have to look at all your options."

As luck would have it, Dreveny knew the assistant coach of the Birmingham Bulls, Mike Zruna, who was from his home town of Tupperville, Ontario. He figured he could get some ice time and tried out.

"I was awful," he says now. "The game was much faster. It took me about two weeks to get into any good game shape and feel that I was starting to get the hang of the game."

Dreveny credits Tigers assistant coach Kim Houston with his getting into a good enough physical condition to play for the Bulls.

"One of the reasons that I adjusted so quickly was because I was in pretty good shape when I left Dal and that's because of Kim Houston. He was always there motivating when you didn't want to work out.

"I learned to appreciate it because [in Birmingham] there's no-one there pushing you. It's good to have someone like that on the team." Especially, he notes, in a league where there is a higher skill level and shots on goal average-out anywhere between 35 and 50. "You just can't afford to get lazy."

The first game he played was in front of a crowd of 9800 against the Mississippi Sea Wolves, a far cry from Memorial Arena. The Bulls had been having a rather rough season and had consistently lost to the Sea Wolves throughout the year. Thinking they had nothing to lose, "they figured they'd give the new guy a chance."

Dreveny admits that his nerves were shot during that first game.

"The first period I was awful—I went out to play the puck behind the net and dropped my stick." The coach gave him a bit of a talking to between periods and the rest, as they say, is history. He stopped over 35 shots and the game went into a

shootout which the Bulls ended up winning 3-2, their first win over Mississippi of the season.

After that, he went 10-0-1 in his first 11 starts and was leading the East Coast Hockey League's goalkeepers. Dreveny ended up playing the majority of games for the remainder of the season and finished with a 21-10-1 record. The Bulls ended up trading their number one goalkeeper Chuck Thuss to Mobile, Alabama which opened the door for Dreveny to be number one.

Dreveny was the first Bull to make it to the front page of the *Birmingham Post*, a local paper, and broke two of the Bulls' records during the season: Goals Against

Average (3.77) and Most Goaltender Wins (21). The team was first in the league for some time before slipping into second place by just a two-point margin. They swept Mississippi 3-0 in the playoffs, before Louisiana beat them in five games, the last of

which went into double overtime (score was 6-5; shots on goal were 58-56 for the winning team).

Throughout this time, Dreveny never once considered postponing his studies and he graduated last May. He now finds it ironic that it was Tigers' head coach Darrell Young who first sparked his interest in recreation when he wasn't really sure about what he wanted to study and that's how he got to the East Coast League in the first place. He also cites Colleen Hood, Jerry Singleton and Tony and Pat Richards as the professors who "kept me on track when I was distracted by hockey... they made school interesting for me"

"As a result of the East Coast Hockey League, he has rejuvenated his pro hockey career," said then-Team Canada's Mike Johnson (now playing in Germany) in May '97. "It's been a big jump for him. It's a very different style and he has adjusted very well. With another year in the league, he'll come into his own and he can have a great pro hockey career."

Dreveny spent the summer participating in various summer camps, most recently with the Cincinnatti Cyclones of the IHL. He has since returned to the Bulls but his options remain open as far as the Cyclones are concerned.

"My trip [to Birmingham] was a horror show," remembers Dreveny. "It took me 30 hours to get there... I blew my transmission out and ended up driving 400 miles with my top two gears... It started off being the worst thing ever and ended up being the best thing I've ever done in my life so far.

"As it turned out, everything worked out for the best for everybody. The Tigers got [Neil] Savary and Darrell's set for next year... It's just one of those things [that], if you don't do it, you'll always be kicking yourself."



Greg Dreveny (r) and Richard Ujvary (l) in action at Memorial Arena last season. Photo by Steve Pattingale

## Veteran core to lead Tigers

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

There are almost as many new faces as there are old to the Dalhousie women's volleyball team this year. A strong core of returning starters as well as a promising group of rookies to the Tigers will be looking to improve on last season's 14-4 league finish.

Returning for her final year at Dal is fifth-year middle blocker Jen Parkes. Parkes was team MVP last season as well as being named to the AUAA All-Star team.

Also returning for a fourth year with the Tigers is last year's team captain Cara MacKenzie (leftside). MacKenzie was also selected to the AUAAAII-Star team last season.

Other returning seniors this year are setter Michelle Aucoin, leftside hitter Alicia MacFarlane, and middle blocker Denise Chapman. The core of Tiger veterans is completed by third-year defence specialist Karen Martin and sophomore leftside hitter Robyn Comeau.

