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Library fire was Canada's worst

By DAVID OLIE

THE SPECTACULAR BLAZE in the Weldon Law Building on Aug. 16 promises to place further strain on Dalhousie's finances and facilities.

The fire destroyed the fifth floor of the building and caused heavy damage to the fourth. Water and smoke damage extends throughout the building. Estimates by Dalhousie's department of finance place the total cost at between \$5 and \$7 million.

Officials of the Halifax Fire Prevention department said last week the fire was caused by lightning striking the roof of the building at about 4:30 a.m. The lightning strike ignited a small, smoldering fire between the fifth floor ceiling and the roof. Hot gasses generated by the fire burst into flame when a member of the cleaning staff switched on the lights in the library two and a half hours later.

Although men and equipment of the Halifax Fire Department arrived on the scene within minutes of the outbreak, there was little they could do to save the fifth floor.

The law library, which occupied most of the fourth and fifth floors, was hardest hit by the blaze.

In a meeting on Aug. 20, the Dal Board of Governors voted to send a letter of thanks to the Halifax Fire Department for its prompt response to the alarm and its efforts to save the building.

Fire Department officials have, however, been critical of the university's fire protection measures. Fire chief Don Swan says the

library may have been saved, or at least less heavily damaged, if it had been equipped with a sprinkler and smoke detection system, or if security guards had been on duty to do fire watch.

John Graham, Dalhousie assistant vice-president for university services, says sprinkler systems were not recommended for libraries when the building was constructed in the mid-1960's because the benefits were felt to be outweighed by the danger of damage to books if a system was set off accidentally. Graham says opinions have since changed, especially now that inert gas systems are available.

Robbie Shaw, Dalhousie vice-president of finance, says smoke detectors were not installed because they are intended more to protect people than property, particularly people asleep in their residences.

According to W. Andrew MacKay, president of Dalhousie, the university's administration will conduct a complete review of fire protection measures in all buildings on campus in the next year.

Shaw says the Law Building and its contents were insured for their full value, as part of an insurance plan involving 11 other universities in Atlantic Canada.

He adds that while insurance will cover the assessed value of the facility, the cost of replacement will inevitably be greater.

"There will be a shortfall," says Shaw. "I would not be surprised to see a fund drive started." He says the university has already issued an appeal to the friends and alumni of the Law School for

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Firefighters battle Weldon blaze, result of lightning strike. The fire destroyed the fifth floor and caused heavy damage to the fourth.
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Fees pile up for visa students

By KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

NEW VISA STUDENTS IN Nova Scotia are reeling from a 29 percent increase in differential fees, raising fears of reduced accessibility to higher education for foreign students in the province.

Differential fees, first implemented in 1979, are a surcharge levied on visa students in addition to their tuition. The amount is established each year by the provincial government.

Presently in Canada all provinces with the exception of Newfoundland, Manitoba and Saskatchewan exercise the right to levy these fees.

Despite the large amount of money the visa students must pay they are not covering the total cost of their education.

Dr. Peter Butler, Senior Policy Advisor for Post Secondary Education in Nova Scotia, says, "No student on campus today is paying for the total cost of their education."

A Canadian student pays for about one-third of the total cost of their education. Through differential fees visa students will be paying about one-half.

Karanja Njoroge, Overseas Coordinator at Dalhousie, says universities are tied into the differential fee system. The provincial government subtracts the number of visa students from the total enrolment and the difference is the basis for the per capita funding. Therefore the university loses provincial grant money with each visa student enrolled.

"Every time Dalhousie complains about lack of funding the government suggests differential fees," says Njoroge.

Last year at Dalhousie these fees were approximately \$1375.

Earlier this year the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) recommended an increase comparable to their recommended 4 percent tuition hike. As usual their recommendations were ignored by the province and a 29 percent increase was established.

This year, first time, full time foreign students will be required to pay \$1700 in addition to tuition fees.

Dr. Kenneth Leffek, chair of the AAU (Atlantic Association of Universities) MPHEC, believes the increase is a direct result of Ontario and Quebec increases.

"It's supply and demand," says Leffek.

Students unable to afford the Ontario and Quebec fees are expected to create an increase in Nova Scotia's visa student applications, says Leffek.

Although these foreign students have not been paying income taxes their differential fees and tuition are not the only monetary contributions they make. Recent statistics show that foreign students contribute about \$24 million to the regional economy, while it costs only about \$14 million to educate these students. See "Visa students", p. 4

City drops charges against vendors

By BRUCE FANJOY

In a sudden about-face, Halifax city council now appears ready to ease restrictions on street vendors.

Controversy arose when vendors, including Phil Alberstat, a Dalhousie student, were charged with unlawfully operating mobile canteens after 10 pm. Alberstat could have been fined \$75.00.

"We're trying to get a better handle on the situation," says Alderman Art Flynn, one of three on City Hall's 'Use-of-Streets' committee.

