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DSU Council Meeting

The next meeting of the DSU Council will be on December 1st at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers.

Society Info

Indemnity Form Forum:

There will be a forum to discuss the Society Indemnity form in Room 224 or the SUB at 7:00pm on Thursday, December 2nd. Both the insurance broker and legal counsel of the DSU will be present to answer questions. For more information, contact Tamara Conrod, Vice-President (Internal) at dsuvpi@dal.ca.

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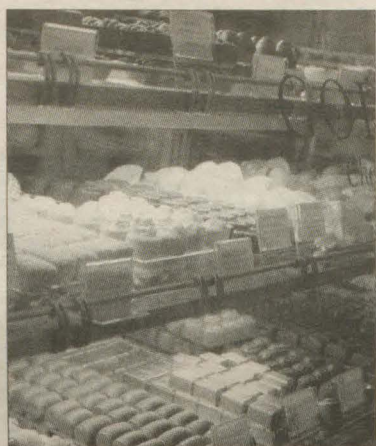
As every "culture jammer" knows, Nov. 26 is Buy Nothing Day, a day created by Adbusters Media Foundation as a part of a "movement to rethink our unsustainable course" (See "Buy Nothing Day Hits Halifax," page 4). This year, Adbusters are also advocating a Buy Nothing Christmas.

Adbusters say that "Buy Nothing Day exposes the environmental and ethical consequences of consumerism," and they hope that it will be "a life changing experience" for those who participate—but I don't buy it. Adbusters are preaching to the converted, and Buy Nothing Day and Buy Nothing Christmas are unlikely to have any long-term or far-reaching effects—except maybe your family being pissed off because you gave them all home-made cards for Christmas.

If instead of buying nothing we took the time to make ourselves aware of the sources of the things that we buy, we would actually be exposed to the impacts of irresponsible consumerism and become more educated consumers. Even if we just took one day to make ourselves aware, that awareness might have an impact on our purchases every day, unlike Buy Nothing Day, which is over in a matter of hours.

As an experiment on the impact of consumer awareness, I looked into the source of chocolate, something that I buy often and without much thought.

It turns out that many cocoa plantations are notorious for exploitation of farmers, child labour, destruction of forests and the use of dangerous pesticides. Worse, the Chocolate Manufacturer's Association of America even admits that modern-day slavery is practiced on some



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cocoa farms, especially in Côte d'Ivoire.

In the 2000 documentary *Slavery*, Victor, a slave on a cocoa plantation, says of people who buy chocolate, "If I had to say something to them it would not be nice words. They buy something that I suffer to make. They are eating my flesh."

Some major improvements have been made in cocoa production since that film was made. In 2002, a treaty against child labour was ratified in Côte d'Ivoire and major chocolate companies are working toward making all cocoa from the country slavery-free by July of 2005. Despite these improvements, the only way to ensure that you aren't contributing to this situation is to buy fair trade, organic, slavery-free chocolate. It might cost more, but cheap chocolate is subsidized by exploitation.

As West African regional director of Save the Children Canada Michel Larouche once said: "If we put a stop to child trafficking, the prices of certain things—cotton shirts, coffee, candy bars—will rise. The reality is if your products are cheap, it's because of this situation."

When I went to the corner store after reading about this, my

conscience wouldn't let me buy chocolate. This isn't to say that I will never buy it again, but I don't think I will ever buy it without knowing where it came from again. It's so easy to just buy what you want and not question where it came from, but once you know, it's hard to continue. Of course chocolate is only one of the many things that I buy every day that has a negative impact on the people who produce it and on the environment, and buying a different kind of chocolate isn't going to save the world, but it's a start.

If you think that it's difficult or time-consuming to find out about the products you buy, check out New American Dream's Conscious Consumer Marketplace (www.newdream.org), which has information on everything from clothing to cars, or Co-op America's online Green Pages (www.greenpages.org), which tells you where you can buy green products in North America. Oceans Alive (www.oceansalive.org) is another useful site, which provides consumer information related specifically to ocean conservation.

A consumer awareness day would have much more of an impact on consumer habits than Buy Nothing Day. It's a fact of life that our economy depends on consumerism, but using your consumer power to make responsible purchases every day is more effective than buying nothing one day a year. Adbusters say that Buy Nothing Day is a "symbolic protest," but buying socially and environmentally responsible products—or not buying socially and environmentally irresponsible products—is a form of active protest, and one that has the potential to have both immediate and long-term economic impacts. It's a small thing, but it's better than nothing.

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Dalhousie's Own Emergency Zone: Just Dial 4109

Sarah Vanderwolf
Staff Contributor

Imagine you're walking home from the library late one night and you see three guys engaged in a bloody fistfight by the Henry Hicks Building. What if someone in your class was scalded during chem lab? Think of what you'd do if your professor suddenly collapsed in the middle of a sentence and turned a funny colour. You would call 911, right? Wrong.

Many students are not aware that Dalhousie has its own version of 911—with its own number: 4109. Dalhousie Security is the foremost emergency response team on campus and should be notified immediately of any emergency on university property instead of the provincial government's 911 operators.

Dr. William Louch, Dal's director of Environmental Health & Safety, said Dal has one of the most "well-developed and well-integrated security programs [in Canada]." Still, Dr. Louch said it is an "uphill battle" to inform students of Dal's emergency procedure, because the digits "911" are indelibly fixed in everyone's mind.

Any frosh will tell you that Dalhousie's campus can be confusing, and, like frosh, emergency response workers have gotten lost on campus. Because of this confusion, in the past 911 respondents have not been able to assist casualties as quickly as possible. G.A. (Sandy) MacDonald, Dalhousie's Chief of Security, said that one emergency response team mistakenly went to the Dunn Building when the emergency was located in the Dunn Theatre. On another occasion, an emergency response team was called to the Sexton campus but had no idea which building housed the casualty. When several people present at the scene left the building to look for the ambulance, they found it circling the campus.

"[Unlike] our private homes, which each have a unique indi-

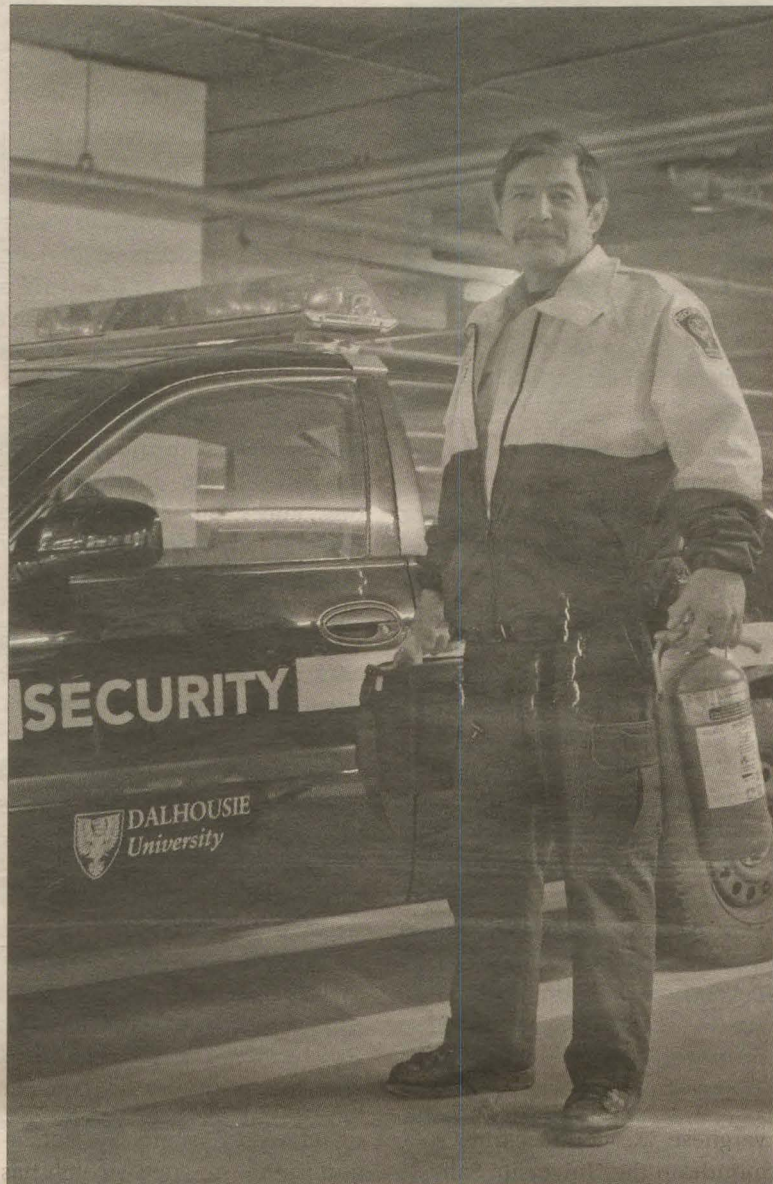
vidual civic address, Dalhousie University consists of 79 acres and 110 buildings, many of which are only in close proximity to their actual civic addresses," said MacDonald. Dal Security officials, well-versed in campus geography, are therefore better equipped to respond to calls.

