

## Protesters force their way into president's office

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

Dalhousie President Tom Traves had an unexpected meeting with protesters last Friday.

Invading Traves's office was one way the protesters from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 3912 demonstrated their frustration with the unfair working conditions many of them say they face.

The union represents the three main universities in the Halifax area — Saint Mary's, Mount Saint

Vincent and Dalhousie.

On Feb. 18 and 19, union members voted on the question: "Do you authorize the executive of CUPE 3912 to call a strike of its members at Dalhousie University (or Saint Mary's or Mount Saint Vincent) to commence on or about Mar. 4, 1998 if the Dalhousie (or Saint Mary's or Mount Saint Vincent) administration does not come forward with an acceptable offer on the outstanding contract issues before the 4th of March?"

Results of the strike vote were not

available at press time, but passion was high amongst the protesters at Friday's rally.

"We are being pushed around by all three [universities]. But by far the worst is Dalhousie who has never seriously negotiated with us. They don't think that we have the power to unite and force them to listen to us," said Mike Earle, secretary/treasurer CUPE local 3912.

Although the other two schools were officially involved, the protest was largely aimed at Dalhousie's administration.

"It's a public protest and not just for the Dalhousie members. The issues facing the part-timers [at all three] are very similar, but the bulk of our membership is from Dalhousie," Earle said.

Marvin Silver, vice-president of CUPE 3912 agrees.

"How far can five thousand bucks go in a year? Dalhousie is the most [stubborn] and the least willing to negotiate," Silver added.

Currently the wage for part-time instructors is \$5,000 at MSVU, \$5,187 at Dalhousie and \$5,280 at Saint Mary's. The Union is asking for a standardized rate of \$7,200 per course for all three schools.

The protest started at the DalTech quad at 11 am. Initially, turn-out was low — with only 45

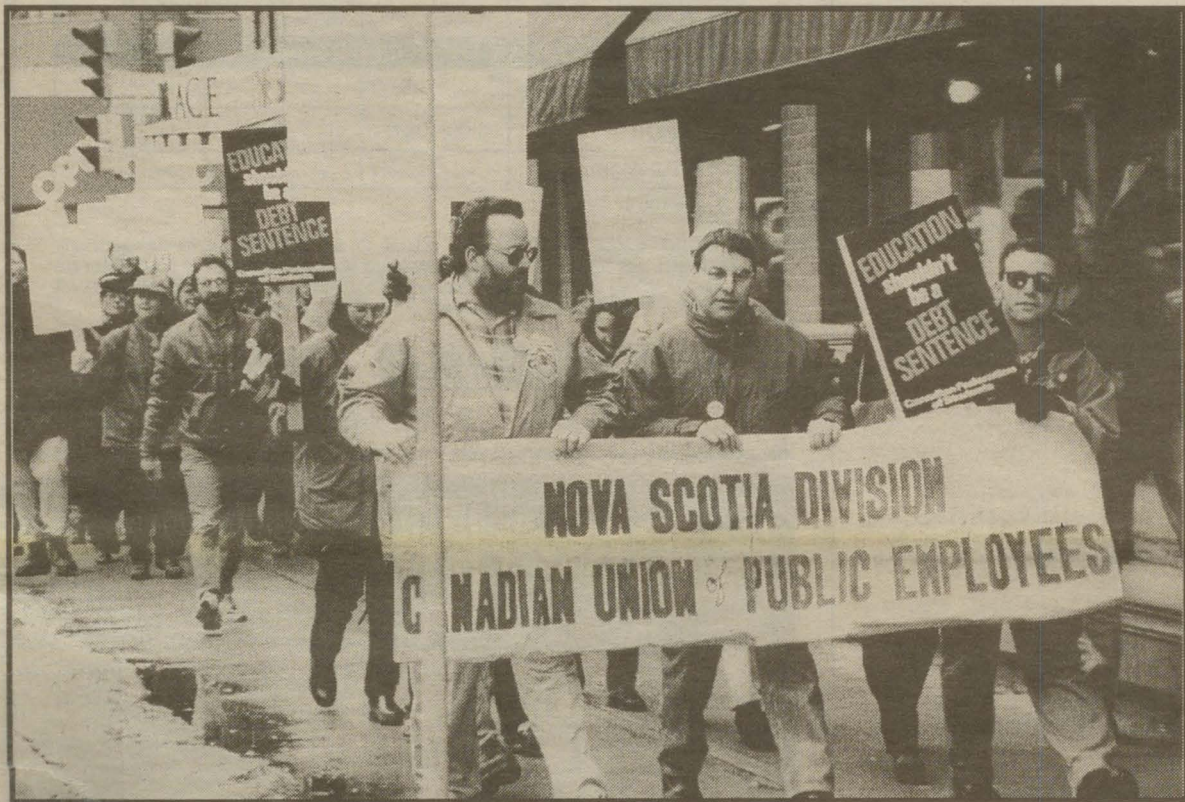
to 50 people in attendance.

"A lot of them are teaching right now and they can't just skip classes. They have responsibilities and we respect that. We are expecting to meet up with a lot more [protesters] at Dalhousie," Silver explained.

The protesters handed out pamphlets and caught a lot of attention because of the large number of people walking around at lunch time.

By the time the group reached Dalhousie, there were about 100 protesters. They proceeded to the Arts and Administration (A&A) building. Once in front of the A&A building they began chanting,

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TAs and part-time profs on their way to Dr. Tom Traves' office. (Photo by Matt Barrie)

## Provincial election date falls during academic year

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

For the first time in over a decade, Nova Scotia students will vote in a provincial election during the academic year — and student leaders say they plan to take full advantage of the opportunity.

Premier Russell MacLellan announced Feb. 12 that Nova Scotians will go to the polls on Mar. 24.

The provincial Liberals have been in power since 1993 and MacLellan — appointed Premier seven months ago — faces the difficult task of returning his party to power in a province which did not elect one Liberal MP in last

July's federal election.

"This [election date] will force candidates to play to students. If they don't, they risk a swing vote in their riding that could cause another candidate to be elected," said Acadia Student Union president Paul Black from Wolfville, where 3,000 Acadia students will have an impact on the outcome in their riding of King South.

"[The politicians] can't just pay us lip-service, I want to see concrete ideas and plans from the candidates," Black added.

The leaders of student unions from around Nova Scotia are working together during the election

campaign, most notably to organize a leadership debate on education issues, Black says.

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) president, Chris Adams, says the DSU was aware that this election was coming and has been working towards it for some time.

"We have been talking to the education critics of all the parties and helping them to formulate policy," he said.

Adams is not overlooking the significance of an election during the academic year. He says the DSU will ensure that the government knows there are 14,000 voters on the Dalhousie campus.

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## Conciliation may avert strike

Province appoints mediator in faculty/admin negotiations

BY KAVERI GUPTA AND SHELLEY ROBINSON

A provincial conciliator has been appointed to help settle the continued negotiations between faculty and administration.

Set for Feb. 19, the conciliation comes in the middle of a faculty strike vote which, if passed, would enable the faculty association executive to call a strike.

Dr. Ismet Ugursal, president of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, says that while he is confident both sides will settle without a strike, it never should have taken this long.

"I am disappointed that we have to go to a conciliator, it should have been settled at the table," he said.

"There is a difference between a university and a factory — to be treated as a labour union and push everything to the last stage is in bad taste...it is bad for morale."

The talks, which have been going on since September, came to a temporary standstill on Jan. 30. Both sides agreed to third party involvement to help resolve the issues of faculty size and salary increases.

The Nova Scotia Department of Labour appointed Robert Durdan as the conciliator.

Although both sides originally agreed to a one-day negotiation period, Durdan is currently booked

for two days. Negotiators have agreed that conciliation will not go past these two days.

A strike or lock-out is possible if talks fail. The conciliator files a report, and either side may take action after a fourteen-day waiting period. Settlement is also possible during those two weeks.

But a strike is only possible after a successful strike vote supported by more than 50 per cent of the faculty. Strike vote dates have been extended — now Feb. 18 to 24 — to allow more profs to vote.

Professors' concerns centre around what they say are uncompetitive salaries, which they say hurt the university, as much as they hurt professors.

"We're not looking for the sky," says Michael Cross, the faculty's chief negotiator.

Ugursal agrees. "Can we continue to pay our professors peanuts and expect them to stay? It is not possible for [the university] to say no to our proposals and appear reasonable about them," he said.

He also says the recent success of negotiations at other universities, like Acadia, have set the tone for settlement.

Michelle Gallant, a spokesperson for the university, agrees.

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 —Hunter S. Thompson

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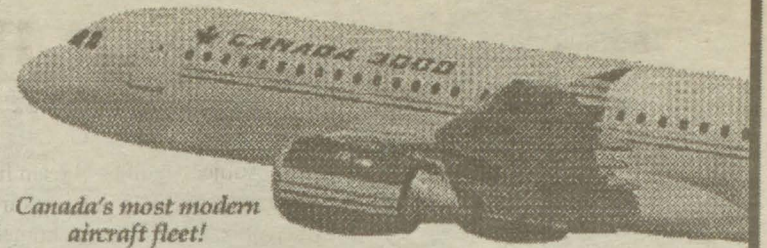
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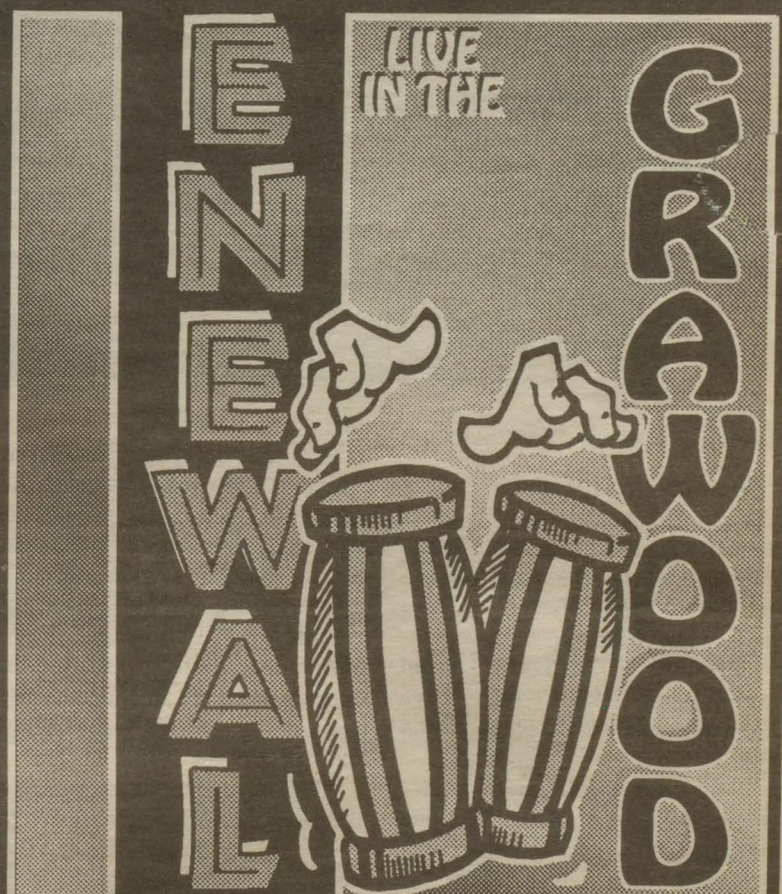
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# Study will try to make video lotto less attractive

BY PHIL E. LEWIS

What is it that drives people to mortgage their homes in hopes of winning big? Perhaps video lotto terminals are just too damn attractive.

As a result, the provincial government is funding a study through Dalhousie's psychology department to explore ways of making video lottery terminals (VLTs) less appealing to problem gamblers.

The project is headed by professor Jim Blackburn, in association with professors Pat McGrath, Sherry Stewart, and Ray Klein. These academics will be studying what components of the VLTs cause some gamblers to become addicted.

The initial phase involves negotiations between Spiello (a video chip manufacturer) and the various levels of gaming organizations in the provincial government.

Spiello will create specially designed VLTs for the experiment. These VLTs will be the same as the standard ones, except scientists will be able to alter certain variables.

"We hope to have the machines ready for Jim [Blackburn] within the next month," said John LaRoque of the Nova Scotia Department of Health. The type of machines Blackman and associates will be working on are referred to as the Big Bertha style.

"We're going to single out all the bells and whistles in the machines to determine what is enticing to problematic gamblers," Blackman said.

One of the central variables that will be tested is the speed of play. The researchers hope to manipulate these variables in "problem" players against a control group. If the effect is significant, then the researchers may be able to infer which variables separate the people who can play

occasionally for sport and those who become dependant.

The subjects will be chosen from an already completed phone survey which quizzed candidates about their frequency of play.

VLTs pay out 95 per cent of the funds put into them. LaRoque says that players do not realize the rules of randomness.

"Most players believe that if they sit at the same machine for three hours they will have a better chance than if they were to leave and come back," he said.

In 1995, the government passed bill 120 which forced the Sheraton Casinos to pay \$1-million to the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation. In conjunction with this, the NS Gaming Corporation receives \$600,000 from the VLTs.

In perspective, the government's share only accounts for one per cent of the total revenue from the machines. This money goes towards efforts to help problem gamblers as well as projects to help deter future addicts.

Dalhousie's study is receiving \$100,000 from the provincial government to finance its research. This project is of particular interest because it is the first of its kind to be attempted.

There has been research involving

what kind of characteristics are common to problem gamblers, but not on the characteristics of the

Psychiatric Association as an addictive disorder," LaRoque said.

Past research has led to the belief that gambling addicts have a tendency to be from lower education and economic situations as well as having certain habits that may make them more susceptible.

"The tendency is especially strong in males if they start playing games such as cards when they are young with their parents," LaRoque said.

There are 40 dependency centres across the province, with counsellors that are specially trained to help gambling addicts.

There are some similarities between counselling gambling addicts and other substance abusers says LaRoque.



VLTs may be re-designed to be less attractive to gamblers. (Photo by Matt Barrie)

machines that draw people in.

"It has only been within the last five years that gambling has been identified by the American

"The major difference between gambling addictions and other addictions is that you don't put a substance in your body," he said.

"It's a learned behaviour," agrees Blackman, "but some people believe there may be a pre-disposition to gambling. There's obviously some difference in the way that sport gamblers and problem gamblers think."

There is a current movement by the public to ban VLTs. This despite the fact that prior to their legalisation, there were approximately 4,000 VLTs being played illegally and there are now only 3,000 legal machines. While the levels of government with power believe that these machines offer a good source of revenue, not all of their peers share this attitude and they will be an issue of contention in the upcoming provincial election.

"In response to the perceived conflict of interest [helping those addicted to a government sanctioned act], I'm not a legislator," LaRoque said. "It's my job to minimize the damage with the law of the land and help those who are predisposed."

LaRoque hopes that the Dalhousie study will yield some significant findings that he can use to better help those with problems. In conjunction he would make recommendations to the government bodies to hopefully decrease the level of addictiveness.

## Street Feat a new twist on panhandling

BY LAURA GRAY

City counsellors are in the discussion stage of a by-law which would restrict panhandling in Halifax — but *Street Feat*, a newspaper sold by panhandlers, has other ideas.

The by-law, although still in preliminary stages, would place limitations on where and when people would be allowed to panhandle in the city.

Nadine Smillie of the Halifax Regional Municipality legal services

says that at this point, the issue is merely "something that's being looked at."

"Until we get an idea of what people think is reasonable, we won't get anything down on paper to send to council," she says.

To get this sort of feedback, discussions are being held between community representatives, police and store owners.

Smillie says that this is an "issue that's raised fairly regularly". Many involved in the possible legislation

are interested in the effects of panhandling on tourism and the disturbance of those walking the streets.

Marie Koehler of *Street Feat* newspaper has a different perspective.

"Poverty is a systematic problem and we need to solve it in a large way," Koehler says.

She says that *Street Feat* is doing its part in a small way by providing alternatives to panhandling.

The newspaper, started by two volunteers, is partially funded by Human Resources Canada, but also receives support through sales, both on the street and through subscriptions. Many people sell *Street Feat* as an alternative to panhandling.

Koehler says that although it hasn't yet happened, the newspaper is also interested in having some of these people write stories to give an account of life on the streets.

## MacLellan interrupts dinner

BY GREG MCFARLANE

Students have little to go on in next month's provincial elections, but Premier Russell MacLellan hopes that he gets their votes.

The Nova Scotian Liberal leader stopped by Shirreff Hall and Howe Hall on Tuesday night to share his ideas while students were eating dinner. Foremost on his mind, and the minds of students, was the issue of student debt.

Although MacLellan has taken some steps toward easing the pressure of student debt, he says he is waiting on Canada's federal budget, due to be released on Feb. 24, to provide students with real relief.

"We feel that a lot of students are working hard and coming out of school owing too much money. It is very difficult for them to get a start in life with that kind of a debt hanging over their head," MacLellan said.

"As a province, we've put some money forward to reduce [student debt], and we're asking the federal

government to do the same."

MacLellan says that Nova Scotia is getting the short end of the stick when it comes to education funding.

Twenty-four per cent of students in Nova Scotian universities are from other provinces — the national average in that category is seven per cent. MacLellan wants to see the funding formula revamped so that it better reflects where students go to school, as opposed to where they are from.

"The funding that is given by the federal government is given to the provinces where the students live. This is costing Nova Scotia \$25-million a year," MacLellan said.

"Our post-secondary institutions are national institutions for the benefit of the whole country. Students in Canada should be able to select a university in any part of the country, and not have that university suffer financially. So we are asking for a reassessment of that formula."

Last year, the Quebec government raised the tuition fees for out of province students. While a similar move here would help to cure Nova

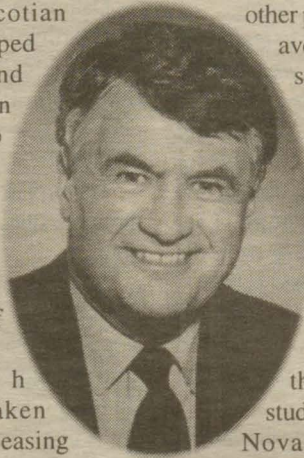
Scotia's current woes, MacLellan hopes that his government, if elected, would not have to enact such measures.

"That is putting up provincial barriers to education. I think that's wrong," MacLellan said. "What we want is across the board fairness in funding from the federal government. If that can be in place, then we want to welcome students from outside of Nova Scotia."

"[People from other provinces] want their sons and daughters to [get their education in Nova Scotia]. We have great education, good communities, and it is safe — why shouldn't they come here? However, we feel that if they do come here, we should get credit for that by the federal government."

Nova Scotia's provincial election will take place on Mar. 24. MacLellan visited students at Dalhousie as part of his campaign, a step that Jim Rossiter, the treasurer of the Dalhousie Liberal Association, feels is especially important for the student-heavy riding of Halifax Citadel.

"The residences are key. People in residence talk to each other so much; they are able to influence each other," Rossiter said. "Strategically, they are very important for the Liberals."



## News in brief

### New computers stolen from campus

Brand new computers were stolen from university departmental offices earlier this month.

The departments of English and History were broken into, and a number of top-of-the-line computers were stolen — one still in its packaging. Dalhousie's public relations officer Michelle Gallant says that she can confirm computer components were stolen from the departments of History and English earlier this month, but cannot release any further details.

"Even confirming number and specifics can make it impossible to track down the stolen items, and this is obviously a critical matter," she said. "Our interest right now is to: A, try to get back the equipment and B, get the people who have taken it."

Peter Brown, of Dal Security, backed up Gallant.

"The break-ins are under investigation by the Halifax Regional Police, so we cannot comment at this time."

### Protest against Canada-US action against Iraq

An on-campus protest against Canada's backing of US military action against Iraq could prove successful as the result of a mass e-mailing blitz. The World University Service of Canada, among other campus organizations, has sent out e-mails to all students on campus informing them about a protest to be held Friday, Feb. 20.

"Several local groups, opposed to Canada's participation in another Gulf War, are holding a peaceful demonstration," the message states.

Those interested are asked to meet in front of the Dal Student Union Building at 2 pm, and to bring banners and placards.

Demonstrators will march into downtown Halifax from the campus.

In addition to Friday's protest, the Prime Minister's office is accepting phone calls and e-mails from Canadians wishing to express their opinion about Canada's stance on the backing of a US-led military attack on Iraq. Those interested can call the PM's office at (613) 992-4211 or e-mail him at pm@pm.gc.ca.