"If the vendors would use their common sense and not block pedestrian traffic we wouldn't need the regulations," says Flynn.

The Halifax Board of Trade was quick to come to the vendors aid.

"These people are young entrepreneurs and should receive support from the business

community," says Susanne Rath, communications manager for the Board. "The vendors are a major asset to the type of atmosphere we want downtown," says Rath. "It seems slightly ludicrous to discourage an atmosphere that other major cities are envious of." The vendors and the Board of Trade would like to see restrictions on the canteens, particularly the 10 pm curfew, relaxed.

In light of this criticism, Council has withdrawn all charges and is reviewing the Mobile Canteen Ordinance. There will be a public hearing Sept. 5 and a decision should be reached sometime in October.

"They (City Council) say we make too much noise but it's the drunks who make all the noise... how much noise can someone make with a hot dog stuffed in their mouth?" says Alberstat.

Union bashes student scabs

By LOIS CORBETT

THE 600 STUDENTS WHO worked for Air Canada this summer as replacements for the airline's striking flight attendants slowed down the negotiating process and set back union officials' hopes for an early settlement.

John DeMoss, vice president of the Halifax local of the Canadian Airline Flight Attendants Association, said the students helped staff around 75 flights each day, "and that means a lot of money for Air Canada."

"It certainly takes away the pressure to settle when they're bringing in that kind of income," said DeMoss.

The union is striking because Air Canada wants the attendants to increase their maximum work week from 75 to 80 hours, and start at a lower salary.

The Halifax local president,

Nina Nolan, said the students and the other workers who crossed picket lines took away the union's power without understanding the implications of their actions.

"I don't think they know what it means to be scabs," said Nolan.

"They don't realize that by taking the job now, they are jeopardizing their chances for work in the future. We have the names of the people who crossed, and we are circulating them to other unions," said Nolan.

Kathleen Cochrane, a 21 year old accounting student from Victoria, B.C., who started work as a flight attendant on August 22, said Air Canada management officials warned her she would not be able to look for work at that airline "for at least two years," but she is confident she can find employment at "non-

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Catherine Blewett moves in

By KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

CATHERINE BLEWETT, Dalhousie's first woman student union president, spent her summer attending meetings and acquainting herself with the personalities and politics of the campus.

Blewett spent the early part of her presidential term realizing students of the university are not a priority at budget time nor are they well-informed about the operations of the university.

Blewett says, "For example, the debate over the discontinuation of varsity sports was one that few students knew about, although it would have affected many."

Blewett is pleased with the administration's decision to maintain the varsity sports program.

Blewett says she wants students to know that Dalhousie's support services, such as the bookstore and the residences, are in business to make a profit, unlike similar services at the other Maritime universities.

Blewett says she is concerned about the communication gap

between the DSU and the student body. She says one of her main goals this year is to improve the flow of information on campus.

"When people don't know about something they usually assume that it's bad. The students need to know what the DSU does," says Blewett.



Catherine Blewett, Dal Photo: John Davie

One means of accomplishing this is to work more effectively with campus media. Blewett says she intends to give CKDU and the Gazette her full support. More

directly Blewett plans to make herself more accessible to students by attending events and spending the night in residence from time to time.

Blewett says the DSU has already demonstrated its ability to work effectively with administration. She points to last year's referendum on student contributions to Dalhousie's Capital Fund Drive, where students accepted a \$15 increase in student union fees in exchange for a cap on tuition increases for the next 6 years.

Blewett plans meetings with each student society to discuss their relationship with Council, financial matters and planning for future events.

Blewett says she wants to encourage a good working relationship between the DSU and the Canadian Federation of Students and the Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS).

She says she is aware of the benefits of cooperating with the national students' organization. CFS will help stand up for the DSU in relations with the federal government in Ottawa.

In addition the DSU and SUNS will be working together closely to respond to the upcoming report of the Provincial Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education.

Blewett is planning for a politically active year on campus.

She says she wants to encourage increased political awareness through informative and thought-provoking speakers and special events.

Bouquets and brickbats for Challenge '85

By DAVID OLIE

THE FIGURES ARE NOT ALL in yet, but the federal government's summer student employment program, Challenge '85, appears to have been a limited success.

Flora MacDonald, minister of employment and immigration, says, "I've never had the honour of running a program that was so well received." MacDonald made the statement in a meeting with representatives of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Preliminary statistics from MacDonald's department indicate that the Challenge '85 program created 100,000 jobs over the summer.

As well, unemployment figures for returning full-time students are down slightly compared to the previous summer. In July, 14.4 percent of these students were out of work, down .5 percent from the same month in 1984.

However, the figures also indicate a rise in the unemployment rate in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and a rise in the actual numbers of out of work students in British Columbia, compared to last year.

In July, the unemployment rate for Nova Scotian students was 20.3 percent, up from 15.9 percent in 1984. Newfoundland is the only province with a higher rate of student unemployment, now at 27.9 percent.