Sheila Tulloch, media representative at Nova Scotia's Emergency Measures Organization, which is responsible for 911, called Dal's 4109 "a great option." However, she said that 911 responders have "the most advanced equipment" and should also be present with Dal Security at the scene of an emergency. Furthermore, 911 responders should not be left circling the campus, because they note the location from which calls are placed, which hopefully is close to the emergency.

Grawood employee April MacQueen would likely dispute these assertions. According to MacQueen, an emergency occurred at the Grawood a few years ago when a student was injured in a fight and was "bleeding profusely from his face." She said 911 emergency workers arrived on the scene before Dalhousie Security, but refused to treat the casualty until Security arrived.

However, MacDonald said 911 employees would never refuse to treat a casualty in an emergency situation because of their obligation "to ensure the safety and security of Nova Scotians, their property and environment by providing a prompt and coordinated response to an emergency," regardless of other circumstances.

Sheila Tulloch, agreed that emergency responders would not have stood idly by. "Absolutely not. 911 is always there to help those in need," she said. Dalhousie established the emergency 4109 line in 1989; previously, emergency calls had no higher priority than other incoming phone calls. According to Mr. MacDonald, Dalhousie was the first university in Atlan-



Dennis Kelly shows that Dalhousie Security needs to be prepared for anything / Photo: Duncan Enman

tic Canada to install a free emergency number. 4109 can now be reached from any telephone on campus, as well as the Code Blue lights that the DSU has installed. However, 494-4109 must be dialled from cell phones.

The difference between 4109 and 911 may seem huge for those who read the recent bulletin describing a 3:30 a.m. attack near the Chemistry Building. Disquieting as this report was, MacDonald said such incidents are extremely rare. "I can't think of a place in HRM more actively patrolled than Dalhousie, and I challenge anyone to find such a place," he said.

Dr. Louch concurred. Each

night, Dalhousie has 19 people patrolling campus, making the campus "probably the safest place in the city," he said.

In order to increase student awareness, the number 4109 has been posted around campus and is on the backs of university directories and the sides of payphones. Dr Louch said that calling this number is "the safest mode of getting someone here in an emergency situation."

Now it's multiple choice time. If your prof collapses and turns a funny colour, should you call a) your friend in another class b) 4109 c) 911 or d) your mom? Contrary to popular belief, the answer is b).

Buy Nothing Day Hits Halifax

Sarah Bridge
Staff Contributor

A year ago on the last Friday in November, police flooded Spring Garden Rd. in order to break up...a free street party. At the same time in Baltimore, a Santa Claus parade displayed signs saying "Money Can't Buy Happiness." Across the Atlantic, in London, holiday shoppers read banners strung outside stores that urged them to "Buy Less."

This was not "Backwards Day." These events were all examples of Buy Nothing Day activism, part of a campaign that has attracted more than 60 countries to join the fight against consumerism.

This Nov. 26, campaigners around the globe will once again encourage people to "spend time, not money." Strategically placed near the beginning of the traditional holiday shopping season, the event urges consumers to do more than just shop till they drop.

When Earth Day (observed in April) didn't prove to be enough, Adbusters Media Foundation—a group of concerned artists and filmmakers—created Buy Nothing Day to inform the public that our current society is not sustainable. By encouraging people to consume less, the event helps raise awareness about the serious social and ecological issues we are facing as a result of society's tendency to over-consume.

"The sun you can't go out and enjoy, the breast milk you can't feed your kids..." These are just some of the things that Adbusters campaign manager Tim Walker says are lost to consumerism. "We are being bombarded with 3,000 commercial messages a day," he says—but these commercials aren't selling a product. "They are about selling smiles and fun with friends. People need to understand that they're being duped. We can do all this

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On Another Campus

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Alberta PCs re-elected; no new cash for students

Alberta voters returned Ralph Klein's Progressive Conservatives to power in Monday's provincial election, and student groups in the province are not happy about it.

The Tories, who have won every provincial election since 1971, have no plans to spend more on post-secondary education in the province despite recent billion-dollar surpluses.

Student groups say that many Albertans are being shut out from university education because tuition fees have risen by 182 per cent since 1991. The average undergraduate tuition in Alberta for 2004 is \$4,487.

Klein's government has defended its record, saying it has increased funding to universities by 50 per cent in the past five years and added 35,000 new spots since 1993.

NDP candidate Mark Gabruch told University of Calgary student newspaper *The Gauntlet* that his party would commit \$100 million over four years to post-secondary funding. "If New Brunswick, a have-not province, can freeze tuition, then the least Alberta can do is rollback fees," he told the newspaper.

In the election campaign, Alberta's NDP and Green parties promised a freeze and even a decrease in tuition fees if elected. The Liberals pledged 35 per cent of any budget surpluses towards

university and college funding
-NC

Federalism at work in new student loan policy

A new student loan policy development announced on Nov. 17, called the Pan-Canadian Designation Framework, aims to help Canadian university students who need financial assistance.

Universities across the country must adhere to certain government-set criteria before their students are eligible for assistance, a procedure known as "designation." The new framework will establish national guidelines for student loans, but it will also allow individual provinces to develop programs that suit their local needs.

The framework is supposed to decrease the number of defaulted loans, which end up being covered by the provinces—about \$5.2 million in Nova Scotia alone for 2004/05. Universities will concentrate on student success after graduation as another part of the policy.

Although Nova Scotia has had a similar program since 1964, the province will still participate in the national initiative. -JM

Sainte-Anne student dies of exposure, alcohol likely involved

The body of 24-year-old Raj Varghese was found earlier this month on the Université Sainte-Anne campus in Church Point, Nova Scotia.

Varghese was reported missing two days after he was separated from friends at a late-night Halloween party. The London,

Ont. native was wearing only jeans and a t-shirt when friends say he became disoriented and wandered away.

Students and faculty say they were shocked when they learned of Varghese's death. Classes at Nova Scotia's only French-language university, which recently opened a Halifax location, were cancelled the following day and flags on campus were flown at half-mast. A grief counselor and priest were called in to offer support. Friends said although Varghese rarely consumed alcohol, he had on the night of his disappearance. -NC

Thousands demonstrate against Québec bursary cuts

Thousands of Québec students filled the streets earlier this month to protest their provincial government's decision to switch \$103 million of provincial post-secondary funding from grants to loans.

Over 3,000 students demonstrated outside of the National Assembly in Québec City, while hundreds of CEGEP students participated in bed-ins at their home institutions.

Many more protested outside of Québec premier Jean Charest's office in Montreal, while students at two colleges went on strike.

The Québec government maintains that despite the switch, post-secondary education in the province—which has the cheapest tuition in Canada—is still affordable. Students, however, argue that the average undergraduate debt is now \$21,500 and blame last April's bursary program cuts. -NC

Buy Nothing Day: November 26th

[without the products] and it can be real. Buy Nothing Day is about alternatives."

While the message is good-intentioned, these so-called "alternatives" can be less than pleasing for local businesses. Next to getting robbed, having people boycott a store—even for a day—is just about the worst thing that can happen to retailers.

But local businesses do not seem to be too consumed by the idea.

Hannah Myer, of the Coburg Café, is not worried about the upcoming event. While she supports the Buy Nothing Day principle, she doesn't see it affecting the café's customers. "People come here for lunch everyday. Nothing changes that," she says.

Popular student hot-spot The Black Market actually supports the event. While its doors will remain open for shoppers who are not participating in the event, the store's Tim Villermet is himself a Buy Nothing Day devotee. "I totally support it," he says. "We're living in a corporate world and that has to change."

Despite Villermet's stance, stores may not have to worry about getting absolutely no business on Friday because many students are not actively supporting the event.

Sarah Lubelski, a second-year Dalhousie English student, thinks the Buy Nothing Day mes-

sage is "hypothetically good," but does not consider it a priority. "I could try [to participate], but it's not important to me to succeed. If I need something, I'm going to buy it."

As many students have to pay rent and tuition, frivolous purchases can be few and far between. "My happiness is not based on my groceries," Lubelski

"This is about revolutionizing [the system]. We should reclaim control over capitalism. We don't need to be at its mercy."
- Tim Walker, Adbusters

says.

Though it has some wide-ranging goals, Walker claims the ultimate aim of Buy Nothing Day is not to end capitalism or the free-market system. "This is not about 'big government,'" he says. "This is about revolutionizing [the system]. We should reclaim control over capitalism. We don't need to be at its mercy."

Walker urges students in particular to "participate by not participating" in consumerism for just one day, because student involvement is essential to promote their message. "Historically, students have been an engine for change," he says. "The power of university students shouldn't

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Indemnity Form to Face Judicial Board Review

Philip Carpenter
Staff Contributor

The Dalhousie-King's Conservatives Association has taken its frustration with the controversial indemnity form to the DSU's Judicial Board. The association submitted a 124-page application to the board on Nov. 12, asking for an advisory opinion on the form. Introduced this term, the form requires that society members sign and thus incur individual responsibility for infringements of the DSU's society policy. The crux of the Dalhousie-King's Conservatives' argument is that the DSU cannot impose the contentious indemnity form on student volunteers and member societies.