# What young queers do behind closed doors

BY BEN MACLEAN

On a Tuesday evening in a downtown office building, a group of young gay and bisexual men gets together to do the unthinkable — discuss their lives and offer one another support.

At tonight's meeting of the men's half of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Project, group members have brought with them food for a potluck. The meeting opens with a "check in" where individuals express both their reasons for hope and frustration. Across the street, young women meet as well, perhaps to watch a film or hold a group talk.

"What we try to do is make people feel comfortable," comments Aaron Wright, the community education facilitator for the Youth Project.

"People can be themselves, who they are."

"My personal goal more than anything else is to provide a safe haven for these guys and girls," adds Dash Riprock, a volunteer facilitator with the group.

The Youth Project is a relatively new resource in the Halifax area. What members refer to as an "easygoing" and "accepting" environment has only been in

existence since 1993, when Maura Donovan, a student at the Maritime School of Social Work, began the group under her field placement. Now the project includes both single-sex and mixed meetings.

Despite the presence of university groups such as the Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie (BGLAD), Wright feels the Youth Project is filling a void for those under 25.

"BGLAD is more of a social group," he states.

According to Wright, the Youth Project's crucial peer support component is what makes it different.

Averaging five to 10 people in attendance at each session, the Youth Project is helping some youth cope with what Wright defines as a "sense of isolation."

"A lot of activities in the [gay] community focus on the bar, which makes it hard to meet people if you are under 19," suggests one young woman.

While maintaining that "the core of the Youth Project is the youth groups," Wright also stresses the organization's wider achievements of raising awareness of homophobia and heterosexism.

Wright states that, "The continued role of the Youth Project

is one within the province of providing public education." To date, the group has completed over 400 workshops in high schools, universities, and even law firms.

Also on the provincial level, the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Youth Project operates a telephone counselling line on Saturday evenings. Recently, however, this service has been put on hold due to a volunteer shortage.

Wright admits, "That will be a project that we're trying to reinvent."

Regardless, the group is committed to other initiatives, such as participating in the annual Halifax Pride March, and coordinating a camping retreat each summer to encourage youth from across the province to come out and meet others who are sharing their experiences.

In the way of challenges the collective is facing, ironically, the greatest obstacle has not been homophobic acts against the group, but rather a lack of funding. As it

stands, the project is dependant on meagre donations, fundraising, and honoraria.

Another hurdle to clear is getting word of the group's services out to those in need. Current publicity efforts include posters distributed citywide, and an Internet web site, but word of mouth continues to bring most people.

Despite the difficulties facing the group, Wright affirms, "There have been hundreds of people who have either come through our doors or who have contacted us for information." From its office shared with Planned Parenthood, the group has offered assistance to both youths and their parents, by mailing out information and referring individuals to gay-positive social workers and psychologists.

"If they want to come by and just access our office, they're free to do so," Wright stresses.

No matter what the complications facing the group are, the validity of the Youth Project remains obvious.

Despite the fact that Riprock believes the members "all seem to be coping really well," he sees that "sometimes people express some feelings of low self esteem and [of having problems] fitting in."

Ann O'Connor, another volunteer facilitator, presents the situation by saying, "The largest concern that most of our members have is coming out in a safe environment," stressing that the academic situation is often the most difficult.

According to group members, however, there is reason for optimism. One young man goes so far as to state, "The Youth Project helped me come to terms with who I am."

A female member says that, "Any reservations that you may have are worth putting aside to go to a meeting."

These reactions fit with Wright's definition of the Project.

"We want people to feel respected. They receive disrespect everywhere else."

(The LGBYP can be reached at 492-0444)

## Protesters march for wages

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"Hey-hey, ho-ho, administration has got to go."

A few minutes later they entered the A&A building and walked right down to the president's office. The hallway was packed with protesters shouting, "We want Tom! We want Tom!"

At that point about 12-15 protesters pushed themselves into Traves's office.

Traves did not look happy as the protester took turns asking him why Dalhousie would treat their teachers and students this way. They wanted Traves to negotiate an agreement right at that moment with them, but he would not commit to anything.

"We are continuing the negotiating process with the Union and it will be settled there," Traves said.

"We have certainly given Mr. Traves something to think about tonight," said Barbara Moore, president of CUPE local 3912. She came into Traves's office a few minutes after they took control of it and asked her fellow protesters to leave his office and join her down by the Killiam library.

Michelle Gallant, Dalhousie's public relations director, described the surprise she felt by the students action.

"It certainly wasn't expected, let me put it that way. But obviously that group feels concerned about this situation and wanted to express themselves in this way," Gallant said.

Gallant described Dalhousie's position on the stalled talks.

"The negotiations with CUPE have not been active for some time. We are interested and willing to go back to the table, but what is key right

now is for them to be willing to consider other alternative proposals," Gallant said.

Earle feels that the Dalhousie administration is going to feel pressure from a number of fronts as a consequence of not negotiating with the union.

"As long as they keep paying people starvation wages, the pressure is really going to build up on the [Dalhousie] administration from everyone," Earle added.

Pat Harding, a Biology teacher at Dalhousie, attended the rally and shared her thoughts about Dalhousie's treatment of part-time instructors and TAs.

"I really feel very strongly about this because I don't like being part of an institution that has first-class and second-class citizens. They work just as hard and are equally qualified and get paid 25 per cent of what a full-time faculty member does," Harding said.

Sarah Emsley is a part-time instructor at Dalhousie. She teaches one English course with 55 students in the class. Emsley related a personal struggle she is facing.

"We're only allowed to teach one course, and for that we receive \$5,187 before taxes with no benefits," Emsley said. "Because [I teach one course] I'm not eligible for employment insurance during the summer, or even a student job. I am on interest relief and have been the entire time since I finished school. I taught at Dalhousie last year and this year and I have been only able to make two payments on my student loan."

Emsley is frustrated with the current situation at Dalhousie.

"It was Dalhousie that educated me

and they respect my education in that they're willing to employ me. But they don't think my education is worth enough to pay me a living wage."

Among the protesters were three Dalhousie TAs — Kirk Whalen, Mark MacLean and Gordon MacPherson, who had this to say when asked why they were marching in this protest.

"In Biology, we are given scholarships so we're not allowed to work outside the university. So we have to become TAs just to cover our necessary needs. But not all departments work like that and each one is different," Whalen said.

Each individual department at Dalhousie is different in structure and each department makes different arrangements for each individual student.

"We are given poverty [amounts of money] as graduate students. We have to become TAs to supplement the lack of money we are given," MacPherson said.

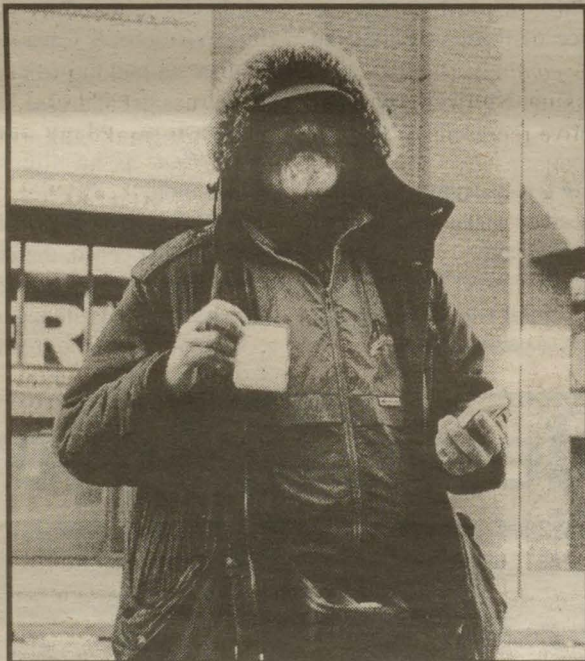
"We're not allowed to have any other jobs, we're only supposed to work eight hours a week, but we work many more than that," MacLean added.

Dalhousie is trying to work out a formula that will average TA pay giving raises to certain departments and cutting others significantly. The TAs are demanding a pay raise from \$8-9 to \$15-20 per hour.

The protest was a last effort to get the universities to listen before the strike vote.

Once assembled in front of the library, some students and professors stopped to hear what was being said by speakers representing various groups. But their overall message was clear in the actions they took, the signs they carried and the slogans they shouted: "Fairness is not a lot to ask for."

## Panhandling by-law



Flick flick: A fixture outside of Clyde Street liquor store. (Photo by Matt Barrie)

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Koehler does admit that this type of job can only do so much good.

"Our paper can't support all the people that need support."

Street Feat is published once a month and the sales tend to dwindle after the first couple of weeks. Not only that, but they cannot provide a source of income for all those who need it.

The question of lack of funds also introduces another problem for the by-law. Smillie says that this is "an issue much greater than

enforcement," as there would be difficulties with penalising for any infractions. Fines are not a possibility, as most panhandlers would not be able to pay them. Those violating the by-law would likely be relocated from the prohibited area.

Koehler is doubtful that this type of by-law would be successful. She adds that this is something all citizens need to concern themselves with.

"Sometimes losing everything is not [the person's] fault."

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# Francis supports Liberal party on television

SMU student leader appears in campaign ad

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

With a provincial election on the way, Nova Scotia television viewers can expect to see political advertising on their screens, but some Saint Mary's University students were surprised to see their student union president in a Liberal campaign commercial.

Saint Mary's University Student Association (SMUSA) president John Francis has appeared in an ad in support of the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia.

The ad features brief, unrehearsed person-on-the-street interviews.

"I'm not exactly sure what he says [in the ad], but it was something to the effect that things are starting to turn around for the Liberal party," said David Harrigan, Liberal campaign spokesperson.

The ad has been running on local television for just under a week and is part of the Liberal media campaign leading up to the Mar. 24 election.

Francis' part in the campaign has angered many students who say a student union leader should not take a public stance in favour of a political party.

"University politics and student politics should be separate," said Cheryl Konoff, a third-year student at Saint Mary's.

"[Francis] should be out fighting them, not supporting them... what a slap in the face."

As student union president, Francis serves as a representative of all Saint Mary's students. And by appearing in the commercial, some say their representative has been co-opted by the Liberal party.

But Harrigan says the commercial's producers were unaware of Francis' position.

"We had no idea he was a student, let alone a student union president," Harrigan said.

No one is questioning Francis' right to a personal opinion, just whether he should have shared it.

"Morally, he shouldn't have voiced an opinion," said Brad MacDonald, another third-year student, "his job is to represent people who have a wide range of opinions and beliefs and he's really not doing his job if he does voice partisan beliefs."

"All students have different political beliefs," says Chris Adams, Dalhousie Student Union president, "in order to do our jobs properly we have to be open to all those different ideas."

Paul Black, Acadia Student Union president, says student leaders must step carefully when speaking their mind.

"John [Francis] has got his political stripe and he's following his political stripe," Black said. "I just hope he's following it for the right reasons."

**"We'll graduate with a \$30,000 debt while that bozo is getting a free ride"**

Graduate student J.F. Beauchesne says Francis should have remained neutral.

"I wonder how much money he got for doing that?" Beauchesne asked. "We'll graduate with a \$30,000 debt while that bozo is getting a free ride."

But Francis defends his right to speak his mind. He says he was not paid for his appearance and is not a member of the Liberal party.

"When I did it, it was just as John Francis. [The Liberal television crew] were there on campus asking students for their opinion.

"They asked for my opinion

about the issues that are important to my constituency. It makes no sense if I can't give my opinion on the issues."

Jessica Squires is the national executive representative for the Nova Scotia component of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Squires says that student leaders throwing their support behind one party is risky.

"It has to be weighed carefully," she said, "if you take a partisan stance and the party you support doesn't get elected, then there is a danger that your issues won't get addressed."

The Canadian Alliance of Students Associations (CASA) does not operate on a provincial level, but CASA's Atlantic director, Kevin Lacey, agreed that there is a risk to choosing sides in an election.

"Each party is trying to find solutions," he said, "and if they see you're partisan then immediately all your ideas become tainted."

But Francis says the Liberals are the only party to have asked him what he thought and, should he be approached by either the NDP or the PCs, he would be happy to compliment policies of their's which he supports. However, he did reiterate his

support for the Liberals.

"In the last few years the Liberal party is the only one that gave a damn about education issues," Francis said.

But there are also those who have a problem with who Francis chose to support, and among them is Acadia's Paul Black.

"There has been a lot of talk [by the Liberals] about student debt. I have yet to see concrete measures that address student debt in a real way," Black said. "They have also perpetuated the funding cuts to institutions and have placed universities in a position to either jack tuition and decrease accessibility or cut programs and force Nova Scotia students to go elsewhere."

Some students, however, say they could hardly care less what Francis said, and who he supported.

"If it doesn't affect the image he's supposed to represent of the school and doesn't affect his job, then it's okay," said second-year student, Stephanie Bigg.

"It doesn't bother me," said third-year student, Tanya Wagner. "It won't affect the way I'm going to vote, just because he was in the commercial."

"It might affect someone who really respects him in his position, but not me."

## Faculty e-mail comes under fire

BY KAVERI GUPTA AND SHELLEY ROBINSON

The faculty association is trying to take their side of the story directly to students — and is facing accusations of underhandedness as a result.

The association wrote a letter summarizing what the faculty considers the important points of both settled and unsettled issues in the contract negotiations. They are awaiting a mass departmental e-mail list before sending it out. The association wrote the letter in an attempt to inform students of their position on the negotiations.

Mass e-mails are against the university computer information code, unless people have requested the information.

Dalhousie Faculty Association president Ismet Ugursal says the letter is an attempt to convey both what has happened so far, and the faculty's position.

"We are not trying to convince anyone, we are trying to present a perspective. [Students] will look at the perspective, they will look at the facts and they will

make up their own minds," he said.

But some say it's inappropriate for either side to be talking directly to students at all.

"I think they're just trying to use it as a tool, and it's a little underhanded," said Ted Chiasson, the DSU Treasurer.

"There's a serious risk if one side is allowed to present their side as the official view... of that [view] being biased."

DSU president Chris Adams agrees.

"I don't think students should be made toys or pawns in any sort of contract negotiations. Students are directly affected by everything that goes on with these negotiations and we're the ones who face the consequences."

Adams also says it is important to keep students up to date — but with accurate information.

"The DSU has continually been trying to reach out to students with an unbiased perspective," he said.

The DSU sent out a mass e-mail of their own three weeks ago to the roughly 2,000 students who have asked to be on their mailing

list. It also published an open letter in the Gazette and is currently sending council members to talk to classes.

Another attempt to reach students via e-mail is being prepared.

University spokesperson Michelle Gallant won't comment on the faculty letter, but says the university is focusing on the contract talks.

"We would hope everyone would focus on negotiations at the negotiating table," she said.

The university has not made any attempt to contact students directly.

Ugursal says he thinks that is part of the problem.

"Of course we have to tell our students what we are doing, why we are doing it, and that we are correct."

"It would be unacceptable if we didn't communicate with our students," he said. "If this [negotiation] ends up in a strike then clearly our students will be inconvenienced... we have a moral duty to explain why we might have to take this drastic measure."

## DFA continuation

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"Other institutions have settled, and the details of those settlements are something to incorporate into the thinking, going into negotiations."

But Gallant says while the university wants to increase

professors' salaries, it isn't always that easy.

"It is a balancing act — we want to provide for reasonable increases [to professors' salaries] while being fair to students — who are directly affected by increases in [the university's] costs," she said.

Ugursal has a different take on what is good for the university, and for students.

"I do not want Dalhousie to turn into a second class joint... I would be ashamed to work here."

## Strategic election

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Jessica Squires, national executive representative for the Nova Scotia component of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), says her organization will take an active role in the campaign: arranging candidate debates, circulating petitions and organizing an election kit which will inform students of how they can register to vote.

"We're going to campaign to get students to vote. Even if they aren't from here, they're still eligible to vote if they're returning," she said.

Squires also says the CFS will be asking candidates to endorse a point-form education strategy, which she says will constitute a "re-investment in post-secondary education".

The strategy includes demands for a tuition freeze, a return in education funding to 1994 levels and improvements to the loan remission formula.

"We're looking to make sure the issues get addressed and that students make an informed decision," she said.

The Canadian Alliance of Students Associations (CASA), CFS's rival organization — of which Dalhousie is a member — does not operate on a provincial level and will not be active in the election campaign.

Student leaders say they are confident education will be an important component of the campaign.

"Student issues have come to the forefront at the federal level because of the significant effect education has on everyone's lives," Adams said, "and thus education should take a prominent role in this election."

Squires agrees.

"The polls indicate that education is ranked third [in importance] behind jobs and health," she said. "I don't think we'll have any problems getting the politicians to respond."

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# U of T studies ties between funding and researchers

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Pharmaceutical researchers may be compromising their credibility by not disclosing financial relationships with drug companies when publishing research.

A study by Dr. Allan Detsky of the University of Toronto suggests that researchers that have financial ties with drug companies, tend to be more favourable in their conclusions when investigating the effects of those companies products.

Though most scientific journals state who has sponsored the research results they publish, they don't cover all the types of relationships researchers may have. Detsky's survey asked researchers to disclose five different types of relationships they had with drug companies. This included grants or contracts, fees to speak at symposiums, consulting fees, travel expenses, or money for educational purposes.

"We found that 100 per cent of

the supportive authors had financial relationships [with drug companies]," said Detsky.

Detsky does not want to imply that the researchers are being "bought off" by companies.

"We can't even tell if an author wrote an opinion and then was approached by the pharmacy company, or received the money after writing the opinion," he said.

Detsky says the main issue is not necessarily tainted results, but credibility.

"Editors and authors need to be more sensitive," he said, adding that authors declare any and all ties to companies when they publish, and allow the reading public to better judge the quality of the research.

Dr. Pollen Young, who does research for the college of pharmacy at Dalhousie, said that his research is not subject to these kinds of biases.

"The kind of research at Dalhousie is investigative research...we are free to publish

what we want," he said. He pointed out that most journals do disclose direct financial ties to published research.

University of Manitoba researcher Dr. Keith Simons said that there is no reason to be alarmed about the results of Detsky's survey.

"The worst that can happen is a slight bias in the discussion in a paper," he said.

Simons also teaches a course that gives pharmacy students guidance in judging the quality of research papers.

"The only thing you need to be concerned about is if the funding effects the results of the research."

Simons said that for most research performed at universities, researchers approach the pharmacy companies with a project. This is done with the full understanding that results will be published whether or not the findings are positive for the products of the companies involved.

Simons added that drug

company funding is crucial for research in Canada.

"If we didn't have support from pharmaceutical companies, research would be severely inhibited."

Though Detsky claims that all travel grants should be declared in publications, Simons said that those expenses are important to the quality of research, and not often large enough amounts to be concerned about.

"We're usually talking peanuts," he said. He added that most conferences attended by researchers help them a great deal because they receive peer feedback.

Dr. Kanji Nakatsu, co-editor of the Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology does not believe that industry funding necessarily means tainted results.

"Normally we don't request that kind of information. We expect everybody to disclose the source of their funding."

He pointed out that universities have become more dependant on private sector funding, but that he believes whatever bias occurs is outweighed by the research itself. He also pointed out that disclosure of financial ties is more important in journals aimed at non-specialists.

"There would be room for bias...you're talking the interpretation of the paper. [Our] audience is usually base scientists that don't write prescriptions.

"If it was in the CMAJ

[Canadian Medical Association Journal] that could have an effect on prescribing practices," he said.

However, John Hoey, editor-in-chief of CMAJ, said the potential for conflict of interest is something that editors must be vigilant about.

"[Detsky's study] does seem to indicate an association," he said.

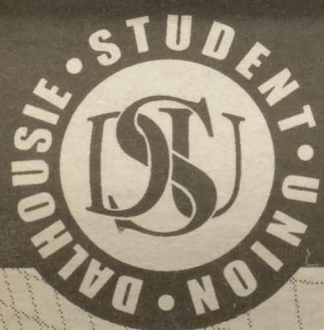
Hoey said that up until a year ago, his journal — read by 60,000 of the approximately 80,000 practicing physicians in the country — only asked very general questions about conflicts of interest in articles they publish. They have since become much more rigorous.

Authors are now required to disclose any stock they own in a company, honoraria they may have received, consultive work, or funds for continuing education. This information is now published along with research articles.

Hoey pointed out that financial relationships are not the only potential area for concern.

"You could be married to someone from a company, or enemies with someone...there could be personal issues as well."