James LeBlanc, chair of the Students' Union of Nova Scotia,

says he is not impressed by the record of Challenge '85 in this region.

"This is just another example of the way the Atlantic region is left out of the federal Conservatives' program," says LeBlanc.

LeBlanc says he predicted Challenge '85 would largely benefit Canadian regions where the private sector is strongest, leaving students in more economically depressed areas, like Nova Scotia, out in the cold. He says he is disappointed but not surprised to see his prediction realized.

Unlike previous years, when the government funded a large number of student jobs in non-profit institutions and the public sector, the Challenge '85 program was geared almost entirely to cost-sharing with private industry.

LeBlanc says the provincial government is responsible for part of the problem.

"There's been no coherent, planned provincial employment program this summer," says LeBlanc. Instead, funds have been coming from the Department of Development "in dribs and drabs."

The province has funded about 4000 jobs for students this year, compared to 6500 in 1984.

CFS executive officer John Casola says he is skeptical of the government's claim that 85 percent of students found summer jobs.

With files from Canadian University Press.

Councils push for bus passes

By MARY ELLEN JONES

AFTER YEARS OF STUDENTS complaining about transit costs, cheaper fares may be at hand.

The student councils of the six post-secondary institutions in the Metro area have joined together to plan a strategy to make bus passes available for students using Metro Transit.

"With the support of so many institutions something will be accomplished," says Reza Rizvi, executive vice-president of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU).

The bus pass would benefit more than 14,000 students in the area.

Student politicians have talked

about the idea for years but little has been accomplished.

"This year was the year to do it because the pieces fit into place so beautifully," says Rizvi. With municipal elections taking place October 19, the DSU has a chance to lobby each candidate running for office.

Three years ago, the DSU tried to arrange a system of bus passes for students. They were turned down because they did not have enough organized support from the rest of the universities in Metro.

"I would advocate that we (the DSU) in the past made a strategic error in approaching this issue," says Rizvi. This year Dalhousie plans to go to the Metro Transit Commission well prepared.

The Students' Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) also endorsed the project at a recent conference at Acadia University. Rizvi says this will be a major help in the DSU's

A questionnaire survey of students will be taken during the last week in September. With the help of Dymaxium research and the university's Department of Statistics the survey will be complete by the first week in October.

In order to be effective the survey should reach 10 percent of the student population.

"If the results are positive, which I am confident will be the case, we can approach the transit authorities and advocate that the students of the city demand a student bus pass," says Rizvi.

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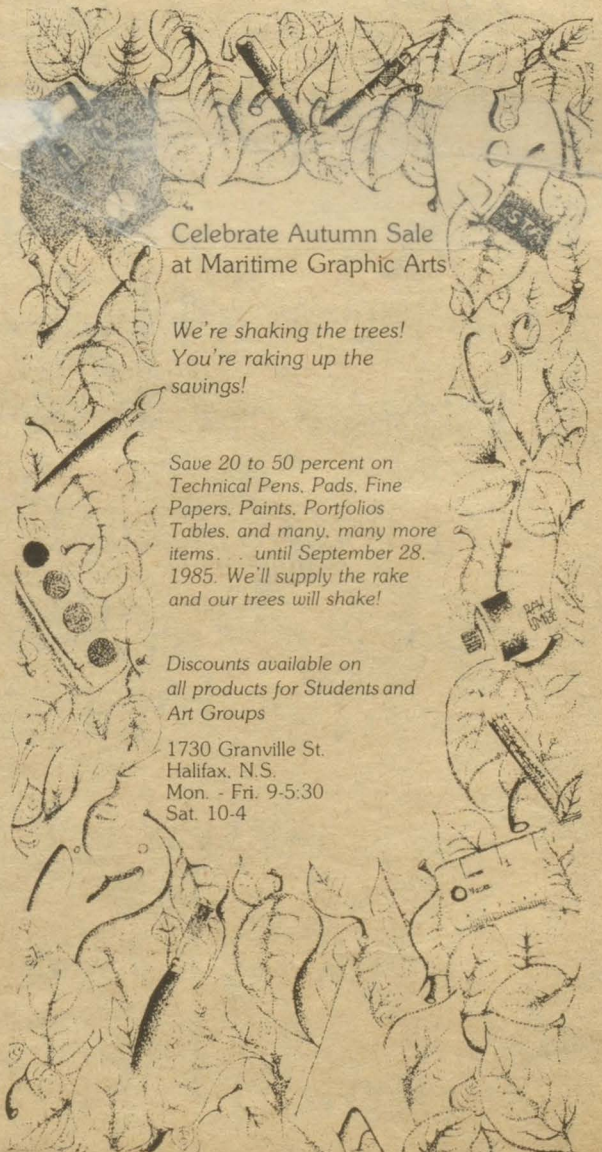
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Visa students

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Beyond economics, many feel that the university community will be weakened if foreign student enrollment drops. Visa students are felt to add to the understanding of other cultures

and to add different ideas and viewpoints to the academic process, to the benefit of all.