Conservatives Association president Liam O'Brien explained the basis of their application to the *Gazette*. "The officers and executive of the DSU lack the authority to impose the procedures in question," he said. "It's really a matter of making sure that such rules are properly discussed and implemented in a fair way before they are ever implemented," O'Brien said, referring to the supposedly undemocratic procedures through which DSU council passed the society policy and DSU officers imposed the indemnity form.

But DSU president Curtis McGrath said that it is within the authority of the DSU executive to implement the indemnity form under the society policy, without the council playing a major role. "Council doesn't micromanage everything that the union does," he said. McGrath said that DSU Council does not get involved with employee contracts and other such agreements.

The Conservatives Association's application to the Judicial Board challenges the DSU's authority on three grounds. First, they argue that the indemnity form is not mentioned in the DSU's bylaws or constitution and

thus the DSU is not empowered to impose it on societies. "The DSU would quite likely take the same approach if the university's administration were to arbitrarily ask them to conform to policies which were questionable in their origins," O'Brien said.

The Conservatives Association also criticizes the indemnity form by examining the society policy under which the form holds its alleged power. The society policy was amended in the summer, violating the DSU Constitution, which places stringent requirements on amending policies. Policies may only be

regulations in either binding decisions or non-binding advisory opinions. In this case, the Conservatives Association has asked for the latter.

O'Brien said that the Judicial Board has the authority to hear their case, even though the Conservatives Association's application refers to the fact that only "properly constituted" societies can make an application for an advisory opinion from the Judicial Board. Although they were recognized as a club by the DSU last year, the Conservatives have not been ratified yet this year.

"It would be unfortunate to

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- Liam O'Brien, Conservative association president

changed during the regular academic year, and with a two-thirds vote of DSU council, according to the policy manual section of the DSU constitution.

The final challenge rests on sections of the DSU Constitution and Act of Incorporation that itemize the types of policies the DSU can enact, and to what rules the DSU may bind societies. Societies may only be bound by constitutionally-valid regulations and bylaws, which the society policy and accompanying indemnity form are not.

The Judicial Board, which could decide the indemnity form's future, is the DSU's version of the Supreme Court. It consists of three members, including the chair, who must be a third-year law student. The current chair is Matthew Jodrey. No sitting member of the board may act in any other official capacity for the DSU. As the highest adjudicative body of the DSU, the board is responsible for elections appeals and has the power to interpret the DSU constitution and

deny us standing based on ratification when the very ratification process is in dispute and part of the injustice we are seeking to correct," O'Brien said. If the DSU tries to challenge the Conservatives on their unclear status, the Association will not back down easily. "Those who believe in the strengths of their arguments do not try to stop the conversation before it begins," he said.

The outcome of the Conservative Association's case may not be known for awhile. "Any hearing of arguments and decision on this matter will likely not take place until early January, when all parties will be more able to give this matter its due attention," said Matthew Jodrey, chair of the Judicial Board.

O'Brien is confident, but his organization will have to reevaluate its position on the indemnity form if the Judicial Board rules against them. For the DSU's part, McGrath said that the DSU intends to respond to the Judicial Board with respect to this matter.

Carolling for Cans

Laura Hynes
Sarah Vanderwolf
Staff Contributors

With winter upon us and the Christmas season on its way, many university students are volunteering for charities to get into the Christmas spirit. This year, one of Dalhousie's residences is taking initiative, putting off partying and Christmas shopping to collect food for the Halifax Metro Food Bank. In an event titled "Carolling for Cans," Dal students will walk the neighbourhood singing Christmas carols for food donations.

"I lived in Gerard Hall the last two years where this event originally took place," says Risley

Hall RA and event organizer Julia Ward. "It's a great way to give back and be involved, especially during the holiday season." This

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- Dianne Swinemar

year's event, which takes place on Nov. 28, will be the third annual carolling outing, and Ward

hopes the tradition will continue into the future.

The Metro Food Bank Society is pleased with plans for this event.

"The Carolling for Cans is a novel idea, and we are once again delighted to hear that students from Dalhousie are willing to go out of their way to help the Metro Food Bank Society-Nova Scotia and our clients," says Dianne Swinemar, the organization's executive director.

Carolling for Cans is open to everyone. The carollers will meet at 6:30 p.m. in Risley Hall to practise and break off into groups. From there they will embark on their singing tour, ending the evening with hot chocolate.

Dal's Community Committee Bringing Down the Noise

Jess McDiarmid
Staff Contributor

It's been one year since Dalhousie created the University Community Committee, a forum aimed at addressing problems between Dal's student body and the Halifax community at large.

But reaction as to whether the committee has been successful in dealing with these problems—including residence noise complaints stemming from student parties—was decidedly mixed at the committee's post-mortem last Monday night.

About 4,000 flyers urging residents to attend the post-mortem and give feedback on the committee were handed out before the meeting. An online questionnaire was also set up on the committee's homepage so that those who could not attend the meeting still had opportunity to comment.

The meeting, held at University Hall, proved there are still complaints. About 80 people came to the post-mortem to air their concerns—though only a few were students.

"There hasn't been enough change and I'm upset over that," said Catherine Stevens, a resident who is also a member of the Dalhousie University Communi-

ty Committee (DUCC). She spoke about continuing problems of "late night mischief and hooliganism," telling stories of being woken up four nights a week by yelling, cursing, mailboxes being damaged and doorbells ringing. The room applauded as she returned to her seat.

Community resident Adele Evans agreed. "I'm tired... Under the noise bylaw we're entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of our homes and we don't get that," she said.

Another hot issue discussed at the meeting was litter. "I'm bitter about litter," said Brad McRae, another DUCC member. His call for the placement of more litter containers in the university neighbourhood was met with applause.

Despite the dissatisfaction expressed at the meeting, Dal vice-president of Student Services Eric McKee told the *Gazette* community members are mostly satisfied with the results of the initiatives. "Most of the feedback has been from the neighbourhood, and things are much better," he said.

Some members of the committee agree. "I've had nothing but positive responses from my constituents," said South End City Councillor Sue Uteck in an

interview, also a DUCC member. A Coburg Rd. resident recently wrote an email to Uteck saying this year's fall season has been the quietest in 34 years.

Peter Myatt of the Community Response Initiative, a group that works in conjunction with the DUCC to address residents' concerns, also said that complaints have decreased. "People that were complaining aren't complaining anymore," he said. "It's a whole community effort."

Initiatives that took place this fall involved the distribution of a student guide, *Living in the Halifax Community*, advising students of their rights and responsibilities in the community, and Operation Fall Back, an increased police presence in the South End.

The committee is also trying to increase communication between students and their neighbours with initiatives like snow shovelling for seniors and tutoring in local schools.

"The problem is, there's not enough integration between students and neighbours and there has to be give on both sides," said Mary Somers, a worker for Dalhousie Marketing and Communications who also sits on the DUCC. "I've had a lot of positive response from students ...



A happy birthday for Dal's Community Committee? Photo: Rafal Andronowski

students don't want to be tarred as bad students, because they're not."

According to Dalhousie Student Union president Curtis McGrath, things are getting better. "There are still problems that exist but we're leaps and bounds ahead of where we were at this time last year," McGrath said. "Last year there was a breaking point, things had erupted."

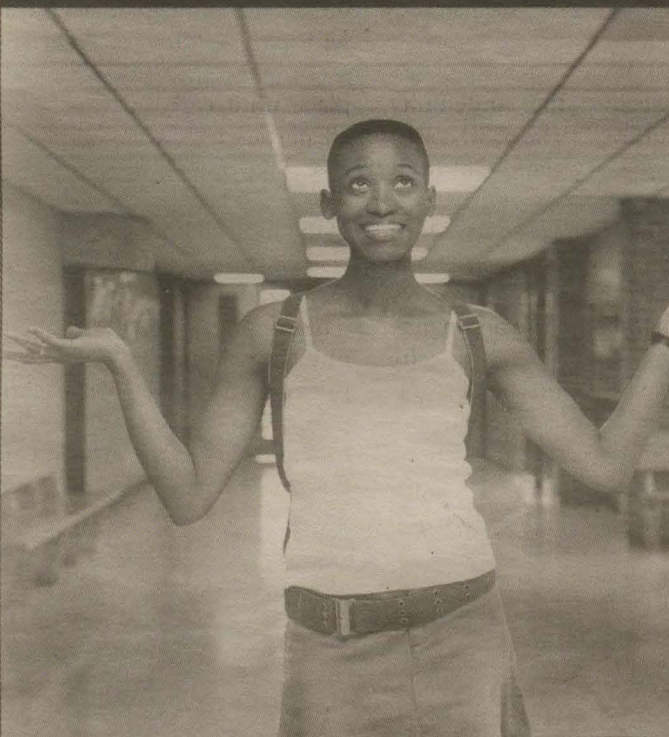
The DUCC was formed last November in response to escalating tensions between the community, students, and the university. The university threatened to punish students for their off-campus behaviour, sparking much debate on the issue. McGrath said several Dal alumni liv-

ing in the neighbourhood even approached the university, saying they would no longer support the institution if concerns were not addressed.