New to the Tigers this season are Kelly Collier and Kristy Staples. Middle blocker Collier may be playing in her first year for Dal but she is by no means a rookie. The fifth-year engineering student is in her third year of eligibility, having previously played for SMU and TUNS. She returns to volleyball after a two-year hiatus.

Staples is a setter from Ontario. Although she is in her first year of eligibility, she is in her third year of studies. Staples transferred to Dalhousie from UNB last year.

Rookies to watch out for this year include setter Kim Wickstrom and leftside hitter Janis Chapman. Wickstrom is from Truro, Nova Scotia and was a member of last year's Nova

Scotia Canada Games team. Also, her high school team at the Cobequid Educational Centre captured last year's provincial title. The younger sister of

ne Cobequid excellence in women's volleyball" here at Dalhousie.

These sentiments are also reflected

by MacKenzie.

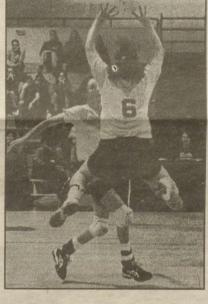
with which "to uphold the tradition of

"We have a pretty good core [of players] coming back," she notes. "We have five starters returning [after] the departure of Kia Johansson and a strong group of rookies."

Though MacKenzie sees the obvious advantages of having a core group who are used to each other's game, she feels that the veterans and those players new to the team can help each other.

"There's a lot of new and old experience [on the team]... It's going to be a good experience for everybody," she says. The Tigers were swept 15-2, 15-7, 15-12 in last year's AUAA championship game by perennial crosstown rivals, the SMU Huskies. The Tigers will not let bygones be bygones.

"We're all back, we know what we want... we want to win but we also want it to be a positive experience for everyone," states MacKenzie matter-of-factly.



Denise Chapman, Janis Chapman was also part of the NS Canada Games team and played for Dartmouth High before joining the Tigers

Leftside hitters Melanie Hansen and Stephanie Hart round off this year's team. Hansen is from Prince Edward Island while Hart hails from Margaree, Cape Breton.

The coaching staff has also undergone a complete overhaul in the last few months. Lori Welsh-Hawley replaces Leslie Irie as the new head coach. She will be assisted by Chris Au-Yeung, Mark Hansen and Tim Pellerine who are all in their first year coaching for the Tigers.

Welsh-Hawley feels that this year's squad is a "great blend of experienced veterans and promising newcomers"



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## Volleyball Tigers ready to kill

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

The Dalhousie men's volleyball team is picked and they are seeking their 18th AUAA title in 19 years. The Tigers had a strong season last year as they went undefeated in AUAA league play and put in their first-ever appearance in a CIAU final, only to be swept 10-15, 7-15 and 8-15 by the Alberta Golden Bears, a team they had beaten for bronze in 1994 and 1995. The silver medal, however, was Dal's best-ever finish in CIAU competition.

This year, a fairly solid core of returning veterans as well as the addition of three promising rookies should prove to be successful for head coach Al Scott who is back for his nineteenth season with the Tigers. Scott will be backed up by assistant coaches Joel D'eon, who is in his second year

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Oct. 26 Pepsi Relay Meet 2:15pm

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL Oct. 17 Mizuno Collegiate Challenge (Calgary Dinosaurs @ Dal) Oct. 18 Mizuno Challenge Calgary @ Dal Oct. 19 Mizuno Challenge Calgary @ Dal

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with the Dal team, and former Tiger Jamie Mallon, who played out his eligibility last year.

Senior players returning to the team this season are fifth-year middle blocker John Hobin and fourth-years Jason Trepanier (leftside) and Terry Martin (middle). Setters Peter Exall, Dave Cox and Sasho MacKenzie are back for another season, as are juniors Bobby Stevens (rightside), Peter Thurlow (middle) and Matt Hartlen (leftside).

Sophomores Scott Bishop (middle) and Mike Vasseur (leftside) also return to the Tigers and will probably see more court time this season.

Rookies to watch out for this season are Chris Wolfenden, Joe Adams and Ryan Andrews. Wolfenden is from Peterborough, Ontario and will play leftside. Also playing leftside will be Adams who is a Halifax, Nova Scotia native and played for Queen Elizabeth High before joining the Tigers. Andrews hails from Midland, Ontario and will be playing rightside.

Coach Scott is satisfied with this year's team selection.

"I am pleased with the September that we've had when the players were scrimmaging and not being allowed to have formal practises — some good things happened," he notes. "Some of the players who did not see regular court

time last year have made a big challenge and some of the new players look very, very good and are going to challenge for a lot of time as well.'