The continuing issue has led to further recommendations by the MPHEC:

- Differential fees be maintained at a level approximately equal to that of the average Maritime tuition fee.
- Universities be urged to exer-

cise control to avoid undesirably high concentrations of foreign students in a few study areas.

- Exemption from differential fees be granted to visa students from the 25 least developed countries.
- Universities provide adequate support services for visa students.

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funds and materials.

The Weldon fire is believed to be the worst library fire in Canadian history, in financial terms.

Dean of Law Innis Christie says the existing plans for the replacement of the Weldon Building have resumed their priority in the university's development efforts.

"We've been thrust into a situation where we are forced to build a new building to last the next 50 years," says Christie.

The plans, introduced in 1983, were shelved when Dalhousie administration became increasingly concerned about the university's debt load.

Christie says that even before the fire the Weldon Building had "reached the limits of its usefulness."

The cost of replacement of the Law Building will be added to the goal of the university's ongoing Capital Fund Drive, says MacKay.

In the meantime plans are being laid to accommodate the 460 students of the Law School, as well as the School's faculty.

Most of the School's facilities will be moved to the upper floors of the Killam Library. This area will accommodate the faculty, as well as providing some classroom

space and some room for books saved from the fire. Library facilities currently located in these areas will be moved to the old Nova Scotia archives building.

Classes will be held in other locations as well. The Council of the Dal Student Union has volunteered the use of three meeting rooms in the SUB for this purpose. Classroom space is expected to be operating in the Weldon Building by the middle of September.

Though these plans appear workable, Graham says he is aware there will be inconveniences. "I would be wrong to say that we can close down the Law School and carry on with the functions of the university with no trouble at all," says Graham. "We are very fortunate that the space in the Archives building is available to us."

Books salvaged from the law library are currently being stored in the old Dal Gym, Howe Hall and St. Andrews Church. Other volumes are being given a freeze-drying treatment to limit the extent of water damage.

The Weldon blaze is the second major fire on Dal campus in the past seven years. In 1978 the old Dal Rink burned, and had to be replaced.

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unionized airlines."

"It's a chance we're taking, of course. But I've been waiting two years to get work as a flight attendant," said Cochrane.

While Cochrane admitted union blacklisting would hinder her chances of finding work at the end of the strike, she said gaining the job experience was more important.

"I'm going to work for Air Canada until the strike is over. And then we'll see what happens," said Cochrane.

Cochrane also said she wants the union to direct its hostility towards Air Canada management, and not the flight attendants' replacements.

"I'm not personally involved in the strike, or the union, so I don't like the name calling, or the stuff written on the bathroom walls. Some of us have even been spat upon," said Cochrane.

But Nolan and DeMoss aren't sorry.

"Both my husband and I are flight attendants," said Nolan, "so now we have no money. We're trying to raise our son on no income. It's hard to feel compassion for someone taking our jobs."

DeMoss said he does not care if he "hurts scabs' feelings. I'm sorry, but when I see a kid out of college taking my job, I don't like it. It's a lark for them, but it's my livelihood."

The striking attendants earned an average \$528 each week, said Nolan, for 48 hours of work. The summer students earned \$300 per week, for an average 36 hour week.

Air Canada hired the students in July, in preparation for the strike, promising them \$1000 if they passed the seven day training

session in Montreal. Cochrane said the money was used to get people to train even though they were not assured a job.

"We had to sign a contract with Air Canada saying that if there was a strike, we would work. Since they did strike, the \$1000 comes off our pay, so it's not really a bonus," said Cochrane.

Nolan said the training also hurt the negotiating process. "Air Canada spent \$4,000,000 on those courses. If they were going to bargain in good faith in the first place, they wouldn't have spent all that money teaching the students," said Nolan.

DeMoss said Air Canada is "extremely lucky" not to have had an accident yet, with flight attendants that have only been trained for seven days.

"You can't even compare someone with a few days training to someone who has flown for years. We've had thousands of hours of experience, and many, many briefings about emergency measures. We know how to handle any situation when it arises, but I don't think they do," said DeMoss.

He said the students' inexperience is aggravated by the fact the flights are staffed entirely by rookie attendants.

"When we start a new flight attendant out, we put them on a flight with ten or eleven experienced workers. They're flying with all new workers."

Neither Nolan nor DeMoss will predict when the strike will end, but they hope the students' return to school will help pressure Air Canada. "Now they have to go back and hire more scabs, and we're getting support from workers at manpower — they don't want to refer people to Air Canada," said Nolan.