In September, when police presence was at its height in the South End, there were 141 noise complaints made to the police, compared to 178 in 2003. 14 tickets were issued under the city's noise bylaw, and 14 under the provincial Liquor Control Act.

The DUCC plans to continue to improve relations with the community. "I believe, and most members of the DUCC have agreed, that the community is more harmonious this year than in previous years," said Colin Burn, president of the KSU.

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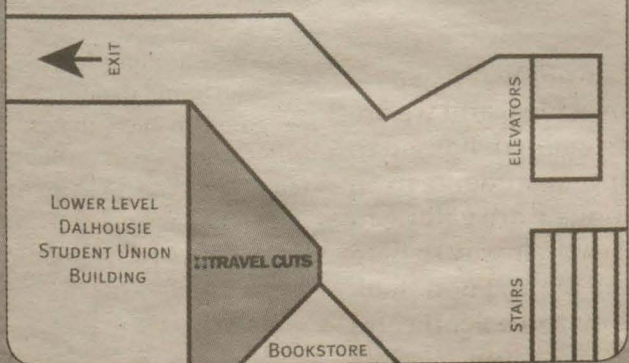
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then turn it off again? It'll probably have the same effect—only the students will all leave happy because your computers will be messed and probably explode, and thus our thirst for revenge will have been satisfied. Honestly, how the hell are your library people going to preach

no-cell-phones-this and quiet-study-area-that and then flip the script and hit us with the blow-horn like that? But in the end, I guess, it's your own way of saying "what the hell are you doing at the library this late, you loser?"

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The Weaponization of Space

Is America trying to conquer the final frontier of weaponry?

John Diamond-Gibson
Opinions Contributor

In the 19th century, Britain used its naval power to build an empire upon which the sun never set, the 20th century saw air power become the decisive factor in military struggles—and in the 21st century, control of space will be an essential component of global military domination.

With troops in almost 130 countries worldwide, the United States is trying to use its current position as the world's only super power to create a situation in which the American military has such a gigantic lead in all areas of military science that it is unchallengeable and can take pre-emptive action against any potential competitor. In military jargon this is known as "full spectrum dominance," is meant to be the basis for a permanent American empire and is what the mis-named Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) program is all about.

The best argument that the Liberal government has mustered for us joining the BMD system is that it will make our U.S. counterparts happy and won't

cost Canada any money. While it is true that the States are not asking for any money right now, complicated space programs have a long history of huge cost overruns. It is quite likely that somewhere down the road the U.S. government will want us to pay up.

The official rationale for BMD—that Iran or North Korea will attack the United States with an intercontinental ballistic missile—is deeply hallucinatory. Not only do these nations lack the technology, there are easier ways to deliver an attack that would not leave a return address, avoiding collective annihilation.

Clearly we must look elsewhere for more convincing reasons. The gigantic profits the aerospace and defense industries will reap provides a partial explanation, but more important is that the program will provide a cover for putting in place the infrastructure of space warfare, not to protect the American 'homeland', but to project military power around the globe. George Friedman, an intelligence analyst with Strategic Forecasting Inc.—the world's leading private

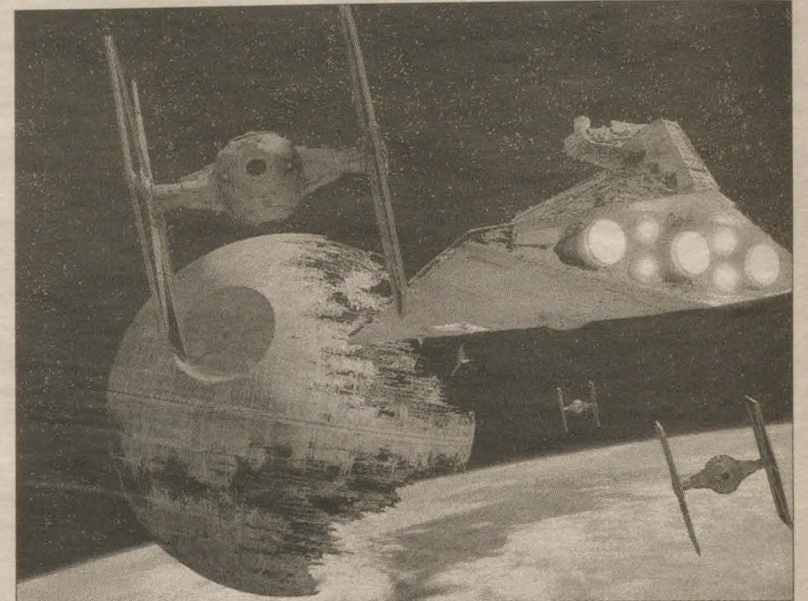
intelligence firm which provides geo-political analysis for *Fortune* 500 corporations—has called BMD a "trojan horse" for the real issue: the coming weaponization of space. The U.S. Space Command's planning document Vision for 2020 (www.acp-cpa.ca/en/vision_2020.pdf) clearly articulates the aggressive intent behind these space systems:

Although unlikely to be challenged by a global peer competitor, the United States will continue to be challenged regionally...

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In other words, the militarization of space, which Canada is being asked to help advance, is about dominating regional challengers far from the borders of the U.S. and taking sole ownership of space. Some of BMD's supporters are clear on the rea-

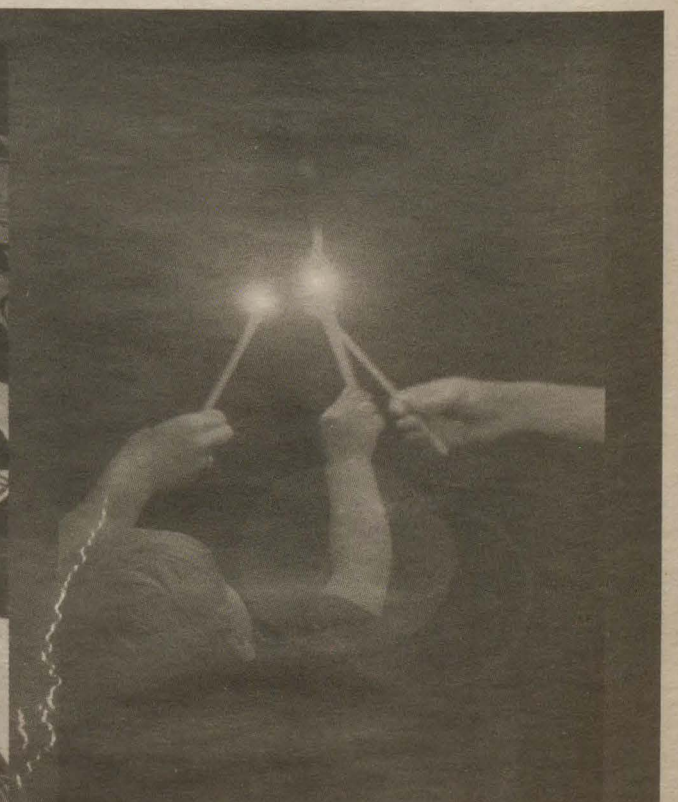


Could this be the legacy of George W. Bush? / Photo: George Lucas

sons; Lawrence Kaplan of the *New Republic* argues that BMD "is not about defense, it's about offence. And that's exactly why we need it." The Canadian government knows all of this, and our own military planners reported that the goal of BMD was more "to preserve US/NATO freedom of action than because U.S. really fears [a] North Korean or Iranian threat." But Canada is still too committed to currying

favor in Washington to take a principled stand.

The good news is that we have a great opportunity to show our opposition to this and other Bush policies when he visits Ottawa this coming Tuesday, Nov. 30. There will be demonstrations in many cities across the country. Halifax's will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. at Victoria Park, on the corner of Spring Garden and South Park.



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Life in Iraq

Lina Hussain experiences what it's like living in Baghdad

Lina Hussain
Staff Contributor

I was thrilled to find after reading the interview with journalist Scott Taylor that there is someone else who realizes that the Americans don't know much about Iraq.

A portion of my summer was spent in my hometown of Baghdad, Iraq. One of the first things I noticed upon my arrival is that the Americans present there have so much power over the Iraqis that the Iraqi people are afraid to breathe in their presence. I asked myself, "is this fair?" How fair is it that the people of one country are being ruled by people of another country? It isn't logical. But I will tell you about my three weeks in Iraq, and you can judge for yourself.

Walking down the streets of Baghdad, I felt I was walking through the streets of one of the poorest countries in the world. It was a destroyed city. Trash lay on the ground in piles. Sidewalks were destroyed and broken. Rubble and sand covered the ground. Car windows and doors were taped with duct tape to prevent them from falling apart. Electricity went on and off about 10 times a day.

At the Ministry of Health, the grounds were covered with hundreds of documents and folders, with peoples' medical history being stepped on and eventually blown away by the wind like trash.