Although most researchers have good working relationships with drug companies, Dr. Nancy Olivieri of the University of Toronto faced the threat of litigation if she published negative findings from her research for Apotex Inc. in 1996. However, she did reveal the results of her research to a conference that year, and as yet no litigation has proceeded.



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# Alternative budget challenges federal agenda

BY SARAH SCHMIDT

OTTAWA (CUP) — The economy must be put to work for Canadians, not for bankers, say the authors of this year's Alternative Federal Budget.

Released Feb. 10, the thick, number-crunching document and its accompanying 150-page rationale is bold in its plan to eliminate the deficit and rebuild Canada's shattered social safety net.

What separates this budget from the Liberals' spread sheets is courage, vision and compassion, says economist Bruce Campbell. Campbell is head of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, which co-ordinates the annual national program with the social justice coalition Choices.

And while federal finance minister Paul Martin may just see prosperous bank presidents and corporate leaders when he looks out over the country, Campbell says the authors of the alternative budget see the rest of the picture: more than half of Canada's unemployed are not eligible to collect employment insurance, five million Canadians live in poverty, and there are declines in access to health care and full-time university enrolment.

"There's a certain amount of abstraction when you're so far removed from the ground," he said. "The Liberal Party definitely embodies the power elite of this country and it's these voices that have been heard. But it's the weakest voices who have paid the price, needlessly."

The alternative budget, now in its fourth year, relies on the participation of dozens of groups and economists throughout the country who contribute their expertise to various working groups ranging from fiscal and monetary policy to industrial strategy to social policy. They include policy analysts from the Council of Canadians, Canadian Labour Congress, National Action Committee on the Status of Women and the Canadian Federation of Students.

"That kind of input gives it political credibility and a social reality that a budget written by bureaucrats can't have," said Esyllt Jones, coauthor of the budget and Choices organizer. She adds that last year's budget was endorsed by over 140 economists.

Starting with the premise that the Liberal government has misdiagnosed the cause of Canada's deficit, Campbell says the alternative budget sets the fiscal record straight.

"It is quite a stunning feat to have convinced so many people that our fiscal woes were out of overspending."

Rather, he says two policies in particular are the culprit.

While high interest rate policies have made the cost of paying the interest

On the debt unnecessarily expensive and kept unemployment levels elevated, tax cuts to high income earners and corporations have eroded the revenue base.

But instead of reducing the deficit by getting rid of these policies, Martin has cut spending on programs — \$14-billion since 1994, says Andrew Jackson, senior economist at the Canadian Labour Congress and co-chair of the

budget's labour market and industrial strategy working group.

"There are ways to deal with the deficit that aren't socially and economically destructive," he said. "[The budget is] not just a wish list."

For starters, say the alternative budgeters, keep a low-interest policy and reinvest budgetary surplus on the reconstruction of social and public programs.

Last year, the Bank of Canada raised interest rates four times because it thought the economy was growing too quickly. And ever since former prime minister Brian Mulroney restructured the tax system in 1984 — lightening the load on the highest wage earners while increasing the tax burden on lower and middle wage earners — it's been hard to fight the deficit, Campbell says.

The alternative budget calls for tax relief for low and middle income Canadians making less

than \$60,000 and the addition of new tax brackets for very high incomes, modeled on the U.S. tax system.

It also calls for the introduction of tax measures common among the world's richest industrial countries but absent here. For example, Canada does not charge a tax on transfers of large pools of wealth between generations.

The alternative budgeters also take issue with how the government taxes capital gains income, the profit which results from the selling of capital. It is presently taxed at a rate that is 25 per cent lower than that paid on wage and salary income.

Wealthy individuals and rich corporations are just getting too much of a break, the alternative budget states. It is pointed out that even the International Monetary Fund cites the country's tax-delivered subsidies to corporations as excessively

generous.

Jennifer Story, national deputy chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, says the economic forecasts underlying the alternative budget — which would result in the elimination of the deficit, trigger economic growth and restore social transfers — provide the context for the federation's lobby strategy.

"This government has convinced Canadians that there are no choices — that we have to eliminate the deficit and we have to do it this way, by cutting," Story said. "[The alternative budget] is exactly how we can justify to the federal government what we've been calling for."

"We're not just calling for a one-time hit that makes the prime minister look good," she added, referring to the Liberal's Millennium Scholarship Fund. "We have solutions that are affordable and realistic."

The alternative budget calls for a restoration in funding transfers, a national system of grants, a post-secondary education act and a comprehensive employment program for students.

"The fact that students were active participants has helped make the case," Jackson said.

The budget also aims to reduce the average unemployment rate one full percentage point per year, from nine per cent at present to no higher than five per cent by 2001 and reduce the average poverty rate in Canada by 1.5 percentage points in each year, from about 18 per cent at present to 12 per cent by 2001.

Still, Campbell says he's not holding his breathe for the federal budget, expected to be released on Feb. 24.

"They might have some showcase programs, rather than [a] focus on rebuilding health care, higher education and social assistance," he said.

## McGill students lose fee court battle

BY SONIA VERMA

MONTREAL (CUP) — A legal challenge to Quebec's policy of charging differential tuition fees was rejected by the province's Superior Court, reaffirming the controversial new fee structure requiring out-of-province students to pay almost \$1,000 a year more in tuition than Quebec residents.

McGill University's student union launched the court challenge last September. One in four of the school's students is from outside the province.

The student union and the case's plaintiff, Paul Ruel, a third-year political science student, argued that differential tuition fees contravened the Charter of Rights by hindering the mobility of Canadian students pursuing post-secondary education and the Quebec Education Act, which prohibits discrimination.

They also charged that Minister of Education Pauline Marois acted outside of her authority in announcing the new policy without an official mandate from her constituents or other members of the Parti Quebecois government.

In the decision handed down Feb. 11, Judge Claude Tellier ruled firmly in favour of the minister and categorically dismissed each

argument presented by the plaintiffs, calling the likelihood of an appeal into question.

"The minister has the authority from the National Assembly to impose conditions [on] universities and this authority includes the possibility of creating a tuition category based on residence," the judgement read.

Tellier further stated that an increase in tuition for out-of-province students did not pose a significant barrier to Canadian students' mobility. He also ruled that differential tuition fees are not discriminatory under the Charter of Rights which prohibits discrimination on the basis of nationality or ethnicity, but not on the basis of provincial origin.

"The plaintiffs are confounding two notions which are very different, the notion of residence with ethnicity or nationality. We don't see how the policy of the minister could constitute discrimination based on ethnic or national origin," his judgement read.

Elizabeth Gomery, a member of the student union executive, says she is extremely disappointed with the court's dismissal of the argument that differential tuition fees threaten accessibility. McGill has sustained a five per cent loss in

out-of-province student enrollment over the past year and Gomery says differential tuition fees are the problem.

"People are perceiving education in this province as not open to all," she said.

"The message the policy sends is very clear. 'You are not welcome in this province.'"

Gomery adds that the court's affirmation of Marois' authority to implement differential fees gives the minister a dangerous amount of unchecked freedom to draft educational policy.

Andre Durocher, the lawyer who represented the plaintiffs in the case, agrees.

"The judge has essentially ruled that the minister does what the minister wants and that is a very dangerous precedent," he said.

Durocher says the Quebec decision will have a serious impact outside the province as well. Differential tuition fee policies are being investigated by provincial governments in British Columbia and Alberta and as federal transfer payments drop, more provinces are predicted to follow suit to compensate for lost revenue for post-secondary education, he says.

The student union is currently seeking legal advice on the feasibility of launching an appeal

and will vote on the issue Feb. 19. If approved, the appeal could cost as much as \$25,000 and take up to a year-and-a-half to pursue.

Plaintiff Paul Ruel, who is anxiously awaiting the union's decision, is pressing for an appeal. Originally from British Columbia, he is preparing to enter his final year at McGill, but is unsure he will be able to return if the differential tuition fee policy is not overturned.

"I'm not sure yet if I can afford to finish my degree here," he said. "It depends if my student loans come through."

Although he concedes an appeal would be costly, he sees the alternative as even more so for both students and the province. Although differential tuition fees have raised an additional \$9-million dollars for university coffers, a report just released by McGill University reveals that contributions of out-of-province students to the Quebec economy stand at \$170-million dollars. Ruel says this is revenue that could be lost unless the differential tuition scheme is abandoned.

"It's absolute bullshit that out-of-province-students are costing the Quebec government," he says. "It's a political question and maybe it's time for the federal government to step in and do something about it."

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# SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

## Nova Scotia missing the mark on plastic recycling

BY LINDSAY COLE

How many of you know where your plastic bottles and drink containers go after they are picked up by the recycling trucks every week?

Unfortunately for Nova Scotians most of these valuable materials are sent out of province to Ontario, or even to the United States for processing.

Why should Nova Scotians be concerned about something like this? After all it is waste, diverted from the landfills, which is the primary concern. But recycling is also part of a growing industry that demands used plastic products for its survival — and we're sending most of ours out of province.

Allan Little, of Allard Design and Manufacturing in Musquodoboit Harbour, is trying to

keep some of this raw material in the province. Some of the plastic drink containers taken into bottle depots for refunds eventually make their way to him. Presently, however, he is only able to process a very small amount this plastic because of monetary constraints.

The Department of the Environment established a goal of 50 per cent solid waste diversion by the year 2000 in the Environment Act of 1995. Since then more and more communities across Canada have been expanding and improving their recycling programs. But plastics, which make up approximately 20 per cent of municipal solid waste by volume (Environment and Plastics Institute of Canada, 1994), are still largely bypassed in Nova Scotia's recycling process.

Why is such a large amount of

recyclable material being ignored? There are two main obstacles contributing to this. More expensive machinery is required for reprocessing plastics than other recyclable materials, and a stable and economically feasible market for recycled plastic products has not yet been created.

It is also not yet widely understood and accepted that most types of plastics can be recycled with a much smaller energy and resource demand than creating new plastic.

Little believes government encouragement is required to solve this dilemma.

"Government grants are only being given to minority groups, women, young people. As a middle

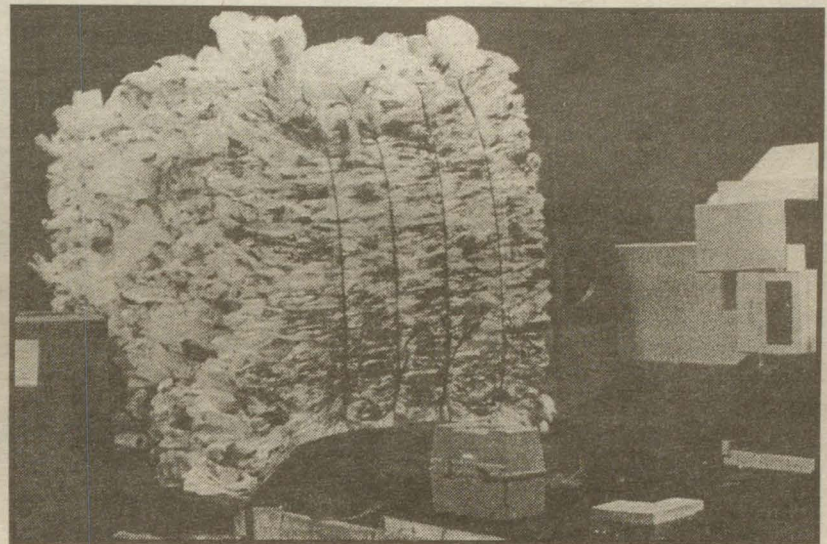
aged white man I have no chance at getting one, and God knows I've tried."

Little began toying with the idea of using used plastics to produce

is being funded entirely by his other two business ventures.

"I'm just breaking even all the time. Any spare money I get goes into buying new tools for more [research and development]. It's very frustrating, a very slow process. But it's fun."

New methods of recycling otherwise unusable waste products that employ Nova Scotians is a win-win situation in this time of high unemployment and



Loads of plastic waiting to be recycled. (Photo by Lindsay Cole)

various recycled products about two years ago. He has been experimenting with various methods of making plastic lumber for construction as well as fencing, furniture, and shipping pallets. So far this research and development

environmental concern. Little has no doubt that he will succeed. He believes that eventually he will develop something marketable and sensible that people will support through their purchasing power.

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# Stressed out university students abuse Ritalin

BY IDELLA STURINO

MONTREAL (CUP) — It used to be caffeine and caffeine pills. Then it was amphetamines like speed. Now, it seems that Ritalin is fast becoming the stimulant of choice for stressed-out university students.

Attracted by its concentration-enhancing effects, many students across North America have turned to methylphenidate, manufactured under the brand name Ritalin, as a boost for late-night study sessions. The drug is normally prescribed to treat Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), but has surfaced on the underground market on campuses as a study aid.

The concern about the drug's abuse is the latest strain in a growing public discourse about Ritalin and the condition which it is meant to treat.

Ritalin prescriptions have more than quadrupled in Canada in the past five years, and there are worries that prescription of the drug following misdiagnosis may be marring the reputation and effectiveness of a legitimate treatment for Attention Deficit Disorder.

For the past few years, newspaper reports across the U.S. have pointed to Ritalin abuse by students at New England universities and prep schools, and last March, the American Drug Enforcement Administration warned that teenagers were misusing the drug. Now similar reports of abuse have surfaced in Canada.

In Montreal, public attention was focused on Ritalin abuse when a Jan. 22 Montreal Gazette article boasted the headline: "Students popping Ritalin to stay alert". Referring to McGill and Concordia universities, the article claimed that thousands of

students were taking Ritalin to help them study.

While officials at Concordia University say they have not seen any evidence of Ritalin abuse among students at their school, representatives of McGill's health services concede that, while the numbers are hard to quantify, some students are probably using Ritalin illicitly.

"We can't [quantify] it, but our impression is that it is being abused just like anywhere else. We're no different," said Pierre Paul Tellier, director of health services at McGill.

Several McGill students surveyed for this article said that they had heard of Ritalin being used as a study aid on the campus.

"I've heard it makes you study and it doesn't put you to sleep," said Mike, a first-year McGill student who asked that his real name not be used.

While he says he hasn't tried Ritalin himself, Mike says he has several friends who have.

"You get it through a friend," he adds. "People say it's not hard to get."

Norman Hoffman, director of McGill's mental health service, said several students have told him that Ritalin is readily available and inexpensive on campus. But like Tellier, Hoffman admits that it is difficult to estimate exactly just how many McGill students are abusing Ritalin.

"Someone will come in and say they know 10 to 20 students who use it... [while] others don't know anyone using it," he said of his patients.

Based on anecdotal evidence, Hoffman guesses that about five per cent, or 125 of McGill's 25,000 students, are casually experimenting with Ritalin. He said he has seen only a few cases of extreme addiction, and estimates that about 50 McGill

students may be abusing Ritalin regularly.

Still, McGill officials are quick to point out that Ritalin abuse is not endemic.

"A lot more students are using alcohol than Ritalin," Tellier points out.

He adds that McGill's health centre has not had students come in high on Ritalin. (Students invariably come in at exam time hyped up on caffeine pills and similar stimulants, wondering how to deal with the jitters, fast heartbeat, and other symptoms they produce.)

According to Hoffman and Tellier, students are abusing Ritalin for much the same reason students have always relied on stimulants: stress. The difference now, however, is that students' stress levels are increasing, and they seem to be seeking more potent study aids.

"The number of students we've seen in the past five years has doubled in general," explains Hoffman of McGill's mental health services, which provides counselling and psychiatric services to students.

"There's a high level of stress out there. There's a pressure to do well. The job market is really scary," he said, adding that many students fear that if they don't get straight A's, they won't succeed.

Tellier agrees that Ritalin abuse among students can largely be attributed to a general feeling of pressure to excel academically in order to stake out a claim in the highly competitive job market.

"People are facing pressures that they don't know how to deal with," he said, adding that Ritalin abuse is "a function of what's happening in our society...and the fact that a university education may not guarantee a job."

Hoffman and Tellier also point

out that many students come to them seeking a prescription for Ritalin to help them perform better. They say an increased awareness about the drug and Attention Deficit Disorder lead some students to come looking for a diagnosis and quick-fix to their problems.

But concentration and organizational difficulties, associated with ADD and detrimental to a university career, can also be caused by other factors such as depression and anxiety. According to Tellier, many students aren't willing to confront the real cause of their concentration problems, and so look for a magic pill.

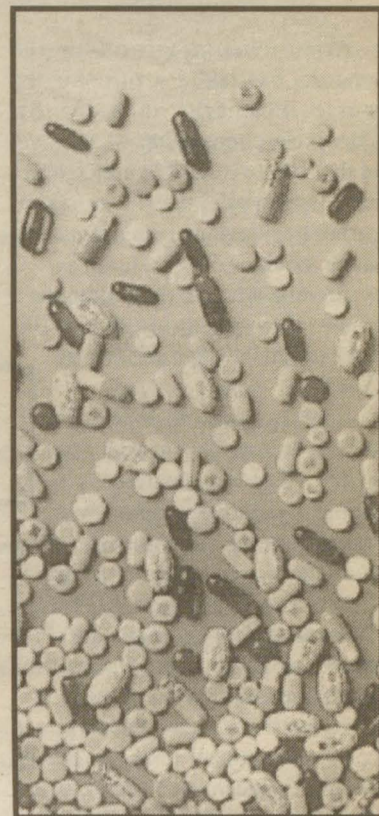
"What we need is an education campaign on how students should deal with stress and prepare for exams long-term. Ritalin is a quick fix," he said.

At the same time, Ritalin may not always work. While students take the drug because they've heard that it's a wonder drug which will kick-in instantly and improve their ability to focus on their studies, many find that it doesn't work that way. For some people, taking Ritalin without a prescription can lead to agitation, depression, or psychotic episodes — impairing, not enhancing, their concentration abilities.

"This is a potentially dangerous drug," Hoffman said.

In the end, experts agree that for most people, the best way to lower anxiety, boost energy, improve concentration and generally do well at school is through exercise, a balanced diet, adequate sleep and relaxation.

While health officials are cautious in their estimation of how many students are actually abusing Ritalin, they do know that there is a general increase in the number of people — including students — taking Ritalin for legitimate reasons



such as ADD.

Health care workers like Joan Wolforth, director of McGill's centre for student's with disabilities, who work with people who have ADD, are concerned that too much focus on the small amount of people who abuse Ritalin will detract from the drug's legitimacy as a beneficial treatment for many people.

According to Wolforth, emphasis on the few students who abuse Ritalin or seek a false ADD diagnosis so they can receive it, "builds up a sense that [the disorder] doesn't exist."

Wolforth said the number of students she deals with who have been diagnosed with ADD and are taking Ritalin has increased "from zero to 20 over the last five years."

For Wolforth, the concern is to prevent reports of abuse from undermining the fact that ADD is a real disorder, one which has only recently begun to be understood.

## UVic and their dead bargaining chip

BY PATTI EDGAR

VICTORIA (CUP) — The University of Victoria won't remove a dead tree looming over a logging road until it gets guarantees that an old growth forest it is safeguarding won't be harmed by loggers.

The tree, located on UVic's Jeanne S. Simpson grounds in Lake Cowichan, overhangs a road owned by Timber West Forest Limited. It must be removed before the Worker's Compensation Board will allow the company to begin logging on a nearby property.

Dick Chappell, manager of UVic's support services, said the university won't remove the

dead tree until Timber West promises, in writing, to set up a 40-metre buffer between the Simpson property and Lot 117, Timber West's property.

**"We want something in writing and at this moment, they're not prepared to do that"**

"All we are concerned about, as facilities management, is the protection of our trust," he said.

The Simpson grounds are 25 acres of old growth forest left in trust to the university 30 years ago by their namesake for ecological and biological research.

"We were given the property to remain as a trust, to be kept in as natural a state as possible, and now the person next door is doing something that could jeopardize that," Chappell added.

Chappell says he fears logging on Lot 117, especially clear cut

logging, could have a number of detrimental effects on the Simpson grounds. A cleared plot next door could result in blown-down trees, temperature and humidity changes, damaged waterways and the introduction of non-native species like broom.

Timber West has not yet made any commitments to the university. And Steve Lormier, a spokesperson for the company, says they don't need to negotiate with UVic because they already plan to meet the requirements they deem necessary for protecting UVic's property.

Lormier says the company will likely selectively log some areas of its lot and clear cut others. Since Lot 117 is private land, it doesn't fall under the regulations of the Forest Practices Code, but Lormier says Timber West will voluntarily leave a buffer on the property line and around stream areas.

"What we're doing certainly

meets code requirements," he said.