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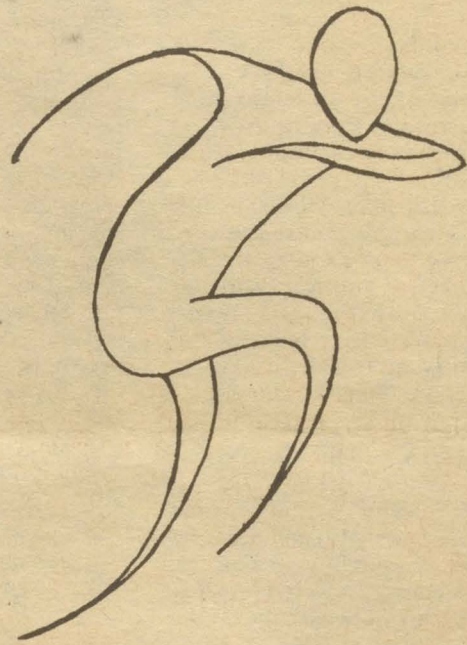
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FLASHBACK.

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"Stay tuned. . . *The Gazette* may be back sooner than you think."

The operative word there, folks, was 'may'. As it turned out, we weren't.

It would be an easy thing to turn these words into a major expression of sour grapes (or sour gripes). Sure, the staff of *the Gazette* was pissed off when the federal government turned down our Challenge '85 program application for funding to put out a Summer Gazette. But beyond the basic gut reaction to chastise and complain, we feel the experience of *the Gazette* points out very nicely the inherent problems of the Challenge '85 program.

Granted, the program has been a limited success on the national scale. The unemployment rate for returning post-secondary students across Canada in July was 14.4 percent, down from 14.9 percent in July, 1984. Particularly in central Canada, Challenge '85 seems to have been of some benefit in relieving the youth unemployment crisis.

But the story in Atlantic Canada, particularly here in Nova Scotia, has been very different. Our student unemployment rate hit 20.3 percent in July, 4.4 percent higher than a year before. And while Nova Scotia's was the worst case of any

province, it leads one to wonder why Challenge '85 didn't work for us. (Or why we didn't work for Challenge '85.)

The answer lies in the structure of the program. Challenge '85 was, essentially, a program of government subsidization of the private sector, sharing with businesses the cost of hiring students for the summer.

The federal Tories made it clear from the beginning that the program was to be geared toward the private sector. Splitting costs 50-50 with corporations was deemed preferable to paying the bulk of the costs for public sector or non-profit institution jobs.

The theory behind this sounds good. Given 'X' number of dollars, the government can create twice as many jobs by splitting the costs of each job 50-50 with someone else than it could by paying the full cost of each job.

The theory falls apart, however, when the "someone else" won't come across with the required bucks.

In central Canada, the private sector is large enough and strong enough to make such a program work fairly well. In Atlantic Canada, as we know all too well, business is simply not in very good shape. Participation in Challenge '85 was low, and students suffered as a result.

Once again, as it has for the last hundred years, the lesson comes home: the economic solutions for the rest of Canada are not necessarily the solutions for the prob-

lems of the Atlantic.

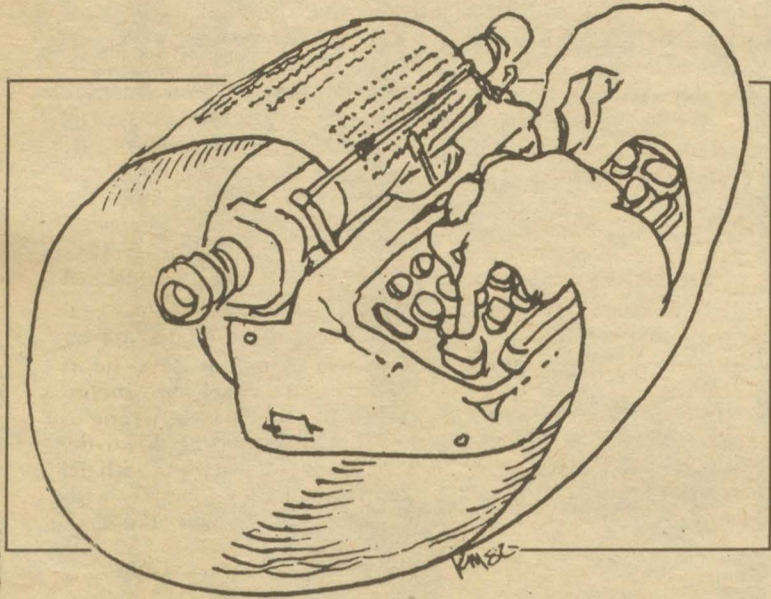
The feds should have modified Challenge '85 to suit the special needs of the Atlantic region. They failed to do so. How many Nova Scotian students are going to suffer this year because of the government's inability to understand basic economic realities?

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Letters



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Canada needs a royal person

To the editors,

HRH The Prince Andrew honoured the Maritimes in June with a successful tour of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

The constitutional importance of the Crown to Canada was emphasized when PC Frank Miller advised Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor that the PC's hoped to govern when the Legislature resumed. On that basis, Lieutenant-Governor Aird permitted Mr. Miller to meet the

Legislature.

When Miller failed to win even the first vote of confidence in the new Legislature, Mr. Aird accepted Miller's letter of resignation and asked Liberal leader Peterson if he could command the confidence of the House. The lieutenant-governor has a clear duty to see that the Legislature has a chance to function.