Tanks drove down the streets with bronzed, muscular American soldiers in uniform and black sunglasses frozen in powerful postures. I always wondered, "do they know what they're doing here?" I stared at them from afar in amazement.



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Bombs became the norm in those three weeks. During my second night asleep, three far off bomb explosions awakened me. So this is what bombs sound like, I thought. Aside from the bombs, we witnessed a kidnapping, heard of a relative's husband's murder by American soldiers, and a friends' uncles' murder by Islamic extremists, to name a few.

Iraq's political situation is in total chaos. Wannabe-leaders threaten to kill, kidnap and murder whoever they believe is against their ideologies. Hair salons are threatened and bombed daily by Islamic extremists who believe that getting a beauty fix is against the Islamic religion.

Despite all of this, the market booms. What wasn't available during Saddam's era is now everywhere. Computers, video games, TVs, DVD players, even car rims are brought into the market from abroad. All kinds of pop drinks, fruits and vegetables (which Saddam used to keep for himself) are now available for the people. Most importantly, even the poorest Iraqis can afford these "luxuries."

Living in constant fear has made Iraqis numb with emotion. Their laughter is a coping strategy for the misery they feel inside, as a result of decades of seemingly never-ending dictatorship and war. Iraqis live in the present. They don't talk of their futures. They have given up on life and surrendered to whatever may come. Optimism is not a part of their lives—it's regarded as denial.

I knew I wouldn't have to deal with the heat and covering up from head to toe every time I went out in fear of harassment for very much longer. I knew I would be leaving soon and carrying on with my life. But I couldn't help but wonder what it would be like to live in Iraq. What would it be like to live in constant fear, and knowing my dreams may never come true?

I realized how incredibly blessed I am to be able to sit back, enjoy gorgeous weather and not have to worry about being mugged, harassed or bombed to death.

How is it that this once rich country became this way? Everyone seems to think that they have the right to invade and rule Iraq. Is this fair? Think about it.

Is Carolyn Parrish an Enemy of the State(s)?

Courtenay Kyle
Opinions Contributor

Is Carolyn Parrish really the she-devil that she's being portrayed as? On Nov. 18, Paul Martin kicked her out of the Liberal Party of Canada, citing her "unacceptable" behavior.

But what has Parrish really done here that is so wrong: calling President Bush "warlike," stepping on a Bush doll on *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and saying that the Liberal Party "can all go to hell"? Where's the problem here? Did it not become even more obvious during the recent American elections how anti-Bush many Canadians are?

I was on campus the day after the elections and from King's to the SUB I could hear the moans and groans caused by Bush's vic-

tory. As far as the stint on *This Hour* goes, Parrish stepped on a doll, a child's toy. It's not as if she was planning on stepping on the real George W. Bush.

No, it could not have been the anti-Bush behavior that got Parrish kicked out of the Liberal Party.

If she had stuck to criticizing the President (and Americans), she probably could have ranted until she turned blue in the face. It was not until she attacked the Prime Minister and his Liberals that she ran into trouble.

Clearly, telling your party to go to hell and that you do not care if they lost the next election is not the best way to win popularity... but should one be kicked out of a party because of it? No, not when it means in potentially losing Parrish's vote, the single

vote that prevented the Liberals from being defeated in the House of Commons by the united opposition of the Conservatives and the Bloq Quebecois.

The government we elected may no longer be calling all the shots. Criticize as you might Parrish's behavior that led to her dismissal from the Liberal Party, at the very least she added some much-needed drama to Canadian politics. She finally got our attention off of what is going on in the U.S. and back onto what is happening in our own country.

Maybe the DSU should steal some of her tactics around the time of our next election to encourage more students to vote—like staging a few catfights and screaming matches in front of the library to grab our attention—just a suggestion.

Top 13

LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK		WEEKS ON CHART
36	1	BEING OVERLY HAPPY ABOUT SNOW If girls love clothes, do they just like winter because it gives them a chance to wear <i>more</i> clothes?*	7
10	2	FESTIVUS IS APPROACHING Time to tell your family and friends how they disappointed you over the past year. Time once again for feats of strength, nothing like pinning your father to the ground Festivus morning.	4
6	3	ADDING FOOTNOTES Hey it's a bitch, but it beats a knock on the door from the plagiarism police.	8
15	4	THE CHANGING OF "WOMEN'S STUDIES" TO "GENDER STUDIES" You see, "Women's Studies" implied that every other discipline from physics to philosophy was "Men's Studies" and that would be... uh, wrong?	2
20	5	IF YOU SAY YOU SAW THE ENDING OF "SAW" COMING A MILE AWAY Why blatantly lie like that?	3
9	6	BETWEEN 11:55 A.M. AND 12:05 P.M. The only proper greeting is "Good Nooning to you good sir/madam!"	4
7	7	SAYING "SCREW IT" TO YOUR SCHOOLWORK AND GOING OUTSIDE TO BUILD A SNOW FORT Relaxed George Bush says: Nothing relieves more tension than fighting a fake war.	12
4	8	THE PACERS ATTACKING DETROIT PISTONS FANS Honestly, how hard is it to <i>not</i> throw a bottle at a player's face?	9
1	9	FINAL EXAMS ARE ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY A fact more sobering than watching an old woman eat a chlidog.	11
2	10	RECURRING DREAMS OF PEOPLE CHASING YOU It's not a dream! Run!	15
-	11	DALHOUSIE SCIENTISTS CLONED A FRUIT FLY Because we definitely don't have enough of those in the world.	6
16	12	TALKING TOO MUCH ABOUT ONE'S SELF WHILE ON MSN Also called "informed, intellectual, semi-platonic conversation" in some circles.	3
13	13	MACLEAN'S MAGAZINE'S UNIVERSITY RATINGS Are about as reliable as the chart you're reading now.	13

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I'm trying to find heat shock proteins in sea monkeys and see how the proteins affect their life cycles.
- Sarah MacLeod, second-year biology



I'm comparing the political systems of the U.K. and the U.S. I'm trying to discover if the parliamentary system is better than the presidential system.
- Kate Bell, second-year IDS



I'm comparing the difference between religion and faith in *St. Simeon Stylites* and *Johannes Agricola in Meditation*.
- Lisa Friars, second-year microbiology



I'm trying to figure out why $4\pi = 0$.
- Jon Dole, second-year physics



I'm trying to show that in the *Illiad* the Gods are like children with magnifying glasses burning the ants under them.
- Anna Fischer, third-year classics and German

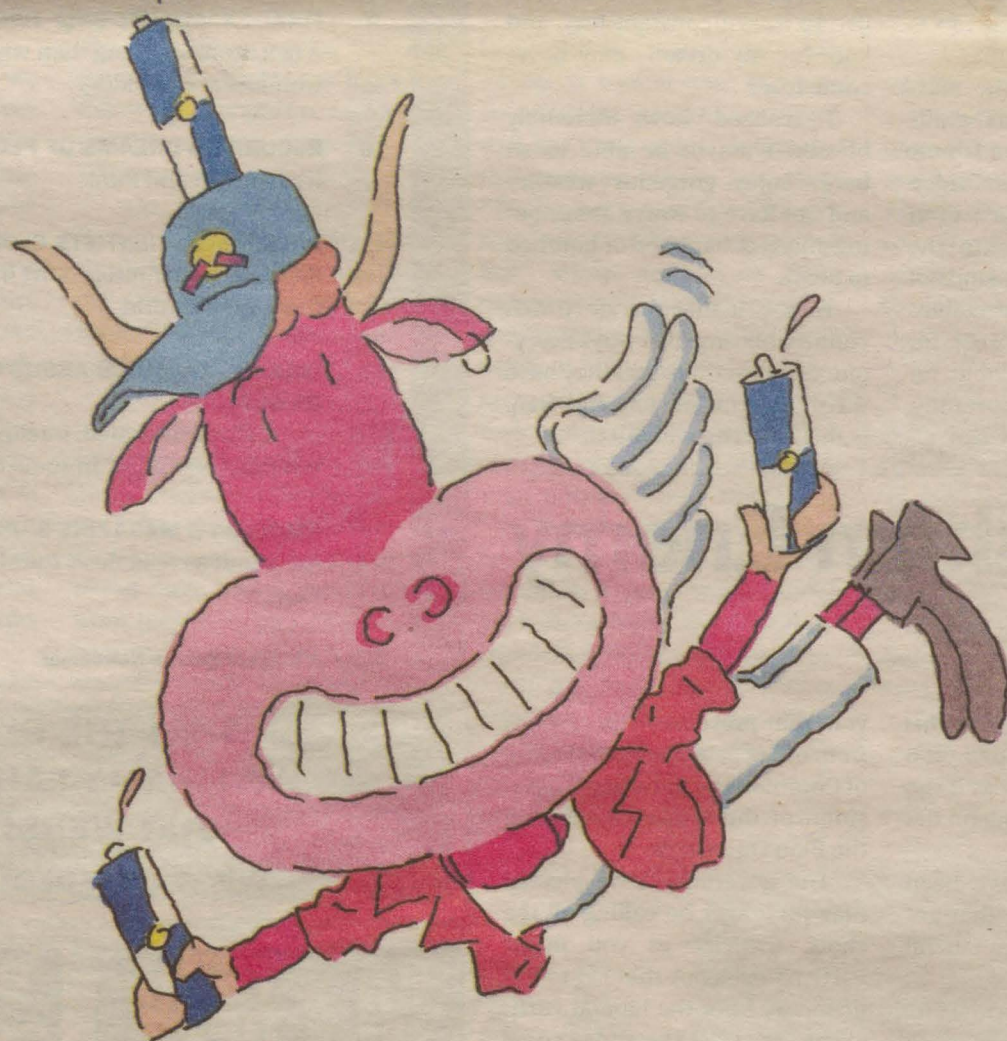


I'm writing on the portrayal of the dual nature of Dionysus as encompassing the feelings of getting drunk and experiencing a hangover in the *Bacchae*.
- Daniel Smith, third-year classics