This year's team have high expectations of themselves following the success of last season. The Tigers have only lost two players from last season yet their leadership qualities and playing skills will certainly be missed, at least early in the season. Mallon and Eric Villeneuve, both former captains of the Dal team (Mallon led the Tigers in '95-'96, while Villeneuve was last year's captain), played out their eligibility last season.

"I think that the goals are very high," says Scott of the upcoming season. "We had our best season ever since I've been at Dal last year and we have most of the players back.

"I think that most of them have improved from last year and the big job [that] we have to do is to replace two key players that we lost - Eric Villeneuve and Jamie Mallon - and particularly their serve-receive ability. I think that in itself is going to be the thing that measures our team — if not immediately [then] certainly in the long-term — [whether] we're able to find a couple of people to serve-

### creatine gains popularity

"Cough syrups

make you high

strung [and

they're banned]"

BY DARRYL OSBORNE AND **SEAN RYAN** 

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP) - A relatively new performance enhancer has become popular among university athletes but because it is not actually a 'drug', it is not a banned substance Creatine, a pure amino acid available over-the-counter, is being used throughout the athletic enhancer, although little is known about its potential side effects.

"It builds up your endurance and

fat," said CJ Nolan, a former Memorial University varsity soccer player and Canada Games athlete. "It doesn't build you up as fast as a steroid but it

does enhance your performance."

"I was benching 155 [pounds] for sets of 10 [when I started using creatinel, and, by the end of the month, I was benching 195 for sets of eight," he said. "It's pretty amazing if you ask me."

Ian Parsons, an associate professor of family medicine at MUN and former doping control officer, says there aren't a lot of adverse side effects.

Parsons says that, although nothing has been proven to suggest they cause any extraordinary effects, "over the last five or six years there has been a trend of people trying to use amino acids as performance enhancers." He explained that no specific research has been done to test creatine as a performance enhancer.

"There may be something, but you can't prove that," he said. "Unless you study each individual variable, it is really very anecdotal... [P]eople will tell you 'Oh yes, this helps me' [but it is really just a matter of the mind],". he said.

Tony Fiorentino, co-ordinator of

the drug-free Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport, said that, while the effects of mega-dosing on creatine — if any — are still a mystery, there are a lot of athletes inquiring about its legality.

Because of the amount of people using creatine, [it appears that the effect] is more than just placebal for many athletes," he said. " A lot of athletes claim that they community as a performance do [gain] either strength or additional weight because they use

He said that, if it has harmful strength, [and] it also helps burn off effects, there will be a strong

movement towards regulating its use.

"Could International Olympic Committee step in and put it on a

banned list? We have heard talk about that, but there is no definite move in that direction at this point." Frank Butler, the acting director

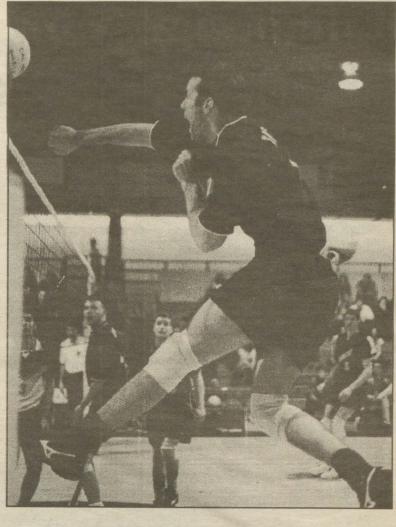
of Memorial's Physical Education Department, says that as long as creatine is legal, the university will adhere to official regulations.

"What an athlete takes to enhance themselves, if it is within the legal system, they have every right to do that," he said. "I don't have any right to step in."

But he added, "We certainly don't advocate that any athlete take any enhancing drugs or substances at all unless it is prescribed through a physician... If they are taking something [not medically prescribed], I think they are doing it foolishly."

Regardless, Nolan says creatine should be regulated.

"Cough syrups make you high strung [and they're banned]," he said. "With creatine, you can't get in trouble... It is a performance enhancer; it does enhance your performance and I think you should not be able to use it."







#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

THE BISEXUAL GAY AND LESBIAN ASSOCIATION OF DALHOUSIE will meet at 7pm in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor, SUB. For more info call 494-1256.

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IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS you are invited to an info. session from 12:30-1:30pm in room 224/226, SUB. For more info. call 494-2038.

N.S NOVELIST SUSAN HAILEY will open the 97/98 Canadian Literature Public Reading Series. Reading starts at 7:30pm in the Special Collections Reading Room of the Killiam Library.