The need for a politically neutral captain at the helm of state is imperative for the maintenance of our democracy. The Queen of Canada and her Family have been raised from birth to be an integral part of state affairs but they have never set foot in the political arena. Her Majesty is in a unique position to determine which party — if any — is able to muster the necessary legislative support, and to permit that party to govern.

Doubtless our apolitical Queen is a shared Commonwealth resource but she is completely Canadian in the constitutional and legal realm. Her governors-general may be Canadian-born but they are prime ministerially chosen and thus begin their duties by owing their positions to a partisan prime minister. We have a former viceroy — Mr. Schreyer who cannot rule out the possibility of returning to politics in the future. Governor General Sauve still wanted the Queen to visit Canada after Liberal Prime Minister John Turner had announced plans for an election. By touring with Liberal Cabinet Ministers before an election, Her Majesty would have been unduly favouring one party over another and thus she declined the visit as planned.

Let us consider petitioning our parliamentarians at both federal and provincial levels to ensure that our Queen of Canada has the right to choose a member of her family to represent her here instead of former politicians who are prime ministerially chosen.

Ron Welker
Waterloo, Ontario

Welcome to Gazette sports

Overtime

MARK ALBERSTAT



SEPTEMBER HAS COME once again, just as everyone said it would, and *the Gazette* is starting to roll again, just as everyone feared it would. This being the first Overtime of the year, I thought it would be appropriate to introduce new readers to *the Gazette* to the sports department, what we are and what we are trying to accomplish.

Our main priority, of course, lies in covering the Dalhousie Tigers events and happenings. For the benefit of new students on campus, Dalhousie offers varsity swimming, soccer, field hockey, ice hockey, basketball, volleyball, and cross country. Our teams are usually strong, and do well at the AUSA, and sometimes the CIAU, level.

The deadline for sports copy at *the Gazette* is an unbelievable Monday at noon (or thereabouts). *the Gazette* is not printed until Thursday, which means we have a lag time of several days in getting the scores and stories to you.

We hope in the future to have some AUSA standings and stats, although they may not always be available because of deadline restrictions.

The objective of this column is to let the sports editor(s) and sports writers release their views of the world on the unsuspecting public. The column may sometimes contain sport book reviews, some comments on a particular aspect of Dalhousie sports or sports world in general, and there may even be the odd (though aren't they all) column just written to have some fun with the readers, and with sports.

The column may at times be

thought of by some to contain some controversial aspects about sports, sometimes not so. In any case we hope Overtime will always be light, easily read and entertaining.

This year readers of the sports pages in *the Gazette* may see some in-depth sports articles. These may be profiles of different athletes and coaches. They may also be analysis of an aspect of sports. What I am trying to say here is that the articles that grace these pages will not only be game reviews but will hopefully contain some insight into different sports on campus and otherwise.

Dalhousie through the year hosts several major tournaments such as the Volleyball Classic, and the Lobster Pot Hockey Tournament. The articles concerning these events will naturally be longer than the average game article but they may also prove to shed some insight into the event that the average Dalhousie sports fan is not aware of. I'm sure you all would be interested in that.

To all those first-year students who are reading this column, let me make it clear that Dalhousie athletics offers something for everyone. If you are an armchair athlete there is a new club for you (see article). If you enjoy watching games, there is more than enough to keep one busy over most weekends, and there is the fantastic facility of Dalplex. Also if you are interested in writing sports for *the Gazette* there is always room for one more by-line.

P.S.—Readers of this column beware: future Overtimes may not be as clear and lucid as this one — you have been warned.

Field hockey nationals in Halifax

By LISA TIMPF

THE ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY Astro-Turf field was the site of the 1985 Senior National Championships for women's field hockey.

Although the event was situated at the home of their AUSA opponents, a number of Dalhousie field hockey players took part as members of the "home team".

Dalhousie field hockey players Janice Cossar, Gail Broderick, and Heather McLean were members of the Nova Scotia Senior team, which captured third spot in the tournament by virtue of a 2-0 win over a strong Alberta team.

The Nova Scotia team emerged from pool play in second spot in their division, losing only to the extremely strong "Red Machine" from Ontario. The Upper Canadian team went on to win the tournament handily with a 4-0 verdict over British Columbia.

In the initial crossover game, Nova Scotia met up with British Columbia, but went down by a 7-0 score. It was a bit of a disappointment to the Nova Scotia team, who had hoped to sneak past B.C. into the finals. The third place finish was nonetheless a credit to their talent.

The Alberta team which Nova Scotia beat in their quest for third spot lost a tough match to Ontario 2-0 in their crossover, in what many fans and officials said was "the game of the tournament."