But Chappell says he wants to see a commitment in writing.

"They haven't articulated to us, verbally or in writing, what they plan to do. They have a logging plan report, but it could change tomorrow," Chappell said. "We want something in writing and at this moment, they're not prepared to do that."

UVic may not hold onto its bargaining chip for long, however. If the university doesn't remove the tree, Lormier says Timber West will build a second road, this one far away from the dead tree.

Chappell says a new road is one of his biggest fears.

"They can get around it but its going to cost them money and then they can say to hell with [UVic] and do whatever they want. We're at an impasse and the ball is in their court."



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# The Olympic scam

Athletic competition in the nineties has taken a turn for the worse. Formerly an arena for Darwinian competition — survival of the fittest — the Olympic games have spiralled into the muck of corporate allegiance and pandering to the media.

Anyone who hasn't undergone a recent lobotomy can see through this farce called the Olympic Winter Games.

Look at poor old Ross and snowboarding. The introduction of the 'outlaw' pastime as a viable competitive sport was done for one reason: attracting younger viewers. It's not hard to picture the International Olympic Committee sitting around, decays in hand, trying to capitalize on the babyboomer's offspring.

"Give them snowboarding, and you're guaranteed relative security into the 21st century," they say. But then they almost fucked it all up.

Enter Ross. The IOC stripped him of his medal for trace amounts of marijuana in his urine. Why they did this is hard to fathom. Obviously the IOC did not consult their PR team. First, it tarnished the sport they badly needed to help solidify young viewers. Second, it made the committee look like doddering old goofs. The spokesperson's comment that in certain circumstances marijuana could be a performance enhancing

drug is ludicrous. Any stoner who has sat in front the TV and enjoyed the complexity of the Weather Channel can attest to that.

Ross is old news, but his sport isn't.

The 'demons of the alpine', as many skiers call them, feel they live in a world much unlike anyone else's. There's the attitude, the stylin' duds,

## Editorial

the music and the lingo all shouting to those not part of the group, "We're keepin' it real." But it is a farce. The truth is that snowboarding had to grow up overnight in light of becoming an Olympic calibre sport/event, and the snowboard companies seemed more than antsy to comply.

The half-pipe competition highlighted some of the most interesting corporate scams in all the sports at Nagano. After their turn impressing spectators with McTwists and 720s, the riders would unstrap their boards and duly raise them for the cameras. There, before millions of viewers worldwide, these outlaws would stand with shit-eating grins, proudly displaying their sponsor's name on the bottom of the board. No coincidences here, folks. The logos were strategically placed at the top of the board with just enough room

for the TV station's graphics (name, rank, country) to fit snugly below.

And what about *during* the competition? A camera placed on the edge of the pipe's lip caught riders up close. But no one did any of the stupefying aerials in front of them. Instead they chose to prolong a tail-grab, giving their board manufacturer maximum exposure for the folks back home and any impressionable 10-year-old who was thinking of pestering their parents for equipment.

"Mommy, I want a snowboard. A Burton snowboard."

With all this negativity towards the newest Olympic sport, one might think I'm a skier. But the men's downhill also deserves attention.

Postponed for three days, Olympic organizers were in a panic to run the games' most popular event. Mother Earth was flexing it's muscle over us puny humans, yet some felt the race should be run despite the crazy elements. Namely, the media.

Brian Williams, CBC's animated sportscast hero, let a small detail slip during his myriad babbling between events. He said during the media scrum around downhill officials, reporters and executives hollered "Run the race anyway!" for fear of losing the all-important viewer to Nagano's cruddy weather. They got their wish.

The race was held despite dangerous, gusting wind. The course was ill-prepared; the snow on the flats were like a Slurpee (slowing the average skier by half a second) and the first lip was so dangerous, seven racers lost control and crashed. One of them had to be air-lifted from the mountain.

The officials flagrantly disregarded the safety of the skiers, choosing to pander to the demands of the media, their deadlines, and their advertisers waiting in the wings.

This year's Olympic Winter Games has left sport in the gutter. The powers that be have chosen to orchestrate a week-long soap opera — filled with dumb people, dumb decisions and behind-the-scenes manoeuvring similar to any episode of *As the World Turns*.

JOHN CULLEN

# Letters

## Nursing in the nineties

To the editor,  
"What exactly is a nurse?" is a question I was recently asked by a patient. Well, I had to think a bit; I thought it was self explanatory.

A nurse is an individual who provides health care. The extent of participation varies from simple tasks to the most expert professional techniques necessary in acute life threatening situations. We are highly trained professionals with the ability to function in self-directed judgments and to act independently.

We adhere and follow Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics provided by the professional association. The role of a nurse constantly changes in response to the growth of biomedical knowledge changes in patterns of demand for health services and the evolution of professional relationships among nurses, physicians and other health care professionals.

This brings me to my next point. We nurses have been in a position to collectively bargain as of Nov. 1, 1997. We have been told many times to re-evaluate, reorganize, reprioritize, "just cope with it" (patient care load), or to "make the best of it".

We nurses care for our patients. I went into nursing to care for people, to make a difference and to have an impact on someone's health. I feel that nurses have been put in an awful position by the provincial government and must take drastic steps such as a strike vote. This is 1998!

Many of my peers are single moms, sole providers of families who have been pressured by economics to work a full-time and an additional part-time position to try and make ends meet within a family.

Not only are we dealing with the increasing patient workload and short staffing, we are also affected by emotional stresses. We cannot put our patients in a drawer and deal with them the next day, like one can with paper work. We take care not only of patients but their families as well. This is a demanding task.

It is our turn for a collective agreement that ensures our profession with clauses such as 'workload'. We want to make sure that the employer agrees to make every effort to maintain or improve safe standards of patient care at all times.

The issue to provide safe and adequate care has not been dealt with by the government. We are experiencing daily unsafe conditions where standards of care cannot be provided. We fear for the patients.

This tells us that we are forced to take extreme measures such as a strike vote. We also want an outstanding raise. We have endured wage rollbacks, wage freezes, healthcare cutbacks, layoffs, and have been lacking a collective agreement since 1992.

It is time for nurses to let the government know that one in 50 voters is a nurse. We are not weak women and men; we are a strong force to be reckoned with!

As healthcare recipients, I ask all Nova Scotians to actively support nurses while we negotiate a fair settlement.

LILLO WESSELS  
Critical Care Nurse

## Kudos for Rebagliati

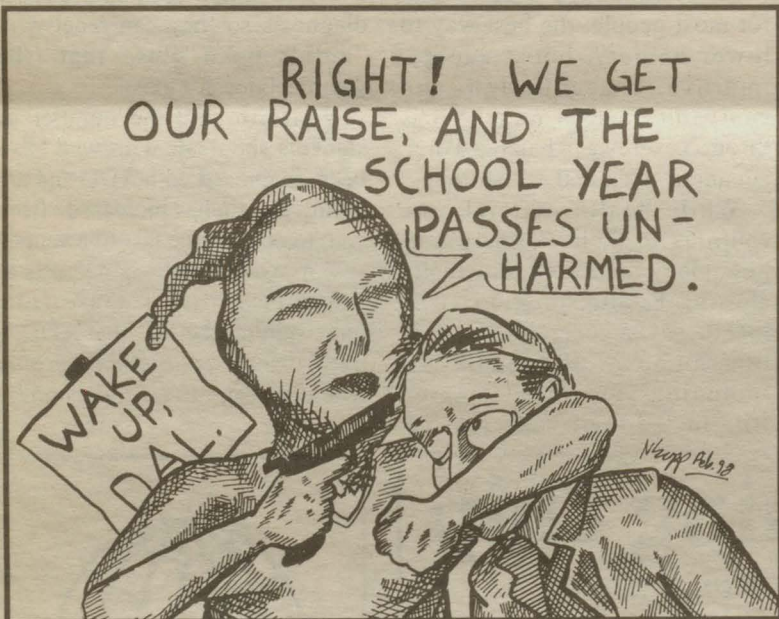
To the editor,  
By now everyone has heard about Rebagliati, the Canadian gold medalist stripped of his prize because of a few traces of dope in his piss. Olympic athletes compete in the games and represent their respective countries. Thus far, Canadians have demonstrated their prowess in Nagano at the Winter Olympic Games.

But, then, all of a sudden, some smart-ass official decides that 17.8 nanograms per millilitre of marijuana in Rebagliati's urine is sufficient to rape him of his hard earned, and well deserved, Olympic gold medal.

Oh sure, Rebagliati probably cannot stop thinking about that last bong hit and wishes he hadn't taken it. The guy is a snowboarder for crying out loud; it's all part of the package. The Olympic committee should have realized what they were getting themselves into when they decided to make snowboarding an Olympic sport.

If anything smoking grass would probably hinder his performance. Nope, this headline has nothing to do with what the Olympic games stand for or whom Rebagliati represents.

It has nothing to do with his performance being enhanced by the use of drugs. What it comes down to is publicity. There was a great deal of controversy over making snowboarding an Olympic sport because snowboarders have always had a bad reputation.



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Sexist traditions at Dal: Know all Men by these Presents...

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# Historic event or just another sequel?

The Persian Gulf War is undoubtedly a historic event of the 20th century. In response to Saddam Hussein's takeover of Kuwait, the UN retaliated by attacking Iraq.

The US military is by far the most prominent force of the UN. Where the United States government considers the Gulf War as a high point in their history, they neglect to mention the grave consequences that innocent victims of war are going through in Iraq as we speak.

Aside from causing severe economical and industrial damage to Iraq, the US and its allies used weapons of unspeakable destructive nature against Iraqis and have committed such inhuman acts such as shooting soldiers who have surrendered and burying alive those who were taking refuge in trenches by bulldozing sand on them. Yet, US officials

regard the statistics of Iraqi casualties as a number that they are not interested in.

Even uglier and more horrifying is the aftermath of the war. The US saw fit, and was supported by the UN, to impose sanction on Iraq. This includes blockade of food and medicine.

By virtue of this sanction 5,000 children die every month of malnutrition. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), 576,000 children have died in the past five years in Iraq. A fairly recent analysis by UNICEF indicates that 1.5 million more children may die in the near future (without any military strike). Most of the victims will be children under five years of age.

Unfortunately, Canada was among the countries that followed the US to wherever she took them, which was beyond the boundaries of humanity. The US is now

planning to launch another military attack on Iraq using Iraq's possession of "weapons of mass destruction" as a scape goat. Can any weapon of mass destruction have any more terrorizing effects than the sanctions?

So who should the strike be launched against? And what manner of a stone hearted, soulless beast would attack a country in which children under 14 constitute 40 per cent of the population, and which has had a mortality rate way above the average for the past seven years with no sign of decline?

The historical and economical ties between the US and Canada are understandable, but Canada should not have volunteered to get involved in a military strike that will unjustly kill innocent women and children.

Canadians are peace-loving people and it is hoped that they

will play their role in these crucial moments and thus help save lives of countless innocents.

It is the opinion of some experts that if there is a military strike, Saddam Hussein will not be so much as scratched, suffering will be solely on part of the civilians. And the blood of the innocents will be on the hands of not only those who played either active (like the US) or passive (like the Canadian government) roles in the attack, but on the hands of everyone who did not try to stop this inhuman tragedy.

We are all duty bound to do our share to avoid a military strike on Iraq. The Prime Minister is taking opinions from the general public on this matter. He can be contacted at:

e-mail: pm@pm.gc.ca  
telephone: 613-992-4211

Also, the Muslim Students Association are organizing a rally against Canadian involvement in Iraq. Please join us outside the SUB on Friday, Feb. 20, at 2pm.

Your efforts will be appreciated by multitudinous victims.

ASADULLAH RAZVI

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Canadians across the country ought to support Rebagliati with all of the kudos that his pot-smoking hometown of Whistler, British Columbia, plans to upon his return. Rebagliati has my utmost respect, because he won the first ever Olympic gold medal in snowboarding and he did it stoned.

R.J. MATTHEWS

### Sexist traditions at Dal

Dear Dr. Traves,

I have recently received and read *The Eagle's Eye*, (Vol. 7, No. 2). In it the Planned Giving Advisory Board, presumably through The Eagle's Eye editor (Charlotte Sutherland?), is promoting the donation of securities to the

university to take advantage of the 1997 federal budget changes. Fair enough. The majority of those donors may well be women widowed in later years.

The newsletter then tells one how to donate such securities and the rules. Fair enough.

But then you ask the donor to fill out and sign a form headed, "Know all Men by these Presents".

Really! Surely Dalhousie is marginally more sensitive than this. Or they can at least pretend to know the basics of being politically correct. Let me predict that were this heading changed to "Know all Persons by these Presents" no court in the land would reject the form — not even the predominant male judges would

dare.

Or if you chose not to, then at least be consistent and change the internal text to read, "...and to substitute one or more men with full like power..."

It would seem to me that if you are bound and determined to throw off tradition and plan to get rid of Latin on Dalhousie degrees so that Americans can read them, then you might also consider getting rid of certain inbred sexist traditions.

Perhaps the root of the sexist problem comes from having only one woman on the eight person Planned Giving Advisory Board?

ALAN RUFFMAN

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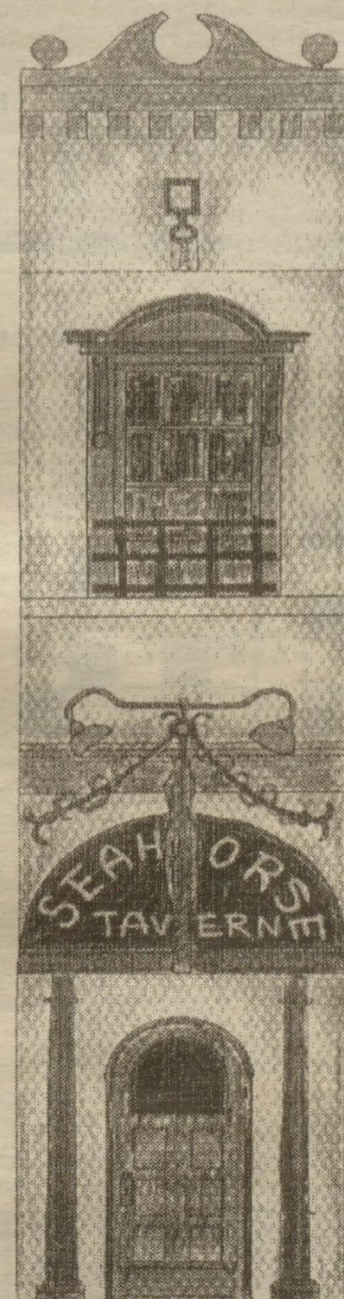
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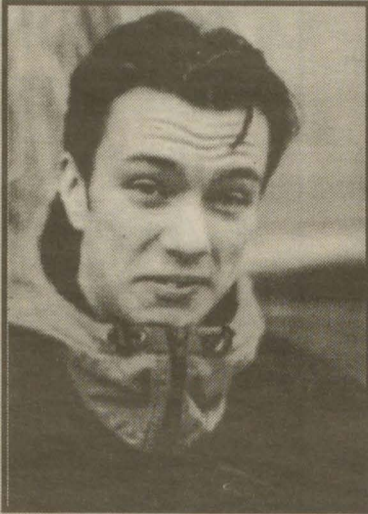


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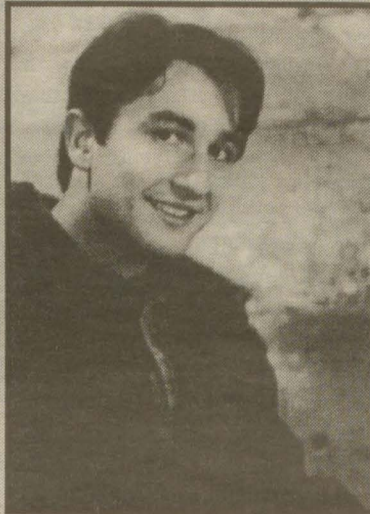
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Interviews by Jeremiah Hiers, Photos by Ryan Lash.

*If you had unlimited funds for the spring break, where would you go and what would you do?*



"Go to a party in Tokyo and spend all my money getting to know the social elites."  
-Luke Dobek, 2nd year, Chester, NS



"Paris... that's where my girlfriend would be."  
-Ian MacLellan, 5th year, Glace Bay, NS



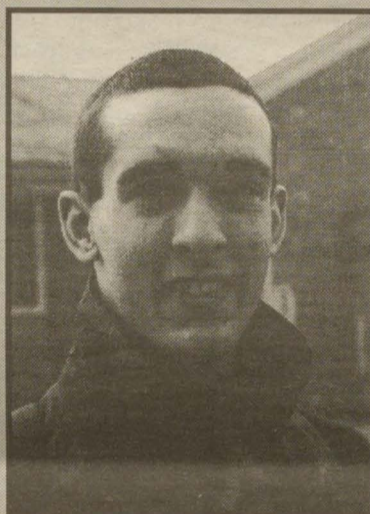
"I would go the arctic and swim with the whales."  
-Karen Lucas, 2nd year, Sackville, NS



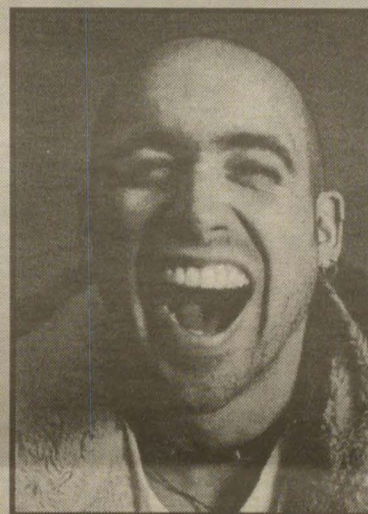
"I think I'd go... on a cruise probably, like the Caymans. Stuff like that."  
-Melissa Grandy, 1st year, Lunenburg, NS



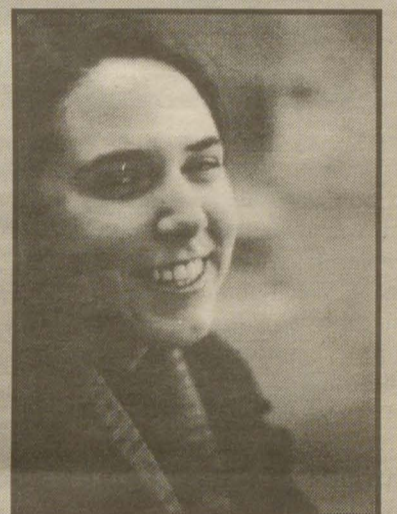
"I'd probably go to the islands and spend the week in a resort where everything is paid for and I get to lay on the beach and do nothing but sun."  
-Jamie Dixon, 1st year, Halifax, NS



"I'd go on an outback in Australia, actually. I'd go down there and see the animals. I don't know, I just want to go there."  
-Jonathan Mullock, 3rd year, Bridgewater, NS



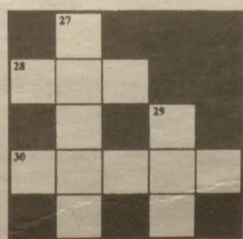
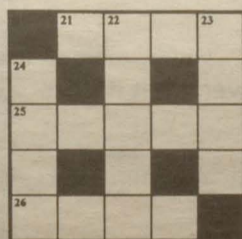
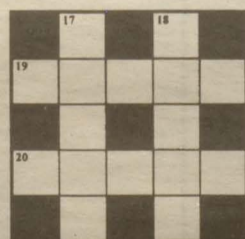
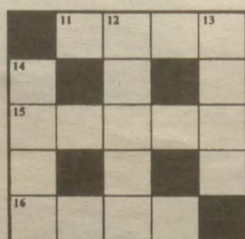
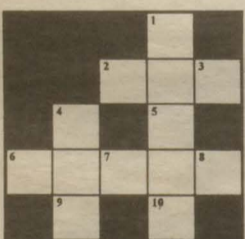
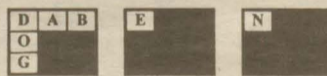
"I'd go to Mexico... Tijuana. I'd get really drunk, get a tattoo. Drink a lot of tequila. Drink some Tecate, eat some tacos, nachos, burritos. Get some pinatas. I don't know. Just hang out."  
-D'Arcy Byrne, 3rd year, Halifax, NS, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia



"I'd probably go to Guelph because that's where I went to school last year and I miss all of my friends."  
-Lindsay Leslie, 1st year, Annapolis Royal, NS

### 3D Crossword Puzzle # 11 — by Eric Fielding

A 3D crossword grid has words across, down, and deep.