LAW HOUR LECTURER: University of Guelph Professor John McMurty is the lecturer for Law Hour at 12 noon in room 105, Weldon Law Building. The title of his talk is, "Is the University and Agent of a War Crime State? The Case of the Indonesia Projects."

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

THEATRICAL LEG TO BREAK? Eco action's guerrilla theatre group will meet at 10:30 in room 315, SUB. Call 494-6662 for more info.

## **DREW HAYDEN TAYLOR** will be reading from his own works at 3:30pm in the McAloney Room, Dal Arts Centre.

DAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP is meeting in room 307, SUB, for speakers, prayer and worship. For more info E-mail morrison@is2.dal.ca.

SENIORS THANKSGIVING DINER: The Ward 5 Community Centre will be hosting their annual dinner at 12:00 noon at 5540 Russell St. For more info. call Susan Nordin or Sharon Moser at 454-0018 or 454-0019.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

DAL MAGIC SOCIETY meets from 12-6pm in room 318, SUB. Everyone welcome, for more info. call Steve at 494-3407.

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

HUMANS AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA will meet at 6pm in the SUB. Call 494-6662 for room location.

THE BLUENOSE CHESS CLUB will meet at 7pm, room 307, SUB. E-mail jatraser@is2.sal.ca for more info.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

THE DAL BALLROOM DANCING SOCIETY will meet in the McInnes Room, SUB. Membership is \$25 per person, singles are welcome. For more info call 455-6746 or 482-1007.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OVERCOMING

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

PEERS AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT is a student-run peer education group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and educate students and faculty about the prevention of sexual harassment. For more info. call 494-1137

FRONTIER COLLEGE: STUDENTS FOR LITERACY needs you to volunteer and tutor children in reading, writing and/or math. For more info. call 494-7003.

WEEK WITHOUT VIOLENCE: Hetty Adams author of "Peace in the Classroom," will be speaking at the YWCA on 1239 Barrington St., on October 9. Peter Davidson and Andrew Safer , codevelopers of "Healthy Relationships: A violence Prevention Curriculum" will be speaking on October 22. On the 23rd Blye Frank, principal researcher of the "External Review of Cole Harbour District High School" will also be speaking. For more info. call 423-6162.

#### CLASSIFIEDS

#### HOUSING

SOUTH END FLAT for rent 3 Bdrm, Sunny, Deck, Mainfloor, Quiet. Oct 15/ 97—May 15/98. \$800. 425-8836.

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Just drop off your picture in room 312 of the Student Union Building with you name, phone number, and a brief explanation of the picture (if necessary).

#### DALHOUSIE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

#### CAREERS IN LANGUAGES:

Communications Security Establishment (CSE) is looking for people who are proficient in at least one Asian, Middle-Eastern or European language and who are interested in a challenging position that involves translation, transcription, research, analysis and report-writing. CSE is a federal government agency based in Ottawa. To check out selection process and application procedure, visit the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre.

#### J.D. IRVING LTD:

Permanent job opportunities available working in the areas of: Accounting, Operations, Engineering, Purchasing, Human Resources or Sales/Marketing. Deadline date: 1:00 pm, Oct. 15.

THE PARLIAMENTARY GUIDE PROGRAM - SUMMER 1998: Interested students can pick up the application form at the Student Employment Centre. Deadline date: November 10, 1997.

#### DUPONT CANADA:

Several opportunities are available with Dupont, such as Customer Service Reps, Accounting and Finance; Electrical, Mechanical and Chemical Engineers. Deadline date: 1:00 pm, Oct. 15.

#### THE JAPAN EXCHANGE AND TEACHING PROGRAMME:

Come to Japan to learn about a new culture and teach English...

Visit their website, http://www.embjapan.can.org and/or visit the Student

Employment Centre for information and application forms.

#### BANKS:

The Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal are now recruiting for Commercial/Personal Banking Trainees and Operations. Check employment centre for deadline dates.

#### IMPERIAL OIL:

Employment opportunity with Corporate Head Office - Comptroller's.

Location is Toronto or Calgary. Requirement: MBA + CA, CMA or CGA.

Deadline date: Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 1:00pm.

#### HUSKY OIL:

Challenging and regarding careers - Husky is now recruiting 1998 Geology and Geophysics grads. Also, 1998 summer student positions open to 3rd year, 4th year and graduate students. Application forms available at the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre. Deadline date: 1:00 pm, Oct. 13.

For more information on any of the above jobs please visit the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre or check out our website at http://is.dal.ca/~sec/
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