I'm examining the base-superstructure social formations of a neo-Marxist political economy approach to Liechtenstein's amateur pornographic industry. Whoa, I just got a half-chub.
- Chris LaRoche, seventh-year Colin Farrell stunt double

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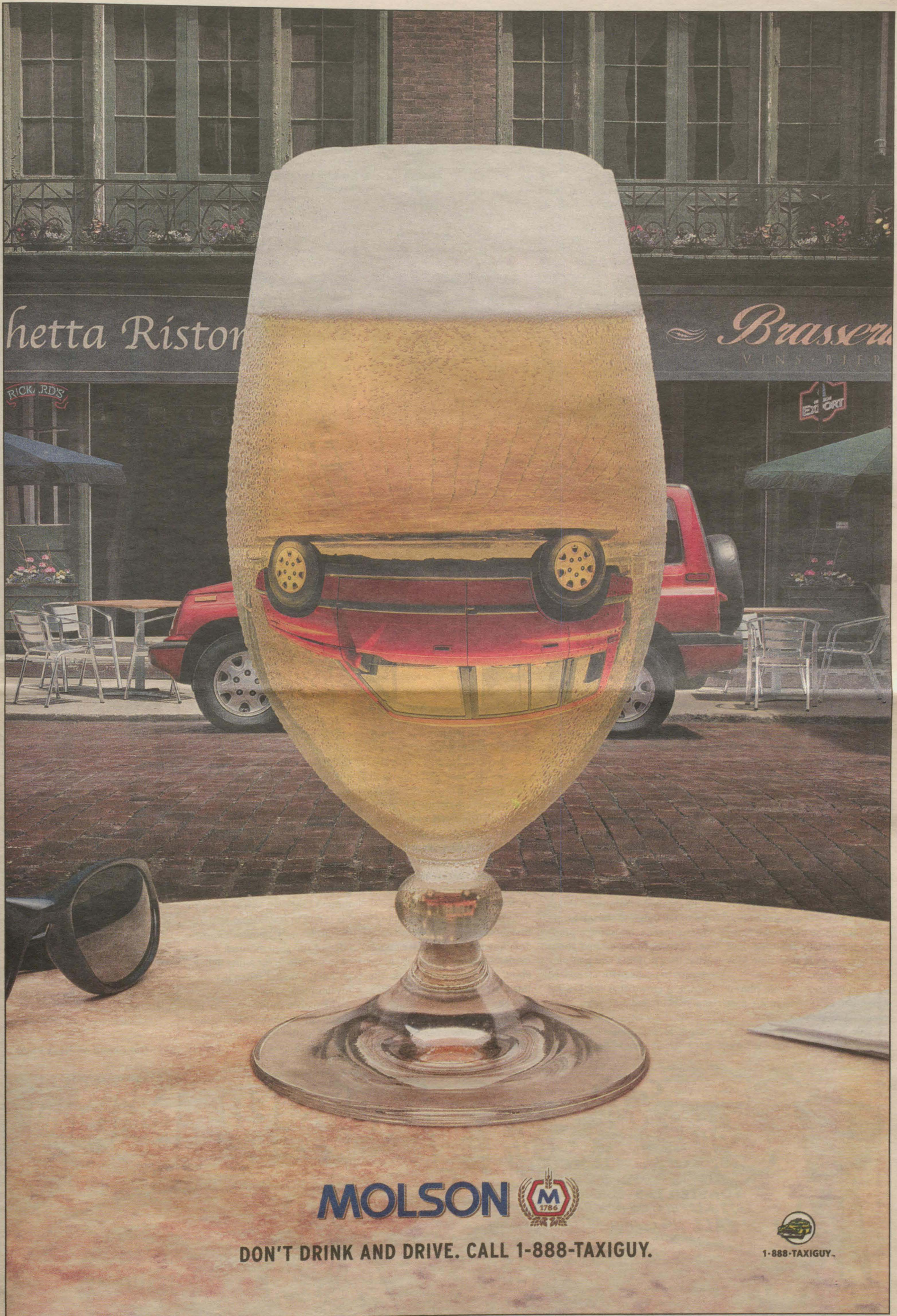
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Mike's Hard

Mike's Hard Rockin' Wednesday, Open Mic, that is. Thankfully, Grawood manager Mike Pope doesn't ever take the stage: Instead, any wannabe performer gets to and has the chance of the \$100 prize, if they don't suck too much. It's all happening this Dec. 1 (hump day) at 9 p.m. Cover is \$2.

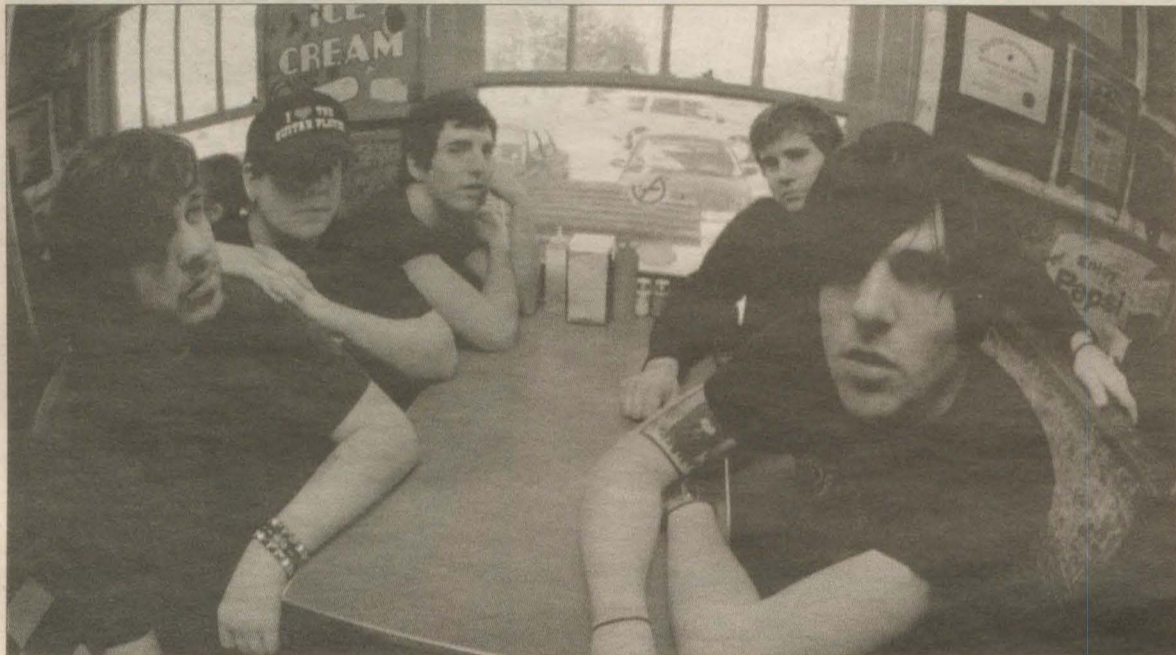
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Hedda' the Class

Are you a glutton for the works of Henrik Ibsen? If yes, the performance of his play "Hedda Gabler" is calling your name. Go to the Pit in the King's College A&A building between Nov. 25 and 27 at 8 p.m. Admission is "pay-what-you-can" opening night, \$5 every other night. Go early for good seats.

Hot Spots



The Reason: "We go pretty crazy on stage."



KTS? Low production valuesPhoto: David Irish

The Reason is the Live Show

Andrew Erskine
 Arts Contributor

"We're doing what we want to do," says the Reason's lead singer Adam White excitedly. The five piece Ontario-based punk band have lots to be excited about too: They have a new album out (*Ravenna*) on a well established Canadian record label, Smallman Records, and they have toured all over North America, headlining shows and opening for major acts such as Billy Talent and Alexisonfire. "Anything else [that happens] is just a bonus," White says, adding that it would be cool if the band could play music full-time, and not have to work part-time jobs in between gigs.

The Reason—having played more than 250 shows in the past year—rarely get a day off.

"We love touring Canada," says White. "We'll drive a little

bit further [for a show] than we would in the U.S." Their constant touring is paying off, and the band is slowly building a fan following. "People are coming to the shows," White says, which is all he could ever wish for.