**Across**

- 2. Jazz Form (3)
- 6. Storyteller (5)
- 11. Cowboy Food (4)
- 15. Citrus Fruits (5)
- 16. Therapy (4)
- 19. Majestic (5)
- 20. Make A Fresh Start (5)
- 21. What Shakespearean Plays Have Five Of (4)

- 25. Drier (5)
- 26. And Shine (4)
- 28. Gang Hideout (3)
- 30. What To Do When New Turf Doesn't Take (5)

**Down**

- 1. Cowboy Walk (5)
- 4. Coniferous Tree (3)
- 12. Deciduous Tree (5)
- 13. Sit For (4)

- 14. Place An Obstacle In The Way Of (4)
- 17. Flat As A Pancake (5)
- 18. Wastes Not (5)
- 22. Doctors (5)
- 23. Painful (4)
- 24. One Who Exploits (4)
- 27. Army Attire (5)
- 29. Negatives (3)

**Deep**

- 1. Greatest Number (4)

- 2. "I Have Not Yet To Fight" - John Paul Jones (5)
- 3. Game Requiring Horses (4)
- 4. Laurier's Bill (5)
- 5. Most Common Roll Of Two Dice (5)
- 6. Device That Removes The Centers Of Apples (5)
- 7. Varieties Of Colour (5)

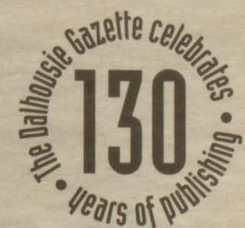
- 8. What Elizabeth Taylor Did 5 DEEP Number Of Times (5)
- 9. What Churchill Did To His Slightly Used Cigars (5)
- 10. Affirmatives (5)
- 11. Thick Slice (4)
- 14. Off-Scourings (4)

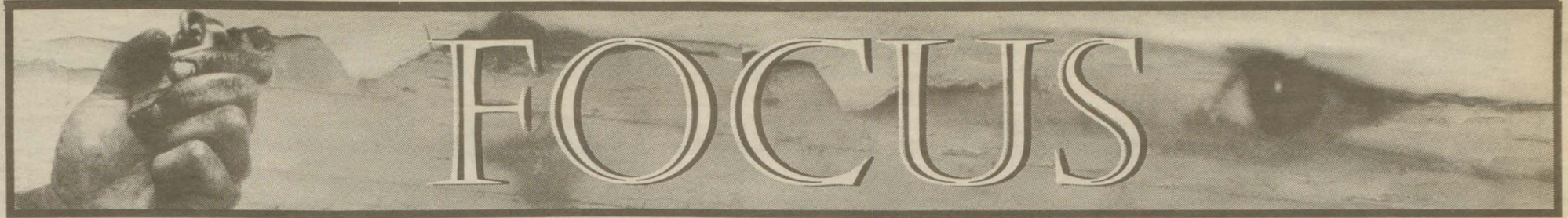
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# To many a SMILE is worth a thousand words

*SMILE and make the world happy: Dal program reaches out to metro kids*

BY GINA STACK

It's a crisp and bright Saturday morning. Light filters in the Studley Dance Studio from the windows across one side of the room.

On the hardwood floor, a little boy sits in silent concentration putting together a puzzle. Another is running full speed down the length of the studio, kicking a soccer ball as he goes.

Outside, the campus has yet to wake up, but inside the studio, 20 young children are having the time of their lives.

The children range from ages two to 12. While each chooses a different activity, they all share a common characteristic — they have a non-learning disability.

A number of dedicated Dalhousie students founded the Sensory Motor Instructional Leadership Experience (SMILE) society last September. The society pairs students in health education one-on-one with special needs children to improve their gross and fine motor skills, social interaction style and non-verbal (cognitive) abilities.

Since last summer, society president Megan Power and vice-president Jenny Swain have been working hard to develop the program at Dalhousie.

The group gained society status in the fall, and after canvassing for volunteers from the health professions, began operating on Jan. 31.

"If the child is scared to catch a ball, then we try to make the child catch it in a fun way, so that it's less intimidating," says Power.

Power says that it was easy to find volunteers. In addition, since most are in nursing or occupational therapy, minimal training was needed.

"The volunteers thought, 'hey, this will look good on my resume,' until they walked in [to the program] and saw the kids and realized that this wasn't about their resume anymore.

"The kids have changed their lives. This is about the best things I have ever done in my life — it's the best kept secret at Dal," said Powers.

Volunteers are all provided with a comprehensive handbook outlining the goals of the program, and techniques to help the children perform various tasks. Skills such as leaping, balancing on one foot and hopping are broken down into three stages — initial, elementary and mature — with common problems and recommendations described to aid the volunteer in teaching.

At the beginning of the session, children are paired up

individually for one-on-one instruction. They practice catching balls, doing puzzles and gaining confidence with their

experience for him. The program is aptly named. He comes in with a smile and he leaves with a smile — and you don't see that in gym

get involved.

"[Our professors] encourage us to get involved and do all the volunteer work that we can,"

can be expanded next year.

For this session, there are 20 volunteers paired with 20 children. Power says the waiting list for kids to get into the program is long, but the program is not yet ready to expand.

"We've been keeping track of all the people who want to come because we want the program to get bigger and bigger. It's so hard to say no, but there's no space to accommodate more than 40 people in the Studley Dance Studio."

The program is run completely by volunteers, and there is no cost to participants. As a result, the society is dependent on donations of time, equipment and space. The Dalplex donated the Studley Dance Studio and gym equipment, but the program is quickly outgrowing this facility.

"Saturday morning is prime time for recreational sports, and we'd like to rent out a nice space, but we'd need a grant to do that."

Dalhousie's program was inspired by a similar one that has been running at Acadia University since 1982. Today more than 140 children receive one-on-one instruction from an equal number of Acadia student volunteers, who are from all disciplines.

Power says that the program will continue to grow at Dalhousie, as space allows.

An aquatic component and an extension of the program to volunteers from students in all programs at Dal is also planned.

"If Acadia can do it, why can't we?" asks Power.

"I would love to see this go and go and go."



ABOVE: Dal volunteers and children get ready to put up the parachute at the SMILE program. LEFT: Jenny Swain (Vice-pres SMILE) with her friend Trevor. (Photos by Gina Stack)

abilities. The next half hour sees the children working in small groups and the final half hour brings the entire group together for larger activities like playing with a parachute.

The benefits of this kind of instruction are evident to both the children and their parents. One mother, who wished to maintain the anonymity of her child, praised the program.

"My son has trouble with visual motor skills. He knows that he can't do it, and he is reluctant to engage in motor games with kids in the community," she said.

"Here, one-on-one takes the pressure off. He is willing to try things that I've never seen him do in other venues.

"It's been a very positive

class or with other kids on the street.

"It's a wonderful program and I hope they keep it up."

The children agree.

"I like it," said Adam, summing up his feelings about the program. Adam added that he especially enjoyed playing basketball, soccer and making new friends.

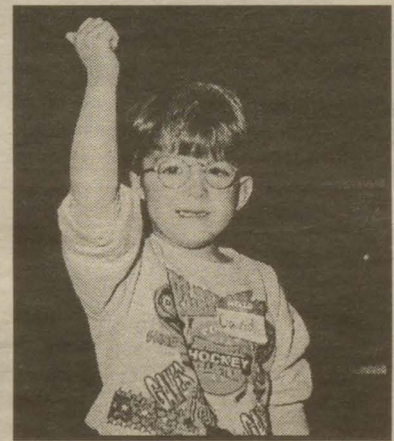
"It's really education and good," added his pal Josh. "When I'm finished this I'm going to my grandma's."

Sami Crossman is a nursing student at Dal. She has spent her past two summer's working with children with disabled children at Dartmouth Parks and Recreation. When she heard about the SMILE program, she did not hesitate to

Crossman said.

"This is our third week and the program is really going well. It's really rewarding when you see something click with the child and they do something or mimic you. The child I work with follows me all around — it's so rewarding."

The program runs for eight Saturday's from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Society president Power says the program is still in its infancy, and hopes that it



David gives the SMILE program a big thumbs up.

## Professor shares thoughts on the women of glass

BY LAURA GRAY

Our desire to have control over and completely understand our bodies has led individuals to desire a transparent body, devoid of mystery.

On Feb. 12, Elizabeth Harvey, an associate professor at the University of Western Ontario, spoke to a group of students on what she calls "Allegories of the Flesh and Transparent Bodies".

Her lecture spanned the era of the Renaissance and the early modern period focusing on how science has invaded the images of the female body and the "secrecy of the interior".

Allegories are stories with both interpretive and literal meanings. Harvey speaks of science as a thing

that has been sorting through the body looking at each individual part, examining the flesh and figuring out how it works. Scientists of the past recorded the image of the human innards as though they were sitting in the centre of the body looking around at all the parts as they functioned. Harvey talked of this as a human's desire to see the inner workings of the body as though the skin were transparent.

Essentially Harvey was proclaiming that the human fantasy was a body made of glass. This glass body would show all of the organs and veins to the naked eye — leaving no physiological mysteries.

This to Harvey is a negative goal. She explained that such an intricate understanding of the human body

changed how women saw and felt about their bodies.

She added to this idea that "the desire to see inside the body is also to desire to control it." By focusing on controlling their bodies, women begin to see their bodies as objects instead of entities. Women are no longer a mystical whole but a devalued set of parts.

Harvey added that science isn't all bad and that we should not ignore the good that has come from biology, physiology and medicine. Rather she emphasized that a balance needs to be found between scientific knowledge and the natural path of life. For example, should families be told the sex of a fetus or should it be left a mystery until birth?

Although extremely interesting,

the discussion was riddled with complex thoughts which were added to the main discussion without clear explanations.

"I found the topic as a whole very interesting. However, I found it hard at times to follow what she was saying," commented Lorna Morin, a student present at the seminar.

This lecture was part of a series that was organized by the Women's Studies Department. Sue Sherwin, the coordinator of the department, noted that the regular lecture series, given by local individuals, have not been well attended. However Harvey, a professor from afar, was well received. As to having more lectures from individuals like Harvey, Ms. Sherwin said "we'd love to but we don't have the budget for it."



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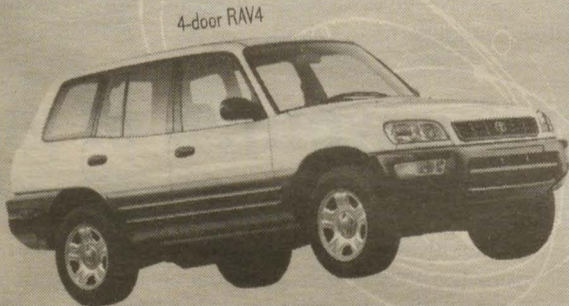
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PROFESSOR PROFILE

# Jim Holloway's solutions to Dalhousie's growing dilemmas

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

Dr. James Holloway has some very insightful views on the issues surrounding Dalhousie. He has seen just about everything that can happen to a university in his 22 years as a professor. Recently, Holloway sat down to talk about not only his career as a teacher, but also his thoughts concerning the university and the dilemma professors and students will face in the future.

Holloway earned several degrees from various American universities before coming to Canada. He received a Bachelor of Arts in teaching foreign languages from the University of Northern Colorado; a Masters degree in Spanish from the University of Wyoming; and a PhD in Romantic Languages from Duke University. He is presently the chair of the Spanish Department.

Holloway is 55-years-old and married with two children, ages 17 and 11. Holloway feels that having a son, who may soon be coming to Dal, has given him a "different perspective".

**What is the best thing about Dalhousie?**

...One of the best things...is that the years are so short you get by with doing very little teaching. It seems to me that you are really only teaching [a little more than] four months a year.

**What is the worst thing about Dalhousie?**

Well, the pay for one thing. It is horrible. And it seems to me that it has been more and more centrally run in recent years. It has been run like a business. For one thing we can lose classroom space to Harvey's. It is kind of the symbol for what the values are at Dalhousie. They would rather make a profit selling hamburgers than provide ample teaching space for classrooms.

Also, it seems to me that [the administration] does not consult [to] the extent that I would like them to consult. It seems to me that most of the professors are smarter than most of the administrators. If [Dalhousie] does have all of this brain power lying around, one would think that even if the administrators were smart, they might want to consult us once in a while.

Earlier this fall, about a million dollars became available to the university. The President decided with no consultation whatsoever that this money would be divided amongst [Dalhousie employees] and we would all get an extra bonus of one per cent of our annual salary.

There are a lot of other things that money could have been used for. It could have gone to the library, to shore up the sagging library journal subscription we...keep cutting.

It could have gone to student

tuition in the form of a rebate instead of the faculty. There are all kinds of things that could have happened such as splitting it up into different areas. A little consultation could have used that money much more wisely.

enough.

It also seems to me that he surrounds himself with second level administrators who, in their loyalty to him, tend to tow the same party line as he does.

A little more opposition to some of the top down direction from the second level administrators...could be more healthy for the university.

**How do you feel about President Traves's explanation of Dalhousie's connection to Indonesia and maybe some other questionable associates?**

He looks at running the University [from] a business bottom line point of view. [He] therefore overlooks certain questionable things. This fall he introduced what he called his Strategic Plan which looks towards making the various units of the university as self-supporting as possible — as if our job was in fact to make a profit — as though we were professional businessmen running a company. We are not here to educate, we here to earn money and these types of measures hurt the departments and the university.

For an example of [President Traves'] top down approach, after he came up with this plan himself, he introduced it to chairs of the departments. Months later it finally made it to the faculty members. It should have begun with faculty and through some consultation, discussion and debate, Traves should have develop his plan. But he had already begun his plan and the only consideration he gave us was lip service.

Whenever you start letting money dictate the activities of the university, you compromise the point of the university. If the only research in Pharmacology is research that companies will pay for, then we will never have any solutions that don't turn a profit.

**Are the students at Dalhousie getting their money's worth at Dalhousie?**

If you are paying more now then before, then you are paying more for less. Students were getting a better education a few years ago for less money, so I would say you are not getting your money's worth. [Dalhousie administration] does certain activities in reducing faculty; no matter what the department thinks and no matter what the need of the students are.

[Faculty members] are not being replaced and therefore class sizes are getting bigger all the time. The larger the class the less individual student attention you are getting for you money. We have lost 113 faculty members in the last five years. Student enrollment has gone up, student tuition has gone up but [the lost faculty] have not been replaced. It just doesn't make sense to me and a lot of other people.

**How do you feel about the part-time instructors & TAs**

*continued on page 16...*



**How do you feel about the new Faculty of Arts & Social Science Building?**

I personally really like [the new building]. [My office] is a graduate student office in the Radiation

*"...we can lose classroom space to Harvey's. It is kind of the symbol for what the values are at Dalhousie. They would rather make a profit selling hamburgers than provide ample teaching space for classrooms"*

Building [on Seymour] and it is very small. [However, this] is actually much better than the one I had [in the Spanish department], which I had to share with grad students. I had to enter through a seminar room and I would often find myself interrupting a class or meeting. So I'm glad to have anything.

You could practically put me in a sewer with a manhole cover and I would think I was in heaven. [The new building] will let us feel like a faculty and less like a broken piece of China scattered across the landscape.

**Do you think Tom Traves is doing a good job as President? How well does he represent the university?**

I don't know how well he represents the university. He doesn't seem to be coming up with any great amount of generous donors that I am aware of.

I have not been pleased with him primarily...because it has seemed to me that during his reign...there has been less and less consultation with the faculty and more and more [individual decision making].

We have had grievances in the past with the union and when we would ask him for his reason for negative decisions, his answers have been 'because I say No'. He hasn't felt it necessary to give any reason, just his 'No' is reason

# Black history 101

BY NICOLE WILLIAMS

(CUP) — Did you know that...

1. At the turn of the nineteenth century a significant number of Upper Canada's elite were slave holders.
2. The first female editor of a Canadian newspaper was a black woman. Mary Ann Shadd worked for the *Provincial Freeman* between 1853 and 1858.
3. The last racially segregated school in Ontario did not close until 1965.
4. In 1911, the federal government passed an order-in-council to bar the entry of blacks into Canada for a period of one year. Although the order was later repealed, it demonstrates the depth of Canada's racist past.
5. The first documented black slave in Canada can be traced back to 1628. His name was Olivier Le Jeune and he lived in New France.
6. In 1784, the white community in Birchtown, Nova Scotia, vented its frustrations over high unemployment levels by burning the homes of blacks and running them out of the town.

7. The first industrial positions available to black women in Canada were those deemed unsuitable or unsafe for white women. Made available during the Second World War, the jobs often involved work with toxic or explosive materials.
8. Black men in Canada were frustrated in their attempts to enlist for service in the First World War and were largely unsuccessful until July 1916 when the first all-black construction battalion was created. Commanded by white officers, the segregated battalion satisfied objections of white soldiers who did not want to serve alongside blacks. The battalion was comprised of men primarily from Nova Scotia and Ontario.
9. Up until 1962, the excuse that blacks were unable to adapt to Canada's cold climate could legally be used to bar their entry to the country.
10. The last known private advertisements for slaves appeared in Halifax in 1820 and Quebec in 1821.

# AHM calendar

February 19th - February 22nd, 1998

A selected calendar of events for the coming week of African Heritage Month

## Thursday, February 19

- 7:00pm African Heritage Month Celebrity Quiz VIII Halifax North Memorial Public Library

## Friday, February 20

- 10:00am Black Firsts Bedford Public Library
- 11:00am-5:00pm "In this place..." An exhibition of Black Art in Nova Scotia Anna Leonowens Gallery, 1891 Granville St.
- 1:30pm Black Athletes Dartmouth North Public Library
- 6:00pm "Challenging Racism: Going Beyond Recommendations": Black Women and Trade Unionist Who Made a Difference Dinner East Preston Recreation Center Admission: \$25

## Saturday, February 21

- 8:30am Canadian Labour Congress Anti-Racism Conference Cole Harbour Place Phone 422-7105 to register

- 10:00am African Heritage Month Family Day Halifax North Branch Library
- 11:00am-5:00pm "In this place..." An exhibition of Black Art in Nova Scotia Anna Leonowens Gallery, 1891 Granville St.
- 1:00pm African Heritage Month Youth Quiz Championship Halifax North Branch Library
- 8:00pm-1:00am Africa Night MacInnes Room, Student Union Building, Dalhousie University

## Sunday, February 22

- 11:00am-5:00pm "In this place..." An exhibition of Black Art in Nova Scotia Anna Leonowens Gallery, 1891 Granville St.
- 2:00pm "Escape to Nova Scotia: Black Loyalists from South Carolina, 1783." Musuem of Natural History.
- 7:00pm Gospel Concert All Nations Christian Reformed Church, 2535 Robie St. Admission: Free-Love Offerings Accepted

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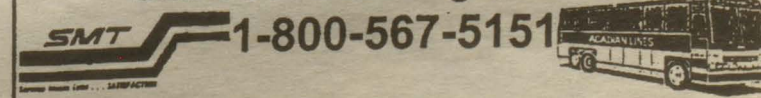
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# Tories laying on the lip-service to students

BY DANIEL CLARK  
PRESIDENT DALHOUSIE  
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The Nova Scotia Progressive Conservatives kicked off their quest to dethrone Liberal Premier Russell MacLellan, with a 'rally the troops' convention, two weeks ago.

The conference allowed Progressive Conservatives (PC) from across Nova Scotia to gather, discuss issues, reminisce, and get excited about last week's election call. PCs used the meeting to develop policy, especially on student oriented issues. Both federal leader Jean Charest and provincial leader John Hamm talked about the importance of reducing student debt.

"One of the crying shames is that we have university students graduating with \$30-40,000 in debt. If [federal party whip] Sheila Copps deserves a raise then don't students deserve a break? If students are going to have a chance to compete then we have to give them a helping hand," Charest said.

Hamm elaborated.

"There is nothing worse than a recent University graduate who cannot find a job, and is being hounded by bill collectors, and their only recourse is bankruptcy. Our young people are our best resource. If we had spent more time on our young people then we wouldn't be in such trouble," he

said. Hamm was impressed by student advocates but condemned the Canadian Federation of Students for protesting for protest's sake.