Meanwhile, Darlene Stoyka, this year's newly appointed Dal coach, was looking at the tournament from a different vantage point. As a member of the perennially powerful Ontario team, which notched their fifth consecutive National Tournament title by winning top spot in '85, Darlene was one of the standouts of the event, scoring three goals in



Forward Janice Cossar hopes to continue to give goaltenders nightmares in AUSA play this season. In action with the Nova Scotia provincial squad over the summer, Cossar proved she knows where the net is.

Ontario's final-game verdict over B.C.

Stoyka and speedy teammate Sheila Forshaw were a one-two combination that many teams found impossible to repress.

Coach Stoyka may not be able to outfit the Tigers team in red, but chances are the Dal team's game will benefit from her years of experience with the Ontario and Canadian field hockey squads.

This year's AUSA league should prove interesting. With UNB and Universite de Moncton

both boasting a number of strong returning players, the New Brunswick teams will be potent. The removal of Stoyka, who rewrote the AUSA record books last year, from the St. Mary's University lineup may lessen that team's offensive onslaught, but they are not to be counted out.

Dalhousie, anchored by the netminding of Claudette Levy and bolstered by a number of players with AUSA and provincial team experience, should have a good shot at challenging for top AUSA honours.

Armchair Tigers coming your way

By MARK ALBERSTAT

THE GRAWOOD WILL BE alive and bee bopping this year on — of all nights — Monday. The sounds being emitted from the popular campus lounge will be the static of live and canned sports and also sports movies.



The group inside will be the Armchair Tigers, one of the newest clubs on campus. The club will "meet" in the Grawood Monday evening for the enjoy-

ment of being an armchair athlete.

Craig Munroe, assistant Sports Information Director for Dalhousie, is hoping the phrase "see you in the Grawood Monday nights" will be a popular one on campus this year.

"We plan to have a movie or some other type of taped sports starting off the evening and then switch over to Monday Night Football," said Munroe.

Membership into the club is \$10.00 for the introductory offer, after which it will increase to \$12.00. For those not wanting to have membership or who just want bring a friend along once, admission will cost one dollar per evening.

"All you have to do basically is show up to the events you're interested in. There aren't too many clubs on campus that are that easy," said Munroe.

The first Monday for the club will be September 16th. Registration begins at 7 p.m. The taped sports offering that night will be the "greatest hockey game ever played," the final game of the 1972 series between Canada and the USSR, followed by the football game. The second Monday night will feature Rocky III and the football game.

Munroe says the club's purpose is threefold.

"First, it will support the athletic program; secondly, it will provide students with a club they need on campus; and lastly, it will help support the Grawood."

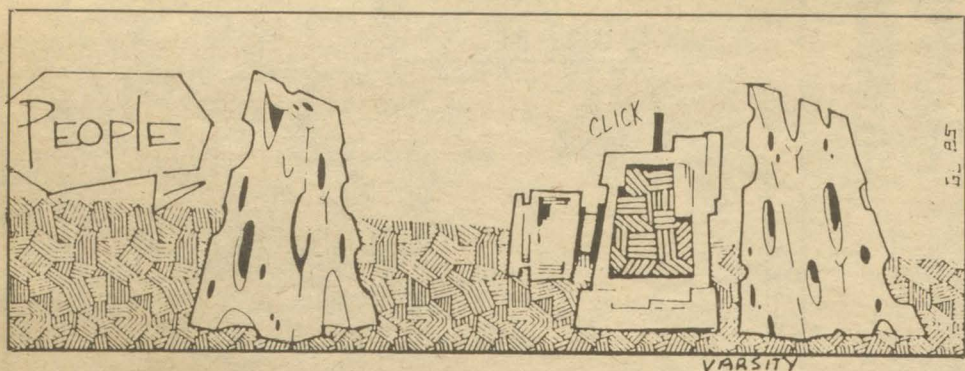
The armchair Tigers will "meet" every Monday evening throughout the school year. There may be a brief hiatus at Christmas time.

Field hockey, soccer teams hold tryouts

THE DALHOUSIE TIGERS women's field hockey will begin selecting their 1985 team this week. The field hockey Tigers will be holding their tryouts on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday September 3, 4 and 5th from 10:00—11:30 a.m. and 1:00—3:00 p.m., and on Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 10th from 7:00—8:30 p.m. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information phone 424-3752.

The Dalhousie Tigers Men's Soccer Team will begin tryouts for this year's team on Wednesday, September 4th at 3:00 p.m. The team also has tryouts scheduled for Thursday, September 5th and Friday, September 6th from 3:00—5:00 p.m. and Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 10th from 5:30—7:00 p.m. All full-time students are welcome to attend. For more information phone 424-3752 or phone Eric McIntyre at 429-2260.

CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER 5

● **GAZETTE**—Any interested student wishing to write for the Dalhousie *Gazette* should drop in to the first *Gazette* staff meeting of the year. Experience is not necessary. The only qualities required are a wonderful disposition and a cheery smile. See you there.