On Thursday, Nov. 25, the Reason returns to Halifax for the third time. "The Attic was probably our craziest bar show ever," White says of their last trip to the SuperCity.

"We go pretty crazy on stage, and get into the music," says White. "Everything revolves around those 30 minutes." This is not to say their live show is an act by any means, but more a product of them being excited about what they're doing and getting a chance to perform for an excited crowd, a crowd that the Reason can feed off and entertain.

The new album *Ravenna*—a blend of pop-punk and hardcore—is all about "being confi-

dent, about being anxious and about being stoked on what we're doing," says White. This comes as a relief from the ever-so-prevalent whinny Emo punk that has more or less dominated the hardcore for the last while. "There's not a template for hardcore music," White adds. "Songs don't always have to be about sadness." The band also experimented with their sound a little more on *Ravenna*, incorporating more electronic elements into their songs. "We would come up with cool little beats and just try to fit them in," White said.

The album is also the band's first on the Canadian record label Smallman Records, so far a match made in heaven. "They are more about the relationship than the business," according to White. "It's like a dream come true."

The Reason plays the Pavilion on Thursday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. and at the Attic, 10 p.m.

Dracula

Sending audiences "the long way home"

Bridgette Sullivan
 Staff Contributor

In the aptly named Pit theatre, a beleaguered doctor and father, one doting fiancé, a vermin eating lunatic, a poised professor, a damsel in distress, a suspicious maid, one spunky attendant and a sinister count all come together on a dreary and haunting moor of England for one of the most famous horror stories of all time: *Dracula*.

The drama begins in 1925 at a sanatorium outside of London. A concerned Dr. Seward, played by Dave Jerome, has summoned Professor Van Helsing to his home in hopes that perhaps the professor's extensive knowledge of the supernatural will be of some help to his ailing daughter Lucy, who has fallen ill with a mysterious disease.

In scenes punctuated by the maniacal laughter of insane mental patient Renfield, played by Chris Regier, we learn that

Lucy has two odd little puncture wounds on her neck and that perhaps the mysterious count Dracula has something to do with the eerie situation. As the doctor Jonathan Harker (who is Lucy's fiancé) and Professor Van Helsing piece together the evidence with the help of encrypted clues from a raving Renfield, it becomes clear that the Count is up to no good and must be stopped.

In the small, dark theatre the audience sat quietly watching the events unfold, often erupting in nervous giggles during cheesy portions of the script—played with genuine enthusiasm by the cast members. In particular, a wild Regier was extremely convincing in his part. While his eyes, wide with hysteria, rolled around in his head, he often leapt and slithered about the stage, much to the delight of the captivated playgoers.

Another engrossing scene in-

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SuperSex in the SuperCity

Boys will be boys

Dear Dave,

I met a great guy last year. We were both in our first year and met through mutual friends. "Aaron" and I each have girlfriends who like each other and now spend time together. The four of us have a lot of fun when we're together.

This year Aaron and I moved into a one-bedroom apartment. Since neither of us is shy, we are naked together each night. I was a bit surprised when Aaron started openly displaying his hard dick. Then he masturbated one night, with me in the next bed. I do it too, but always in private.

As the past weeks have unfolded I began to join in with him and, one night after dropping off the girls, we touched each other and did mutual masturbation. It was great. Now Aaron and I do it together all the time, last night he even did oral!

Is it common for university roommates to fool around? How much of this actually happens in residence or other male living arrangements? Aaron says that it happens all the time but nobody talks about it. I'm not so sure, but even if it does I'm not going to talk about it. I know I don't want to stop either...

- Different Strokes

Dear D.S.,

Society has become highly fixed on orientation—you are either straight, gay or bi. Unfortunately, sexuality is too fluid to be boxed into precise categories. Straight guys have long been known to fool around together, and there is no rule that a gay guy cannot experiment with females if the interest is there.

University is a time not just for academic learning, but also personal development. Old friendships from high school dissipate and new friendships are forged from living in residence, being involved in sports or par-

tercourse. There is a conception out there that all guys engage in group masturbation at some point. Of course, not every guy engages in this type of behaviour, perhaps due to lack of interest or lack of opportunity.

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ticipating in societies. These new friendships bring about new opportunities, like the situation you are finding yourself in.

One of the most common examples of guys fooling around together is a circle jerk where a group of guys will get together to jack off in unison. In some cases, it may turn more sexual and incorporate oral or anal in-

tercourse. There is a conception out there that all guys engage in group masturbation at some point. Of course, not every guy engages in this type of behaviour, perhaps due to lack of interest or lack of opportunity. There is no data on the number of guys who fool around together, but it is safe to say that it is more common than people think. Masculinity goes hand in hand with being über-macho and that does not facilitate openly talking about experiences that might be deemed to be gay. But society is becoming less rigid about sexual exploration, and due to the rising number of straight men and women who delight in the occasional same-sex flight, a new term has emerged: heteroflexible. Whatever term best describes how you feel, the most important thing to remember is that what you are your roomie are doing is okay, as long as it is consensual.

KTS Theatre: *Dracula*

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volved some rather racy action between the Count and Lucy, played by Kyle Dooley and Sophia Bearden. Dramatic caresses, long kisses, enraptured gasps, and heads pressed to bosoms certainly spice up one's night at the theatre, to say the least.

The performances put on by the actors were impressive. Dia-

ness behind the audience with candlelit lanterns, searching for Dracula's lair. At another point, an ear splitting scream from Sophie Bearden caused the theatre to fall into complete darkness again as the audience eagerly anticipated what would happen next.

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logue flowed freely and without mishap during lengthy discussions surrounding the evidence at hand between the doctor Jonathan Harker, played by Christopher Galbraith, and the professor, played by Benjamin Mitchell, who maintained a fantastic thick Dutch accent throughout the entire show.

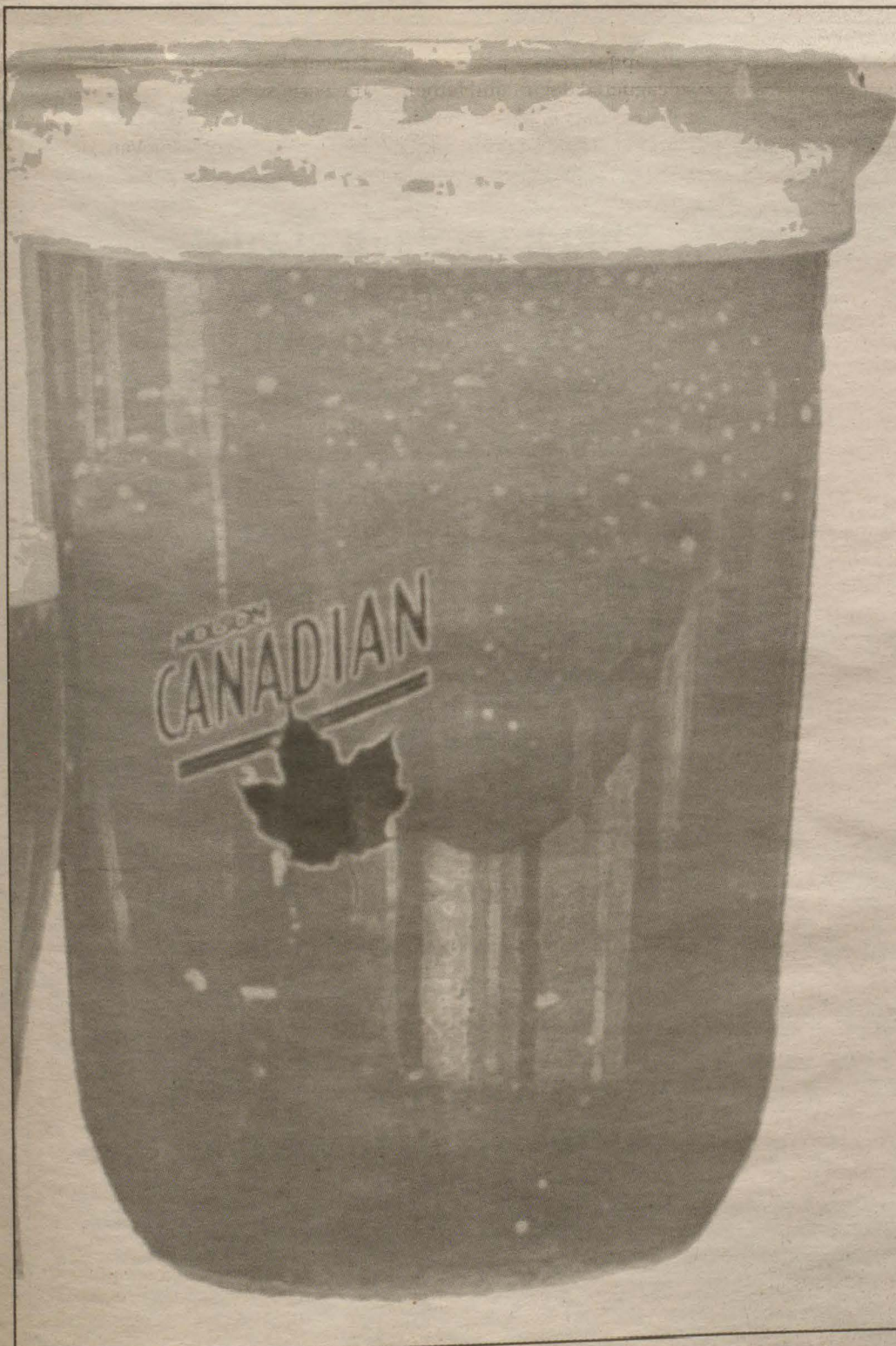
What really contributed to the spooky atmosphere was the lighting of theatre, which changed throughout the performance. As the play progressed, the lights were cut only to have the three sleuths emerge from the dark-

ness behind the audience with candlelit lanterns, searching for Dracula's lair. At another point, an ear splitting scream from Sophie Bearden caused the theatre to fall into complete darkness again as the audience eagerly anticipated what would happen next.