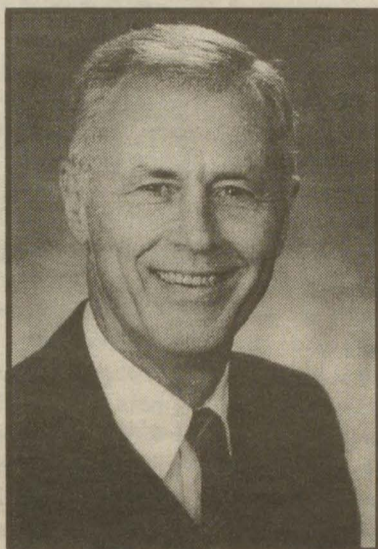
"I think [advocacy] is a two part process. First there is lobbying and awareness, but when that fails and all avenues have been exhausted protest may be the only alternative. Awareness is the most important part of advocacy.

"Politicians assume that if they don't hear from their constituents then there is nothing wrong. But nowadays, students are far more involved than they were when I went to school. I know it is because the issues have become that much more compelling. You now need 17 years of preparation to get a job; there is just no time to waste." Hamm warned.

The Dalhousie PC Youth used the conference to reintroduce themselves to the party faithful after several years dormancy, and announce their commitment to the election.

"We admittedly had some hard

times. Our finances were a mess, and members were few and far between. We were decimated by 1993. But we've gotten our house back in order, we have new members, new energy and a whole new outlook," says Drew Campbell, Dal PC Youth treasurer.



Provincial PC leader John Hamm.

Turning the focus away from student issues, Hamm's primary focus was the Liberal government's record over five years in office. Hamm couldn't resist taking shots at the sitting Premier, making reference to MacLellan's 18 years as a

federal back-bencher.

"Since 1993 we have had a Liberal government in Ottawa and one in Halifax. In that time we have not had the advantage Russell MacLellan promises," Hamm said.

"He has not stood up for the rights of Nova Scotians since 1993. How can he think he will have more influence on [PM] Jean Chretien now that its a long distance phone call instead of the local one he had in Ottawa?"

Oddly enough, MacLellan and

Hamm first met when they studied together at King's College and later Dalhousie. They became friends and despite 40 years, remain that way. Hamm made it clear that friendship would not get in the way of a hard fought election.

Charest continued Hamm's assault on Premier MacLellan's record.

"Did Russell MacLellan stand up for Nova Scotia when Ottawa cut health care, education, ACOA [Atlantic Canadian Opportunities Agency], and built a toll highway in your back yard?"

"Does anyone remember anything he has said in 18 years in Ottawa? I know I don't. Despite having just three per cent of the [Canadian] population, Nova Scotia has taken 17 per cent of the Federal cuts. Where was Russell MacLellan then?" questioned Charest.

The PCs now have to keep an eye on Robert Chisholm and the New Democratic Party (NDP) who will undoubtedly be a force in this campaign.

"We consider them a threat," Hamm said.

"For the first time in Nova Scotia's history, we are engaged in a true three-way election race. There has to be more to campaigning than just promising a change. The problem is that, other than being critical, they [NDP] have offered no alternatives." Said Hamm.

Hamm makes the comparison

between Chisholm and Bob Rae in Ontario, "He could wake up one morning to find himself Premier. Rae managed to destroy the biggest economy in the country; our's is much more fragile.

"Nova Scotia can't handle a huge NDP government; it would destroy our entire business infrastructure. Take Michelin for example. They came to three towns in rural Nova Scotia under a Tory government because we offered them tax breaks and a friendly business environment. Rural Nova Scotia is stronger because of companies like Michelin. I promise you that if the NDP are elected Michelin will leave."

However, the conference was not just about rallying the troops and preparing for Thursday's election call. During his Saturday luncheon address, Charest thanked Nova Scotians for their aid during the Quebec ice storms.

"My area of Eastern Quebec was one of the hardest hit by last month's ice storms. I cannot tell you how gratifying was to see boxes of aid coming from all across Canada, but especially Nova Scotia. And I want to thank every Nova Scotian for their assistance in that difficult time."

The current campaign strategy and philosophy can best be summed up by Dr. Hamm.

"Conservatives know that they cannot solve all the world's problems. The Liberals, however, are determined to prove that they can't either."

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I do know that they get paid very little for very good work. Often, in fact, there are PhD graduates who are as every bit as capable as the members of the department...making only a fraction of the salary with no benefits. This is another way the university is stretching a little a long way.

It is part of the move to reduce full faculty and replace them with part-time people [who] you don't have to promise any future...don't have to pay any benefits,[and] you only have to pay them for eight months, leaving them looking for four months employment every year.

It is a way of exploiting the labour force and getting as much as you can possibly squeeze [while] spending as little as possible. It is not fair and it is not good for the university.

**How do you feel about the possible DFA strike? How will it affect students?**

I hope we do go on strike.

Naturally what I really hope for is a good settlement but, if we don't get that then we will have to strike.

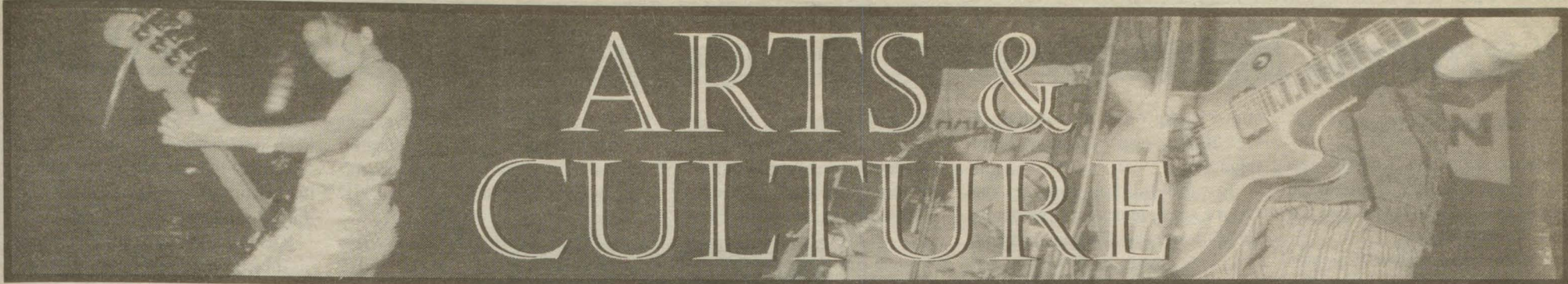
Personally, my morale over the last couple of years has sunk to such a state, because of all the over-time and frustration that has built up, that I would look upon the opportunity to strike and demonstrate my anger and frustration with glee. I would feel jubilant and wonderful to let people see what I think of this place. I hope we go on strike, I need the rest.

In the long run, students won't lose. Students will benefit because of smaller class sizes, there will be more student individual attention and they will be getting more for their money.

Professors worry about their students...above everything else. All of us will do whatever it takes to see that our students aren't hurt in any way. We would look to cutting corners without cutting quality after the strike. We would work extra hard so that students wouldn't lose their summer opportunities.

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# ARTS & CULTURE

## The Inbreds: big musical fish in a small pond

BY RYAN LASH

While the plastic people in Barrington Gate whined and complained, the Blues Corner hosted a gala party starring the Inbreds, with guest appearances by Speedo and Nine Pound

succeeds in making the bass and drum duo sound anything like a bass and drum duo. Instead the sound conjures images of a much bigger band.

The band was started in 1992 by Mike O'Neill and Dave Ullrich in Kingston, Ontario.

own, even nominating the duo for an ECMA last month.

A few years ago, Halifax was considered the music capital of Canada. With bands like Sloan, Jale, The Super Friendz and Hardship Post, Eastern Canada was the place to be, and Halifax

"Halifax bands". It's a list that they seem happy to be added to.

"One of the reasons we moved out to Halifax was because there was a number of bands that we liked quite a bit, and that continues to be true," said bassist and lead singer Mike O'Neill.

"The plan is that we're here as a band, and we want to keep doing it here as a band," said drummer Dave Ullrich.

But how long will they want to stay in a town where the music scene is shutting down? With the closure of venues and the departure of big name bands, Halifax isn't the music mecca that it was when they first moved here. How are they going to ensure that the town they live in is still a musically relevant place to be?

"Helping bands out is an

unconscious thing, it's something that you do," said O'Neill. "It wasn't as though [we thought] 'Oh, what band can we take out on our tour? Well, we better take a local band and put something back in.'

It wasn't like that."

"If [helping bands] wasn't unconscious and it was conscious, like you had a list [of bands to promote], that would be gross. Fortunately and naturally, we talk about bands that are from here," O'Neill added.

Nice try, but as an established band in Halifax, whether they're from here or not, they have a responsibility to do as much as

they can to nurture the wilting scene that still barely exists. Play as much as they can, talk as much as they can and keep those MuchEast cameras rolling.



Mike O'Neill of the Inbreds: a cure for the musical drought in Halifax, or just drainage? (Photo by Ryan Lash)

Weakling. The occasion for the show was the release of the Inbreds' new CD.

*Winning Hearts* marks the fourth release for the band. It

And though it seems most Haligonians are quick to distance themselves from all things West, the city has accepted this band as one of its

was the centre of it all. But in the post-Sloan musical drought that currently plagues the city, people seem desperate to add the Inbreds to the list of

## Zuckerbaby kills the video star

BY DAN HILCHEY

"But I'm not even supposed to be here tonight!"

Initially, the fact that I was missing the Inbreds' record release party on Friday night did not place me in the best mood for reviewing the Zuckerbaby show at the Graceland. However, this foursome from Calgary immediately exceeded my expectations for two important reasons. First of all, they did not sound like a second rate facsimile of those "big" Canadian bands like The Tragically Hip and Our Lady Peace that just about everybody seems to enjoy listening to except me. Second, Zuckerbaby played a good show.

The band opened their set with an infectious pop-rocker called "Shampoo", which firmly wedged itself into my head for the rest of the night. Other standouts

from their self-titled debut album which made it into their set included "Heavy" and "Andromeda", which has received a fair amount of airplay on MuchMusic (a fact which my non-cable television world had left me oblivious to until that night).

Zuckerbaby also performed an inspired cover of The Buggles' early 80's hit "Video Killed The Radio Star", which received one of the best audience responses of the evening, and an encore which included a "Happy Birthday" (a la Concrete Blonde) for their sound engineer's 27th birthday.

Zuckerbaby played together really well, and the individual components of the band made this possible, especially with regard to the solid playing of drummer Wayne Stadler and the effects-laden guitar of Reed Shimozawil. Reed and vocalist Andrew

Eichhorn are the main songwriters for Zuckerbaby, and their style of snappy pop works very well live.

The band also interacted well with the crowd. They gave shouts out for a popular brand of Nova Scotian beer and talked about why they cannot cover Ozzy Osbourne songs ("I just can't sing like that," confided Eichhorn).

Lack of heavy metal worship aside, Zuckerbaby's performance was a lot of fun and definitely worth experiencing. They showed that their music can stand on its own without relying on overplayed video clips like so many crappy MuchMusic bands do.

And although I'll probably save my money to buy the new Inbreds album, Zuckerbaby's album might be worth checking out sometime, since it may be a while before they make it back to the east coast.

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# Kundun, Scorsese and the modern history of Tibet

BY AVI LAMBERT

Martin Scorsese's *Kundun* has finally come to Halifax, a delight and surprise to those who have hoped and worked to see it here.

The movie is an artistic biography of the Dalai Lama's life from his discovery as a child in the fringes of Tibet, to the point when he flees Chinese occupation to India for fear of his life.

Not much of the beginning of the film talks about China-Tibet tension. In fact, most of the movie is a beautiful representation of the Dalai Lama's training and initiation into the role he must play later in life.

For the first hour or so, the young 14th Dalai Lama proves that he has the memories of his predecessor. It might be hard to wrap your head around the idea of reincarnation and past memories stored in a little boy's head, but the movie requires a little bit of open mindedness, and possibly

some background knowledge of Buddhism and Chinese-Tibet relations.

Towards the beginning of the Dalai Lama's teen years you get an air of the coming Chinese invasion. It is made obvious in the movie that previous ways of settling affairs with China won't work against new weapons and vehicles.

Hints of trouble with the Chinese occupation start with a falsified broadcast of the Dalai Lama's agreement to Mao Tse Tung's 17 points. The warnings of a ritual holy man also foreshadow trouble.

There is a scene in which the Dalai Lama is confronted by Chinese delegates to sign the 17-point ultimatum. His quietness and reluctance to oppose or sign the bill is exemplary of his stance for non-violence.

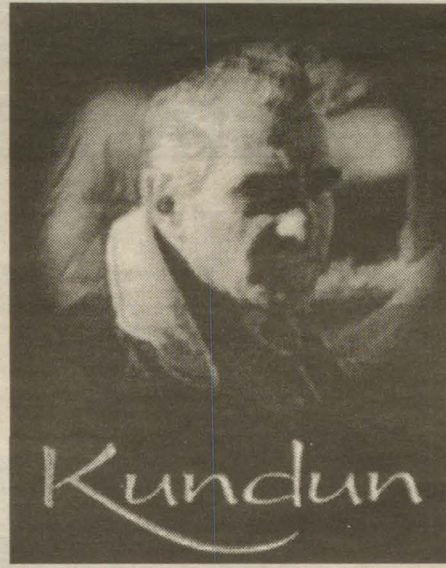
Conversely, the Chinese general in Lhasa embodies the progression of the Chinese attitude throughout the

latter half of the movie. The general becomes increasingly rude and impatient, and demands more food and space from the Dalai Lama.

The Chinese invasion and general way the Chinese are portrayed in the movie is abstract. The first glimpse you see of the Chinese is an angled shot of "Chinese" soldiers marching, wearing their goggles. I may be reading too far into this but it is obvious that very few of the actors that played the Chinese soldiers were Chinese, or even Asian. The soldiers were Italians and Irishmen with whitish powder smudged on their faces.

Secondly, the portrayal of Mao is weak. In the movie, Mao is a slimy, clammy conman smoking cigarettes

and being sly. The feeling you get from this portrayal is of a mobster, not of a vastly popular dictator who changed and controlled the world's largest nation.



The movie's vistas and landscapes are breathtaking. The wind and weather give you an idea of the climate and geography in Tibet. It's too bad the movie was filmed in Morocco, Idaho, and British Columbia.

The children that portray the Dalai Lama are

adorable, and act well for the parts they play. It is amazing that none of those involved in the movie are professional actors, but are Tibetan. This fact added something special to the movie.

The Dalai Lama is shown to cry whenever he sees violence. In any

other movie this would be cheese, but here it somehow appears real. His dreams of the massive death toll of his countrymen is a metaphorical mirror of the strife in Tibet.

The fact that you have to interpret his dreams is not odd for this type of movie, but it makes you question Scorsese's motives for making *Kundun*. Scorsese could have made realistic scenes of the brutality in Tibet. That's not necessarily what I wanted to see, but it carries the shock value that most viewers of the 90s expect. It is just that kind of shock that jolts you from your seat and makes you aware that this is the biography of an ongoing struggle.

This movie, though, is purported to be 'told through the eyes of the Dalai Lama'. It's difficult to question whether Scorsese made this to incite action, or to view Tibet from a non-violent perspective.

*Kundun* is finally on our shores, we need not ask why or how, just when. If a major country, China, being one of the USA's most favoured trading nations, prevents us from seeing a movie, I think it's worth seeing. Besides the politics of it, *Kundun* is a beautiful movie.

## Adventures in Wonderland

BY ERIN SPERLING

The Dalhousie Theatre Department recently produced a contemporary adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland*, inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic story. But those who were expecting Walt Disney's cartoon were in for a shock; this version was in-your-face, intense, nonstop and three, if not four dimensional. It was not the cartoon that I remembered.

Young Alice, portrayed superbly by Jessica Bastow, is the subject of abuse and neglect, and is used as a pawn between her warring parents. She attempts to escape from her reality by entering a crazy world, where her alter ego commits suicide

and the Cheshire Cat is entrenched in sexual innuendo.

The performance of the actors as the madly construed characters with which we are all familiar were incredible and very impressive. While some of the characters are the same as the original that we all know and love, many of the characters were given wit, depth and often aspects of perversion or dementia. The dialogue was equally humorous, shocking and allusive.

Favourite lines included "Alice, you are losing your grip on surrealism" and the yell of "I am the Penis!"

So, Walt Disney might be rolling over in his grave, but since when was a Disney production based on reality,

anyway? Whether playwright Jamie Lindsay and director David Overton have created something that is even beyond Carroll himself is another question, but they have definitely provided some explanations to a story that was otherwise referred to as a drug-induced hallucination.

The adventure began with the dramaturgy, a twenty-four page prelude to the life behind the play. It includes discussion of schizophrenia, the evolution of childhood, divorce, doppelgangers, escape from reality, and nonsense. This gave some insight to the whirlwind of action that exploded, rather than unfolded, on the stage.

An incredible yet simple set, a talented ensemble of actors, and a script that gives new meaning to inspiration were combined to produce a play that was memorable, and definitely not made for the kids on Saturday mornings.

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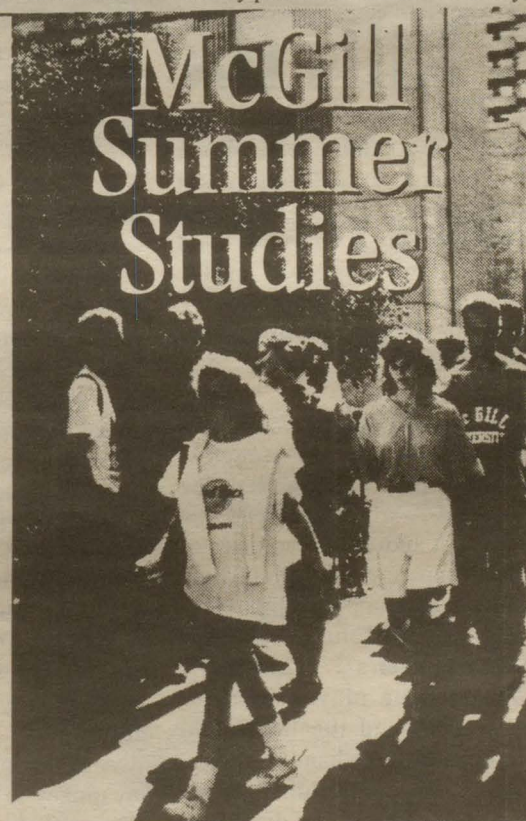
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**Second Hand Smoke**

*Sublime*

MCA/Gasoline Alley Records

It's frightening what some people will exploit to make money. Since the death of Sublime's lyricist, song writer, and lead guitarist, Brad (last name an enigma), Sublime has released 4 music videos and 2 albums. This is the second in the post-mortem release category.

*Second Hand Smoke* is a rather pathetic compilation of previously released material. Now understand me here. Sublime was a great band. Like many bands on the radio today, they hail from Southern California and have a great reggae/punk/ska fusion sound going, but come on (and forgive the forthcoming phrasing), quit beating a dead horse.

The remaining two members of the band have been cashing in on Sublime's new found infamy by releasing songs that have been heard on one of the previous three albums. These songs aren't even remixes, demos or rare live performances... they're all the same damned song! Out of the nineteen tracks on *Second Hand Smoke*, only five of them are songs I have never heard...and one of those is actually an English translation of a song originally recorded in Spanish.

If this album had been released as an EP, maybe I wouldn't be so

hard on it. The previously unreleased tracks are great, following the usual Sublime format of bleach-white SoCal reggae, but 14 tracks of stuff I've heard before gets tedious.

Sublime fans, I have a suggestion for you. Talk some gullible friend into buying this album and just dub the songs you haven't heard. But it sure as hell isn't worth the price your friend is going to pay for it.

**JERIMIAH HIERS**

**Mazes and Mirrors**

*Chris Colepaugh and the Cosmic Crew*

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The easy way to review this disc would be to compare the music to everything that Jimi Hendrix ever



did. Sure, Chris Colepaugh and the Cosmic Crew get more jazzy than Jimi did, but I have never heard heavier Hendrix influences in my life.

Listening to *Mazes and Mirrors* is like running face first into a wall. It pervades your consciousness. Cameron Watson's rapid-fire

drumming sets a pace that Colepaugh and bassist Lynn Daigle more than keep up with. What results is an original disc put out by confident and able musicians.

The tight nature of the disc is to be marvelled at, especially considering Colepaugh's various and sometimes lengthy guitar solos. Possibly it is easier for the band to achieve this cohesion due to the fact that they are a three piece, but, just by listening to them, it is obvious that there is a chemistry that allows each musician to take a risk instead of hiding in the safety of a structured song.