SEPTEMBER 9

● **SHARE—THE PEOPLE'S FAIR**, a unique exhibit of social services, health, advocacy, recreation and education agencies, will be held Friday, September 13th, 1985, 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the World Trade and Convention Centre, Halifax. Contact Morah MacEachern at 421-8711.

SEPTEMBER 10

● **INTRODUCTORY JAZZ**—a new course is available at Dalhousie University combining a theoretical and practical introduction to jazz. Skip Beckwith, Scott

MacMillan and Don Palmer will offer Tuesday evening courses running from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., September 10 to April 5. For more information and registration forms call 424-2375 or drop in to 6100 University Avenue.

SEPTEMBER 12

● **PUBLIC LECTURES**—Emily Kearns will give a lecture entitled "The Polluted Saviour: Oedipus, Obestes and Others" on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 8:30 p.m. in the Mac-Mechan Auditorium, Killam Library.

Nicholas Purcell will speak on "Wine and Wealth in Ancient Italy" on Friday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m. in the Classics Department, 1244 LeMarchant Street.

● **GAZETTE**—There will be a staff meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the *Gazette* offices, 3rd floor, SUB. All interested students are welcome.

ALSO

● **TERRY FOX FUN**—On Sunday, September 15th, from 1:00—4:00 p.m. the Halifax Terry Fox Run will be taking

place at the Commons. The Dalhousie Student Union will be operating a registration booth at the run where all Dalhousie students, staff and faculty participating in the run are asked to register before they run. All money collected from this booth will be seen as Dalhousie's contribution to the 1985 Terry Fox Run. Pledge sheets are available at the Enquiry Desk and the Student Council Office in the S.U.B. For more information please contact Nancy Cameron, Community Affairs Coordinator in Room 212, S.U.B., or phone 424-3774.

● **ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES**—King's College Chapel (Anglican), at the Coburg Road entrance to the University of King's College. All welcome.

Sundays—11:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon (followed by Coffee Hour) — 7:00 p.m. Evensong & Sermon

Thursdays—5:00 p.m. High Mass & Sermon (followed by Reception)

Fridays—5:00 p.m. Solemn Evensong & Student Meditation.

Daily said services (Monday through Saturday) 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., & 10:00 p.m.

For additional information, please contact the Revd. Dr. G.R. Bridge, 310, Dalhousie S.U.B. (424-2287 or 455-7971).

● **COMPUTER OWNER**, need money? Typing help needed, to input my articles on your Kaypro-compatible computer (Osborne, Morrow, Kaypro). Perfection not required, standard types for typing paid. Disks provided. Call Barbara 423-1670.

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quiet seaside location. Price is negotiable. 425-4457.

● **RED CROSS CRAFT SALE**—Friday, September 20, 1985. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Downsview Mall, Lower Sackville N.S. For more information contact Pearl MacAdams, 423-9186, Ext. 430.

● **VOLUNTEERS**—Northwood Foundation will start its next Hospice Volunteer Training Program on Tuesday, September 17, 1985. For further information, contact Gael Phillips at 454-8311.

● **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**—Dalhousie University's Special Opportunities for Study and Development fall brochure is now available. Call 424-2325 for a copy or drop in to 6100 University Avenue.

● **COMMUNITY CO-OP FOR VOLUNTEERS**—A course for people who are interested in volunteering in a community agency or who are now serving as volunteers will begin Wednesday, September 18. For further information and registration call Dalhousie University's Continuing Education Department, 424-2375.

● **SECONDHAND BOOK STORE '85**—A service of the Dalhousie Student Union. SUB lobby.

Hours of operation—10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

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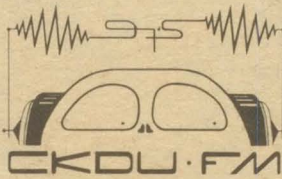
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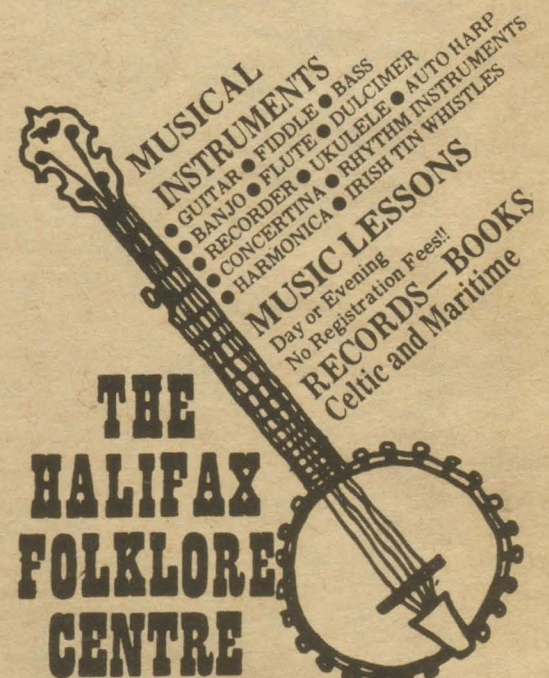


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