Colepaugh's bluesy solos stand out immediately and take hold of your ear. They aren't as impressive and original as Hendrix's (but come on, we're comparing him to Hendrix...for that alone we owe him respect), but they capture the emotion of each track perfectly.

This band deserves loads of respect, and not just for talent, but also for their execution. If you like late 60s/early 70s rock with contemporary influences, you want this CD.

**GREG MCFARLANE**

**Naked Baby Photos**

*Ben Folds Five*

Caroline Recording

*Naked Baby Photos* is a collection of live and rare songs by the mad-piano-cartoon-trip trio. The trio's got a great groove, with the cheese fifties-like vocals, but the novelty of this disc soon wears off. The album has a shelf-life of a couple of weeks at best.

Ben Folds Five has a distinctive sound. Their lyrics are straight up, like dialogue from the movie *Clerks*, as is demonstrated throughout the disc.

"Song for the Dumped" and "Jackson Cannery" are phat tracks,

been released a little bit farther down the road, yet I don't think it'll turn any real fans away.

I like Ben Folds Five, but I wouldn't dish the money to buy this album. Listen to it, get some blank tapes.

**AVI LAMBERT**



**In the Galaxy**

*Another Girl*

BMG

An intriguing mix of folk music and pop sums up the sounds of *Another Girl*, or rather Lynne Kellman, a Vancouver performer/songwriter. Her album, *In the Galaxy*, is a musically diverse collection which incorporates a pleasant variety of sounds and styles.

Although Kellman appears to be quite musically talented, listening to her album causes much *deja vu* and leaves the listener wondering "where have I heard this before?" Kellman bears an uncanny resemblance to the Cranberries and the popular Australian band Frente in almost all her songs.

Despite this similarity, the musical aspect of this album is really its strong suit, for the lyrics are appallingly senseless and unpoetic. There is absolutely nothing deep, insightful or original in the meanings of any of the songs on *In the Galaxy*. In fact, it was disturbing that almost all of her pieces were centred around relationships or love, especially since Kellman sings with this in-your-face "Veruca Salt" sort of attitude.

Kellman needs to get some true inspiration and insight before she writes any more songs. For now she should just stick to instrumental pieces.

**JANET FRENCH**

utilizing Folds' high, clean voice. Their ability to shift quickly from pounding madness to graceful twinkling is unparalleled. The two previous studio albums were similarly full of good songs, and good fun (recorded in their basement).

"For Those of Y'all Who Wear Fanny Packs", a Beastie Boys/Rage Against the Machine-style jam, is definitely worth a listen. Sounds like the boys were hittin' the pipe. Who knows if it was glass or wood. "Philosophy" is another head scratching ditty, about penises and other woes of envy.

Their fan base is growing, as it should. I hope fame doesn't take the fun away from the band. I don't think it will, as Folds is an admitted geek.

I'd say that the album could have

**Indian Outlaw rocks "Canada"**

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN AND ANDREW GILLIS

"It was just the tequila talking...I don't know what they put in Cuervo"...but I wish we'd taken it along to the Metro Centre Saturday night. We might have felt more at home among the cowboy hats and plastic rose flashlights. As it was, the whole experience was just a bit bizarre.

Appearing from nowhere in the centre of the crowd, country super-cowboy Tim McGraw rode to the stage on a flashing (*Saturday Night Fever*-esque) platform. Singing his (politically incorrect) hit "Indian Outlaw", McGraw had the mob of 8,000 rolling in the hay. Yee haw.

McGraw remembered his last trip to Halifax fondly, and was

glad to see that the fans here were as wild as ever. Unfortunately, after the fond memories were shared, he seemed to forget where exactly he was. Knowing he was up north, because of the cold, he played it safe and referred to the crowd as "Canada" for the rest of the night. I guess that's a hazard of touring.

But nobody seemed to mind, as he only had to walk around and smile the right way to have the whole place rocking. He didn't even have to sing to please everyone. The tight jeans were more than enough for the predominantly female audience.

McGraw kept the "Country Boys and Girls Getting Down on the Farm" with hits like "Refried Dreams", "Ain't Even Done with the Night", and "All I Want Is a Life".

Then the predictable occurred on this Valentine's Day. *Not A Moment Too Soon*, super-cowgirl Faith Hill arrived on stage to join her drawlin' hubby in their hit "It's Your Love". The men were chanting "Don't Take the Girl" off the stage" as she gathered a shower of gifts tossed her way and quickly left.

There were flashing lights, video screens and hydraulic lifts. Mesmerized, old women danced provocatively, showing skin that hadn't seen daylight since the 70s. It was more excitement than these two buckeroos could stand. What a way to spend Valentine's Day.

We liked it. We loved it (sort of). But we had enough of it.

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# SPORTS

## Volleyball sweep to victories to host AUAAAs

BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie men's and women's volleyball teams are looking to represent the Atlantic Conference at CIAUs, but will first have to win the AUAA Championships which will be hosted by the Tigers this weekend. Both squads won their respective home matches last weekend to finish the regular season in first place.

"It was a good way to end the season playing two tough teams," said setter Michelle Aucoin of the women's performance. "We had a light first term — in the second term we played a lot more league games and tournaments."

In women's action, the Tigers needed only 80 minutes to down the Mount Allison Mounties 3-0. Tiger Aucoin had 8 digs in the victory and was named Player of the Match for setting up Cara MacKenzie for 10 kills and 9 digs. Dal captain Jen Parkes, Denise Chapman and Alicia MacFarlane contributed 8 kills each for the Tigers, while rookie Melanie Hanson added 4 kills and 10 digs in the win.

Cherie Campbell and MacKenzie led the offense in the first set opening up a 10-2 lead that the Tigers held to take the game 15-4. Great defensive plays by Karen Martin for two points highlighted the set.

The second game was closer but the Mounties failed to generate any threat as the Tigers won 15-9. MacFarlane served for the first 7 straight points in the third game before winning the set 15-7. Mount Allison's Dara Connolly had 6 kills and 9 digs in the loss.

On Sunday, Dalhousie captured their 15th consecutive league win with a 3-1 victory over the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleus. The nationally 15th-ranked Tigers dropped their first game 15-12 before completely turning the match around to take the next sets 15-11, 15-5 and 15-6 in just under two hours. Once again, aggressive serving and digging from Dal dominated the Tiger attack. Campbell's jump serve showcased the Tigers' exceptional serving which gave them a team total of seven service aces. The games were marked by long rallies as shown in the third set where tough defense by Parkes and Campbell opened up a 7-0 lead. Parkes served for the last five points of the set to end it while Chapman served for four consecutive points in the fourth, including two aces.

Middle blocker Parkes had 14 kills and 11 digs to be recognised as Player of the Match. MacKenzie amassed 14 kills and 25 digs while MacFarlane totalled 11 kills and 24 digs. Moncton's Annick Picard had 14 kills, 17 digs and 2 blocks while teammate Carole Bourgeois had 26 digs in the effort.

Dal tops the conference standings at 17-1, tied with Memorial University. The two teams' single defeats this season

came from each other, Dal finishing with more game wins.

"We are a completely different team since we played Memorial in November," said MacKenzie of their season-opening game. "We played MUN early in our season and we haven't seen them since."

"We were well-prepared and played like a team," added Parkes. "We had a lot of fun and, regarding the outlook for AUs, we are very excited and it has certainly put a new, refreshed look at practise. We're looking forward to this weekend."

The Tigers will welcome Memorial, Moncton, Acadia, UNB and SMU for the AUAA Championship. Dal and Memorial enjoy a bye to the semi-finals with Dal facing the lowest seed winner from the quarter finals on Saturday at 2pm. The final will be held on Sunday at 1pm.

Dal was swept 3-0 by the Huskies in last year's AUAA Championship final. First-year Tigers head coach Lori Welsh-Hawley, who led the Huskies to their first AUAA title last year, brings her winning ways to Dal who were AUAA champions in '95-'96. Welsh-Hawley is a two-time AUAA

Coach of the Year ('94-'95, '96-'97) and a former volleyball Tiger.

"With Moncton, we have played

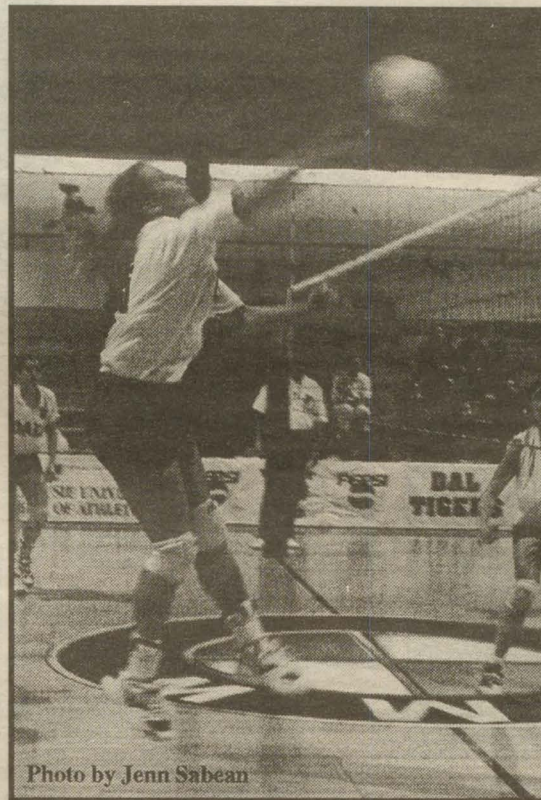


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them quite a few times and know their game plan and we were ready for them," said MacKenzie. "Everything we have been doing

leads to AUs — all our plays are gelling now and we hope to peak for this weekend.

"We are looking forward to the Championships, especially with AUs being at home. We are not taking any team lightly."

Welsh-Hawley presented her graduating players — Parkes, Aucoin, MacFarlane, Chapman, Kelly Collier, Melanie Hopper and MacKenzie — with gifts at the end of the match.

"Coach said it was really important playing with no regrets and, to end the league season on a good note, I think we did that," said last year's captain

MacKenzie.

Dalhousie will be looking to earn a berth in the CIAU Championships which are being held at the

University of Alberta, home of the defending national champions.

"The team is playing well together, in sync, which is positive for this weekend," says Aucoin. "It's great to win the regular season but standings mean little or nothing now. I think whoever has a good two or three matches in a row takes it. We are going to take it one match at a time."

The men's team, last year's silver medalists, are also looking to go West to Alberta where their CIAUs will be held at the University of Calgary for the third-consecutive year at the Jack Simpson Arena.

Dal swept the UNB Varsity Reds 3-0 on Friday the 13th at Dalplex to earn the right to keep the AUAA Championship at home. The two squads had entered the AUAA tourney tied for first place in conference standings. In a pair of matches in Fredericton last month, the Reds pushed Dal to five sets and won the second match 3-1.

The nationally sixth-ranked Tigers followed their game plan and kept their composure, in spite of the lead changing several times. Big blocks and huge digs rather than kills won the match for the Tigers.

## Three Tigers roar for Dal swimming

BY SCOTT SANCTON

The Dalhousie swimming teams qualified five additional swimmers for CIAUs over the past weekend. The Tigers were in Fredericton for the AUAA Championships.

Both female and male teams lost to UNB. For the females, the University of New Brunswick scored 209.5 points, the Tigers 176.5, Mount Allison University 58 and Memorial University 21 points. On the men's side, UNB won with 202 points, Dal followed with 173, and Mt. A and Memorial brought up the back end with 45 and 18 points, respectively.

Despite the loss, Dalhousie qualified Steve Indig, Megan Hannam, Gail Seipp, Mike Ritcey and Chris Stewart for CIAUs which will be held at Sherbrooke. This added to the team of Stuart Kemp, Angela MacAlpine, Sarah Woodworth, Amy Woodworth, and Lindsay Eller, who had qualified earlier in the season.

Stewart, who was named AUAA Rookie of the Year, is the only first-year who qualified, and commented that he feels it will be really good to experience higher levels of swimming.

"Things just came together for me at the right time," Stewart said, when asked about the award. "I'm pleased and I'm looking forward to next year — the pressure's on."

Sarah Woodworth competed in her last AUAA championship and was named Meet MVP. After winning four individual events the past weekend, she is setting her sights on Sherbrooke.

Kemp is looking forward to the

CIAUs as he commented that it will be easier to compete with fellow team mates Stewart, Indig and Ritcey at his side for support. The Tigers will also be able to compete

was probably the number of people that qualified for CIAUs, approaching one of our highest numbers ever," said assistant coach David Fry. "It will make us more

than, some years that we have won the titles. [The teams] rose to the occasion admirably."

Fry will take over as head coach of the Tigers' swim teams next season.

"We might have lost, but we lost as a team" said men's team co-captain and CIAU qualifier, Mike Ritcey. The support the members had for each other was outstanding both in and out of the water.

While there were several CIAU qualifiers, the number of swimmers supporting them was excellent. Swimmers such as Kelly Zwicker who came out of a summer swimming program to make finals in all three of her events; Danny French who helped round out the top three in many breast stroke races; D'Arcy Byrne who put out an excellent showing in all his races; Sarah Mathieson who took 20 seconds off her 800m freestyle best; Chris Swift who took off twelve seconds in the 200m backstroke to creep into finals; and others such as Mike Murray, BW Wildsmith, PJ Cowan, Janet Ritcey, Emily Thompson, Susan Gray and Sarah Conrad who helped secure much-needed back-up points, keeping UNB on their toes.



Standing (l-r): Stuart Kemp, Chris Stewart, Steve Indig. Seated (l-r): Gail Seipp, Megan Hannam, Angela MacAlpine, Sarah Woodworth, Amy Woodworth, Lindsay Eller. Missing: Mike Ritcey. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

in relay events, allowing them to establish themselves nationally.

Tigers head coach Nigel Kemp commented that it was very pleasing to have so many best swims and significant drops in times, and that all across the board everybody swam very well to come as close as they did.

Kemp reached a major milestone this weekend as he coached his final AUAA Championship. He will be retiring at the end of the season after 27 years at Dalhousie. Over his career he has had many highlights, including coaching Nancy Garapick to the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal.

"The highlight of the weekend

competitive on the national edge which is really one of the goals for a program like ours.

"It's disappointing not to win the Championships but, ironically, I think that we swam like a team as well as, and in some cases better

### PARKER LEADS TIGERS IN WEEKEND GAMES

On Saturday, the men's basketball team took on St.FX at Antigonish. The X-Men fell 84-72 to the Tigers. On Sunday, the UCCB Capers edged Dal 83-80 in Sydney.

Brian Parker led the Tigers with 22 points in each game, while Mike Sabol added 16 points and 11 rebounds on Saturday. Fred Perry led the X-Men with 26 while UCCB's Kirt Mombourquette was Sunday's top scorer with 30.

# Hockey Tigers gearing up for playoffs

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

After suffering a 4-7 loss to the St.FX X-Men on Wednesday, the hockey Tigers travelled to New Brunswick over the weekend to face off against the Université de Moncton Aigles Bleus on Saturday and the St. Thomas Tommies on Sunday. Dal beat Moncton 5-1 and tied St. Thomas at 7-7.

"We got three out of four points on the weekend," said head coach Darrell Young. "We played well — we got a strong performance from the guys."

"We finally came out strong," echoed defenceman Richard Ujvary. "There's no doubt that if we're going to play this way, we're going to stay successful."

"I think we've got our lines set and we're peaking just in time for playoffs and it's going to be exciting to see what happens," said blueliner Craig Whynot. "Our team is starting to gel together now. Our forwards are getting the puck on net and our goaltending is outstanding — [Neil] Savary stood on his head the last few games."

"All our new lines seem to be clicking — we scored 12 goals on the weekend which is good to see," added senior forward Trevor Doyle. "We're just trying to build going into the playoffs."

Saturday's game saw a fast fore-checking start from the Aigles Bleus yet the first period remained scoreless in a relatively penalty-free game. Jody Shelley opened the scoring at 2:39 of the second as he went top shelf with the rebound following a shot by Tiger captain Dave Haynes. Derrick Pyke tested Moncton goaltender Claude Fernet just over a minute later and Chad Kalmakoff hit the post on the rebound. That did not deter the Dal team who kept the puck in deep, creating many scoring opportunities and thoroughly shaking up the home team's defence.

Moncton had a chance to score at the halfway mark as Sébastien Lessard and Dominic Beaudin broke away short-handed and went in together on Tiger goaltender Savary but were denied. Haynes put the puck past Fernet on the power play at 10:24. Starting forward Jeremy Caissie finally put Moncton on the board with just under five minutes left in the frame.

The Tigers sealed their victory with three goals in the last six minutes of the third. A defensive mistake by Moncton left Luke Naylor unmarked in front of the net, while Shelley and Haynes combined for the Tigers' fourth goal. Jan Melichercik skated through the slot and potted a bouncing puck through the five hole to put the Aigles Bleus out of their misery at 17:50.

"We played well on Saturday night against Moncton — we probably pulled a win out in the last five minutes," Doyle said.

Shelley took Player of the Game honours for his two goals and one assist, while Savary earned the win between the pipes, stopping 39 shots.

The Tommies proved to be more of a challenge for Dal than the last meeting between the two teams. Tim

Hill skated past blueliner D'Arcy Hutchinson to put the Tigers on the board first at 4:04. Later, Kalmakoff took a shot from the slot and St. Thomas goaltender Scott Hay got a piece of it before it found the top of the net. Dustin Virag countered for the Tommies at the halfway point on

The Tommies found themselves up 7-5 early in the third but the game was far from over.

"In the past when we got those chances, we didn't compete. Tonight we competed," said Young, adding, "That's a good sign going into playoffs."

winning goal. The puck was just over the line yet conflicting ideas between referee Chuck McTague, the linesmen and the goal judge disallowed the goal.

The overtime period solved nothing. Edmundson put the puck in the net for the Tommies but McTague once again called a no-goal, citing a player in the crease.

"I think that we played very well on the weekend," said Haynes. "Savary played well, [and] our defense played well as a unit."

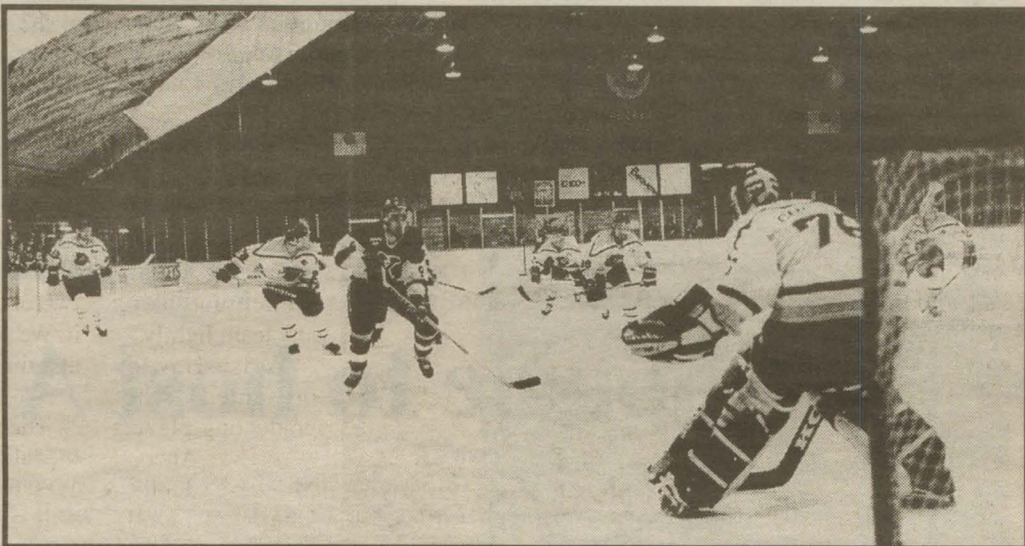
"Whynot and Ujvary were probably our best two defencemen in the past four games," Young said, adding that Doyle also played well for the team and was a key factor in penalty killing units.

"Our long-term objective is to stay successful before playoffs," says Ujvary. "If we're going to play well,

we can certainly prepare ourselves to advance in playoffs as far as we can go.

"We can beat anybody in this league and we have proved it on many occasions. Hopefully the timing is getting right to get the ball rolling. If we stay consistent, then we can stay competitive and advance."

"We've lost to Acadia the last few years and we owe St.FX so we're shooting for them as well," concludes Whynot. "I think this is the year to go to CIAUs and we've got the team to do it but it's going to take everybody going at the same time to achieve our goal."



Fred Corkum in net for the Tigers Feb. 11 at Memorial Arena. (Photo by Lisa Verge)

a deflection from the slot before Hill added another for the Tigers. Dal dominated the first period until Dave Gilmore managed to put the puck past Savary on the short side at 17:09. Virag and Mark Edmundson scored to put the home team up 4-3 going into the second period.

Virag scored a hat trick early on before textbook passing left Dal's Chris Pittman with the puck, who put it through the five hole. Hill also scored his third goal of the game to tie it up for Dal at 12:10 before Matt Hogan put St. Thomas up again before the end of the frame.

Melichercik scored from the face off circle on the short side at 6:34 and picked up an assist on the same shift as he passed the rebound from his own attempt to Whynot who had no trouble tying the teams at 7-7.

Melichercik was down on the ice a short while later as Hogan attempted to bat the puck in the air and stuck him in the face instead. Hogan received a five-minute major and a game misconduct for high sticking yet the Tigers failed to capitalize on the advantage. Melichercik was back on the ice before the end of the period and, technically speaking, scored the Tigers'

## Wrestling poised for nationals

BY KATHLEEN MATTHEWS

Dal wrestling far exceeded expectations at the Atlantic University Championships held this past weekend in Fredericton, with two first, two second and a third-place finish, taking third overall as a team. They challenged the University of New Brunswick (UNB) and Memorial University of Newfoundland in AUSA action.

This year, Dal qualified four athletes for the National Championship which will be held at Brock University. By comparison, the team only qualified one athlete in 1997.

Scott Aldridge, in his fifth year on the squad, won his fourth AUSA title at 90kg. In his first match, Aldridge pinned Jeremy Delaney from Memorial to take the win.

"I was up 3-0, but the guy was fighting me all the way. Then I pinned him," said head coach Aldridge.

In his second match, Aldridge met Mike MacDonald of UNB who was last year's AUSA champion at 82kg. MacDonald set the tone for the match with a head butt at the outset, but Aldridge thumped him 10-0 to take the AUSA title at 90kg.

Logan Ward was successful taking first at 52kg. This was definitely a challenge as Ward who

usually competes at 57kg had to drop 8kg for the Friday evening weigh in, and was not to be denied. In his first match, Ward pinned the competitor from Memorial.

"The guy threw him right away," said Aldridge. "Logan countered it and pinned him."

In his second match, Ward

win. "He picked him up and slammed him a couple of times," said Aldridge.

Tweedie lost to UNB in his second match but still qualified for Nationals.

"Gavin really had a lot of faith and it pulled him through for second place," said Aldridge.

Rookie Andrew Moebus competed at 68kg losing two 'nail biters' to Memorial and UNB. He lost 5-0 in his first match but nearly came from behind to even the score in his second, losing 4-3 and finishing third overall.

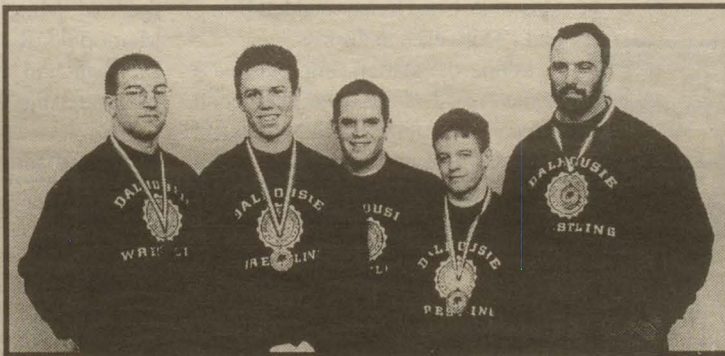
Dal wrestling is definitely poised to show at CIAUs March 5-7. Aldridge is happy with his team's performance as four of five guys move on to Nationals to compete against guys from the Canada West and Ontario conferences.

"Our goal is to finish higher than UNB overall as a team," he says. "I think the guys also have the potential to finish top five individually."

Aldridge also has high expectations for himself, in this his last year of eligibility.

"This my last year and my last chance to snag a CIAU medal. I won't be happy with anything less."

We can expect that Dal wrestling will again make their presence felt at CIAUs and, regardless of the final tally, they are sure to have taken Tiger pride into new territory.



(l-r) Scott Malcolm, Gavin Tweedie, Andrew Moebus, Logan Ward, Scott Aldridge. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

thumped UNB's Gary Gaudette, the '97 AUSA champ, 10-0 to take first at 52kg and qualified for next month's CIAUs.

Scott Malcolm came in second at 82kg in his first year on the team and also qualified for Nationals. In his first match, Malcolm beat the competitor from Memorial 7-1. Aldridge was pleased with his performance.

"I was really nervous but he wrestled well and won," he said.

In his second match, Malcolm was not as successful, losing to UNB but still taking second overall.

Gavin Tweedie competed at 72kg, taking second overall in his third year on the squad. In his first match, Tweedie slammed his opponent from Memorial to take a whopping 10-0

## Upcoming events

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Feb.19 ACA@Dal 8pm**  
**Feb.22 SMU@Dal 8pm**  
 Feb.27 Dal@UNB 8:30pm  
**Mar.1 UCCB@Dal 3pm**  
 Mar.5 Dal@ACA 8pm  
**Mar.8 SFX@Dal 1pm**  
 (@Metro Centre)

Mar.13 AUAA@Metro Centre  
 Mar.14 AUAA@Metro Centre  
 Mar.15 AUAA@Metro Centre  
 Mar.20 CIAUs@Metro Centre  
 Mar.21 CIAUs@Metro Centre  
 Mar.22 CIAUs@Metro Centre

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Feb.19 ACA@Dal 6pm**  
**Feb.24 SMU@Dal 6pm**  
 Feb.27 Dal@UNB 6:30pm  
**Mar.1 UCCB@Dal 1pm**  
 Mar.6 AUAA@UPEI  
 Mar.7 AUAA@UPEI  
 Mar.8 AUAA@UPEI  
 Mar.13 CIAUs@Thunder Bay  
 Mar.14 CIAUs@Thunder Bay  
 Mar.15 CIAUs@Thunder Bay

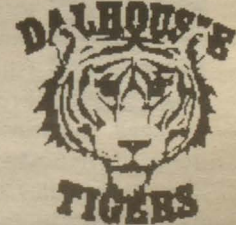
**HOCKEY**  
**Feb.22 ACA@Dal 7pm**  
 Feb.27 Quarter Finals  
 Feb.28 Quarter Finals  
 Mar.1 Quarter Finals  
 Mar.7 Semi Finals  
 Mar.8 Semi Finals  
 Mar.9 Semi Finals  
 Mar.13 AUAA  
 Mar.14 AUAA  
 Mar.15 AUAA  
 Mar.26 CIAUs@Saskatoon  
 Mar.27 CIAUs@Saskatoon  
 Mar.28 CIAUs@Saskatoon  
 Mar.29 CIAUs@Saskatoon

**SWIMMING**  
 Feb.20 CIAUs@Sherbrooke  
 Feb.21 CIAUs@Sherbrooke  
 Feb.22 CIAUs@Sherbrooke

**TRACK & FIELD**  
 Mar.6 AUAA@UdeM  
 Mar.7 AUAA@UdeM  
 Mar.8 AUAA@UdeM

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
**Feb.20 AUAA Championships UNB@Dal 8pm**  
**Feb.21 AUAA Championships UNB@Dal 8pm**  
**Feb.22 AUAA Championships UNB@Dal 3pm**  
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 Feb.27 CIAUs@Calgary  
 Feb.28 CIAUs@Calgary  
 Mar.1 CIAUs@Calgary

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
**Feb.20 AUAA@Dal**  
**Feb.21 AUAA@Dal**  
**Feb.22 AUAA@Dal**  
 Mar.5 CIAUs@Alberta  
 Mar.6 CIAUs@Alberta  
 Mar.7 CIAUs@Alberta



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# Basketball Tigers drop two over weekend

BY TIM BANFIELD

In a big week for Dalhousie women's basketball that could have seen them improve to 9-7, the Tigers dropped their first two games to Acadia and St.FX.

On February 15, the lowly Capers, who never really presented a challenge to the Tigers, were victims of the young team. Posting the stats of the Tigers' last loss in their gym was not a wise decision for UCCB. The Tigers came out with fire in their eyes.

Defensively, the Tigers' full court press wreaked havoc on

their opponents. At the half, the Tigers were in charge 42-21. Never looking back, the final score in the game was 70-54.

The Tigers' full court press caused 34 turnovers on which they scored 30 of their 70 points. Coming off the bench, Angela Thistle sparked the Tigers with 14 points, shooting down the Capers 2-3 zone. Player of the Game Jillian MacDonald also came off the bench to mesh 12. High scorer for UCCB was Deanna MacAulay with 19.

In the first loss of the week at Acadia, Dal was closely edged 80-75. Even though the Tigers

shot 49 per cent from the floor, Acadia shot an outstanding 60 per cent. The last-place Axettes shocked the Tigers and led 42-34 at the half. Rookie of the Year candidate Janet Wells had 20 of those 34 points, finishing with 26 on 9 for 14 shooting. Other leading scorers for Dalhousie were two other rookies making their mark on the AUAA; Logan Dunning had 13 and Angelia Crealock had 12. Leading scorers for Acadia were Robin De Young with 21 and Candace Jeffrey with 18.

Playing the defending AUAA champions at home is not as

easy as it looks. After losing on a second three-point shot in overtime by Sara Williamson on their last visit to St.FX, the Tigers returned on Feb. 14 only to be denied again. This time the final was 67-56. In one of the few games the Tigers have been out-rebounded this year, the leading scorers were Crealock and Wells with 13 and 12, respectively.

One bright spot for the team was the improved foul shooting. Throughout the first part of the season, there were many times the Tigers did not even shoot 50 per cent from the line but, more

recently, the improved foul shooting of Wells has helped the Tigers tremendously. After shooting 8 for 9 from the charity stripe at Acadia, she continued her streak shooting 4 for 4 at X. Catherine Jamieson with 14 points and Nikki Doucet with 13 led the way for the X-Women.

In conference play, the Tigers dropped to 7-9 and are currently 16-11 overall, with chances to improve their record against Acadia on Thursday night at the Dalplex where the Tigers are 5-1 and again on Tuesday versus their crosstown rivals SMU.

## SCORERS FOR DALHOUSIE HOCKEY

[up to and including February 15, Dal@STU]

Jan Melichercik	11-15-26
Martin LaPointe	7-18-25
Chris Pittman	12-12-24
Ted Naylor	7-17-24
Derrick Pyke	9-14-23
Tim Hill	11-9-20
Chad Kalmakoff	10-10-20
Dave Haynes	8-10-18
Jody Shelley	6-11-17
Craig Whynot	5-9-14
Trevor Doyle	2-8-10
Marc Warner	5-2-7
Luke Naylor	3-4-7
Mark Alexander	4-2-6
Richard Ujvary	0-6-6
Dallas Gray	3-2-5
Pat Russell	0-5-5
Dave Bourque	1-3-4
Shane Gibbs	0-3-3
Jamie Henderson	1-1-2
Jason Pellerin	1-1-2
Jason Wolfe	1-1-2
Stephen Donaher	0-1-1



## Dalhousie to host AUAAs

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kills won the match for the Tigers.

In the first set, the Tigers were down 0-4 before setter Dave Cox

started the offense with a stuff block to put the Tigers on the scoreboard. A net serve by Cox with Dal up 14-13 resulted in exciting rallies, with Dal prevailing 17-16. Dal opened the second set with a 7-3 lead, with a solid showing by

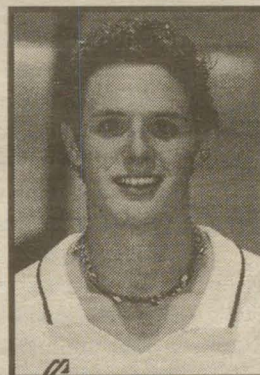
all six players that translated into a 15-12 win. The Tigers controlled the third set, where captain John Hobin was instrumental in shutting down UNB in the last five points to end the game 15-7.

Martin, last season's AUAA MVP, was named Player of the Match with 16 kills, 8 digs and 2 blocks for Dal. Jason Trepanier had 13 kills, 11 digs and 4 blocks while Bobby Stevens had 10 blocks and 7 digs. Rookie Chris Wolfenden gave a gutsy performance while battling the flu with 11 kills and 5 digs for Dal as Cox added 11 digs to the win. UNB's Jayson Stewart had 13 kills while Chad Rennie and Jeff Byrne had 12 kills each in the loss.

While the starters impressed the home crowd of 250, the Dal bench entertained the fans with cartwheels and barnyard animal noises between Dal

points.

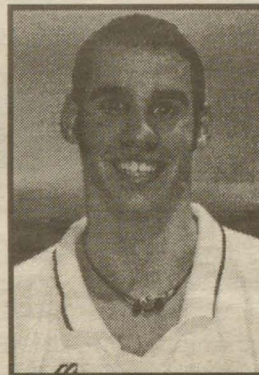
On Saturday, UNB won 3-1 against the Memorial Seahawks. The game win was only Memorial's second set of the season.



Bobby Stevens

On Sunday, Trepanier led the offense with 19 kills, 6 digs and 3 blocks in a 3-0 sweep of Memorial. Martin added 18 kills and 4 digs in the victory.

Head coach Al Scott showed the depth of the Tiger bench as rookie Ryan Andrews put in 10 kills and 4 digs and



Ryan Andrews

sophomore Mike Vasseur added 7 digs. Surprisingly, the Tigers needed 40 minutes in the first set to take the game 15-3 before winning the next two 15-9 and 15-11 in the noon match-up. That gave the Seahawks just enough time to catch their 2:30 flight back to the Rock. Dal Setter Peter Exall was named Player of the Match. Memorial's Russ Jackson had 12 kills and 3 digs.

The Dal dogpound added

handstands and back spins to their repertoire and, for good measure, basket tosses of their teammates to entertain the crowd.

Dalhousie completes the regular season with an 8-2 record as UNB falls to 7-3. Memorial finishes a dismal season at 0-10. The Tigers will be seeking their 18th AUAA title in 19 years under the reign of Scott. The Tigers will play at 8pm tomorrow and Saturday against UNB in a best two of three matches final. If necessary, there will be a third match on Sunday at 3pm.

### AUHC (KELLY DIVISION) STANDINGS [UP TO AND INCLUDING FEBRUARY 15]

	W	L	T	O	PTS.
SFX	17	7	2	1	37
ACA	15	10	1	0	31
DAL	11	14	1	0	23
SMU	7	15	4	1	19

### AUAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL [FINAL STANDINGS]

	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS.
DAL	17	1	52	6	34
MUN	17	1	51	9	34
UdeM	14	4	44	13	28
ACA	11	7	37	23	22
UNB	11	7	34	28	22
SMU	7	11	27	36	14
SFX	6	12	20	41	12
MTA	5	13	19	41	10
UPEI	2	16	14	51	4
UCCB	0	18	4	54	0

### AUAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL [FINAL STANDINGS]

	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS.
DAL	8	2	25	9	16
UNB	7	3	24	12	14
MUN	0	10	2	30	0

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### Athletes of the Week



SARAH WOODWORTH SWIMMING

Sarah swam to a victory in four different races at the AUAA Championships in Fredericton on the weekend. Her wins included the 400m freestyle, the 800m freestyle, the 400m individual medley and the 200m butterfly. She had a lifetime best in the 400m freestyle, recording a time of 4:23.24. For her outstanding season, Sarah was voted as the AUAA's Female Swimmer of the Year. She will lead the Tigers contingent at the CIAU Championships this weekend in Sherbrooke. Sarah is a fifth-year Pharmacy student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.



CHRIS STEWART SWIMMING

Chris won the 50m, 100m and 200m breast stroke events at the AUAA Championships in Fredericton on the weekend. He not only qualified for the CIAUs with his performance, but was selected as the AUAA Rookie of the Year. Chris is a first-year Arts student from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

### AUAA WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20  
2pm UdeM vs. SMU  
5pm ACA vs. UdeM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
2pm Dal vs. lowest winning seed from Friday  
5pm MUN vs. highest winning seed from Friday

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1 - Dal 3 - UdeM 5 - UNB  
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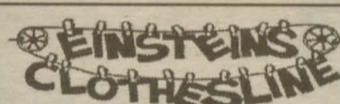
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### Sunday, February 22

**Sunday Mass** — The Dal Roman Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates Mass every Sunday at 11:30am in room 307, SUB. All are welcome to join us in a youthful, modern liturgy that reflects university life and experiences. For more info call 494-2287.

### Monday, February 23

**The Bluenose Chess Club** will meet at 7pm, room 307, SUB. E-mail jafraser@is2.dal.ca for more info.

**Humans Against Homophobia** will be meeting at 6pm, room 316, SUB. People of all sexual orientation and all walks of life are welcome.

### Tuesday, February 24

**Women's Health Issues,** a collective of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm at the Dalhousie 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 Jay at 492-1007.

**Eco-Action,** a working group of the NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the 2nd floor lounge, SUB. All are welcome. Call 494-6662 for more info.

### Wednesday, February 25

**Taoist Tai Chi** will be held by the Ward 5 Centre at 1:30pm. There is a \$2 drop-in fee. To register call Susan Nordin at 454-7003.

**Burma Support Network,** a working group of NSPIRG, holds regular meetings at 5:30pm in the second floor lounge, SUB. For more info call 494-6662.

### General Announcements

**Peers Against Sexual Assault** is a student-run peer education group

### Thursday, February 19

**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.

**Economic Justice,** a working group of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the SUB. All are welcome. For location call 494-6662.

**People for Animal Welfare** will meet at 4pm in the SUB. Call 494-6662 for more info and location.

**The Dal Spanish Society** meets at 4pm in the Spanish Department, LeMarchant St. All students of Spanish are welcome to attend.

### Friday, February 20

**Women's Health Collective** will meet at 3:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 494-6662.

**"Applications of Mass Spectrometry in the Petroleum Industry"** — Dr. Stel Roussis, Imperial Oil will be lecturing at 1:30pm in room 226 of the Chemistry Building.

**March against more bloodshed in Iraq.** This peaceful protest will start at 2pm from the SUB and finish at Parade Square. Organized by the Islamic Maritime Association and the Palestine Canada Association, join other concerned Canadians in protesting Canada's involvement with US-led aggressions against the people of Iraq.

### Saturday, February 21

**The Korean Association** will meet at 6pm in the lobby of the SUB. Anyone interested in finding out more is welcome to attend.

**Dal Magic Association** meets from 12-6pm in room 318, SUB. Everyone welcome. For more info call Steve at 494-3407.

**"Africa Night"** — The African Student Union will present an evening of culture. Jammed packed with traditional music, dances, fashion shows, poetry, and other performances. There will also be mouth-watering dishes from the continent. Tickets are available from the Black Student Union, SUB. Adult

## DALHOUSIE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

**Nova Scotia Government** is offering two summer employment programs for which you may qualify. The Summer Employment Mentorship Program for Female Students and the Summer Employment Diversity Initiative Program offered by the Diversity Management Unit, Department of Human Resources aim to diversify the workforce. For more information visit the student employment centre. **Deadline date: March 6/98**

**Canada-Sweden Youth Internship Project** - 6 month internship in Sweden. Interest in international business and marketing;univesrsity graduate (applicant cannot be in degree program during internship). Currently under or unemployed; first job placement abroad. Visit employment centre for information. **Deadline date: March 13.**

**Sulphur Mountain Gondola** - Various positions for Summer available. Jobs can start from April through June and continue through to Labor Day 1998. For more information visit the student employment centre. **Deadline date: March 27.**

**Consumer Impact Marketing** - A dynamic, innovative sales, merchandising and promotions management company are looking for energetic and enthusiastic leaders to join our winning team. For more info visit student employment centre. **Deadline Date: March 27, 1:00.**

**Lotus Development Canada Limited** - Now recruiting for Communication Support Analysts. If you are a graduate from a computer science program or related discipline, or are planning to graduate in the upcoming months, and possess experience in information systems. For more info visit the student employment centre. **Deadline date: June 1**

**Communications Security Establishment-Recruiting for Careers in Languages and Intelligence Analysts.** Is a federal government agency located in Ottawa, offers a dynamic, stimulating workplace where specialists from diverse backgrounds share expertise and commitment. For application visit student employment centre. **Deadline date: May 1**

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If you are a Dalhousie, Daltech, Kings student or recent Alumni, please visit the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre or check out our website at <http://is.dal.ca/~sec/> for further information on the above jobs.

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