While the lengthy first two acts may have caused playgoers to glance at their watches every so often, the last segment of the play was action-packed and full of giddy excitement.

Of course we all know how the story ends—a story that seeks to send chills through our bones and as the play's programme suggests, "take the long way home tonight." But we never tire of seeing good triumph over evil, do we?

And what is more satisfying, dare I suggest, than hearing the sound of that wooden stake plunging through the Prince of Darkness' ribcage?



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"To Be Alone With You"
Sufjan Stevens

"Driftwood: A Fairy Tale"
Cursive

"The Summer Ends"
American Football

"I'm Sorry"
Red House Painters

"Run"
Snow Patrol

"Sierra"
Cursive

"For Sure"
American Football

"Lullaby"
Pedro the Lion

"The Great Decay"
Cursive

"Damascus"
Sufjan Stevens

"Your Bruise"
Death Cab For Cutie

"Honestly"
American Football

"The Reason I Stay"
Time Spent Driving

"The Martyr"
Cursive

"When You Notice The Stripes"
The Shins

Soul Purpose

Extreme skiing, West to East

Rafal Andronowski
Staff Contributor

Blinding sunlight glimmers on powder-coated mountains. Dark, stretching shadows betray huge cliffs and drops—steep slopes peppered randomly with snow-laden evergreens. I watch awestruck as tiny figures fly across a screen, twisting and spinning in the air like acrobats. Fluffy, virgin powder flies around them as the skiers and boarders carve new paths down ancient mountains.

These images are certainly awe-inspiring—and they are only from a movie teaser played in a tiny Quicktime window on my computer. I can imagine my dad, a surgeon by training, weighing every risk and calculating the number of stitches and IVs required in case something goes wrong. He doesn't understand the purpose of daring to tread where others only dream to be—a purpose that is summed up by the film's two title words: *Soul Purpose*.

"This kind of event is nothing that Halifax has seen before," says Jeremy Law, the local promoter of *Soul Purpose*, Teton Gravity Research's new skiing



Extreme skier Johnny Law

and snowboarding film. The film features some of the world's top skiers and boarders, shot in the ubiquitous format of extreme sports—16mm.

Among the featured athletes is Jeremy's older brother, Nova Scotia-native Johnny Law, a freeskiier ranked third overall in the world and the winner of the 2003 U.S. National Freeskiing Championships. A former Ski Wentworth Racer, Johnny is flying up to Halifax to promote the film this weekend.

"You don't need to be a hardcore extreme skier or boarder to

appreciate [the film]," he said in a phone interview with the *Gazette*. "I think there are many young people [in Halifax] in college and university that can appreciate it for what it is showing: the lifestyle."

Although Western endeavors and mountains overshadow the East Coast skiing scene, Jeremy thinks there is a larger interest group here than many people will admit—"People here love skiing as much as they do out West," he says.

How many people are interested in this type of action movie will be revealed Saturday, Nov. 27 when the film shows at Ondaatje Hall at 8 p.m. The event will be attended by Johnny and feature prizes and draws from freestyle sponsors such as North Face and Rossignol. Also included in admission (\$10) are 2-for-1 lift tickets to Wentworth and a chance to win a ski trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming or a heli-ski package to Alaska.

But, says Johnny, the real purpose behind *Soul Purpose* is to encourage people to get into the sport: "We can only hope that it will get people interested," he says, "and getting out on the hill."

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City Field *Authentic City EP*

Matt Murphy has completely sold out. That's right. The latest band he's in has completely run out of stock of their debut EP, and if you don't have one, tough luck. Having said that, those fortunate enough to pick up City Field's album will be treated to the most original album to come out of Halifax in years. Quirky, intelligent and diverse, *Authentic City* is a short six-song glimpse at what this band has to offer. The song "Pretenders" combines vocal parts from all three singer/songwriters in a theatrical narrative of two lovers' pursuit of one another, while "Stage Whispers" is the only track in which Murphy is heavily featured. While the B-52's inspired record is an exciting find, those of you who saw City Field play this past summer will be left wishing it wasn't so short. -C.M.



BOY *Every Page You Turn*

Same Old Song? Same old thing. Never have I tried so hard to like an album as I have with *Every Page You Turn*, Steven Kozmeniuk's first effort with band accompaniment. It only moderately satisfies the expectations of BOY's previous fan base, and with the exception of the latter tracks on the album, this record is just plain flat. *Every Page* is so similar to what could be a bland Sam Roberts sophomore effort that I started putting it on and passing it off as such to trick friends. As Roberts has been touring with the same material since some of us were in 10th grade, this album may find some affection among devotees of the

bearded Montrealer in need of a fix to tide them over. -C.M.



Pearl Jam

Rearview Mirror

It's a few months 'till Christmas, and the inevitable flood of greatest hits albums is right on schedule. *Rearview Mirror* is a rarity among "best of" albums: it exposes fans to a Pearl Jam

more versatile than songs like "Jeremy" and "Better Man" suggest. It's been a while since they've had significant radio play, and with an evident lack of videos, it is easy to understand how much of their best material has been overlooked. This double-album condenses their catalogue of material to a reasonable length even casual fans can enjoy, eliminating the confusion caused by the overflow of material they have released in the past decade by various means (including studio releases, the Internet, live 'bootlegs', etc.). -C.M.



Various Artists

Mary Had A Little Amp

Mary Had a Little Amp is a delicately assembled nursery compilation that boosts some of childhood's most memorable and mystical classics. Maroon 5's rendition of Gene Wilder's

(*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*) "Pure Imagination" surreally captures all the wonderment of a youthful otherworld. The album was produced by American organization Project Kid Smart who works to support government-funded pre-school education, and the other artists on the CD (Graham Nash, Roseanne Cash, Madonna, Bonnie Raitt, Indigo Girls and the Dixie Chicks, to name a few) who devoted their time and talents to this worthy cause. -N.P.



Duran Duran *Astronaut*

Although they've never broken up during their 20-plus years as a band, Duran Duran decided to release this "reunion" album in an attempt to rekindle the stylings that the original five had back in the 80s. With all the Britty, blitzzy, power-pop knock-offs out there, it is hard to tell genuine from amateur; but for a band like Duran Duran, who have put out something like 18 albums since 1981, the point is moot: they've put in the time and effort and have yet to release a poor quality recording. Choicest cut of the album is track 12, "Still Breathing", which is an eerily harmonized song about abandoning the past, home, and "shattered feelings."

The album is a soft, sullen hybrid of dreamy melodies with a tight sharpness that only a classic band can produce. -N.P.



Report Card Andy Stochansky

Date: Friday, Nov. 18, 2004

Venue: Grawood

Reporter: Carter Smith

Photographer: Rafal Andronowski

Stage Presence: B+

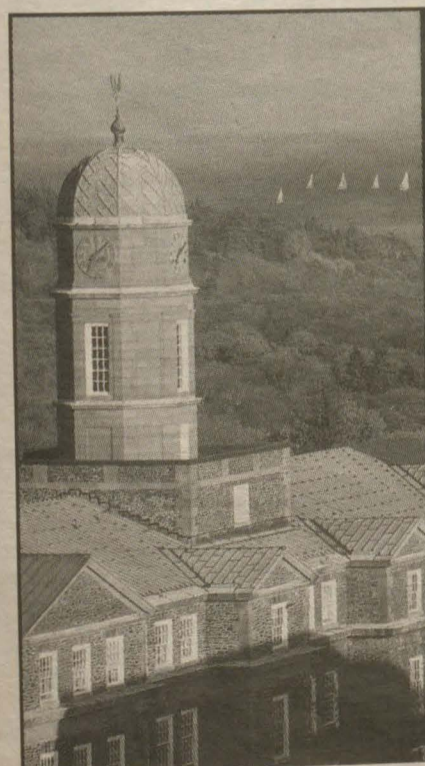
Audience Reaction: B+

Sound Quality: A

Effort: A

Get-it-on-ability: He was sporting a wedding band, so depending on perspective, A or F

Think of Our Lady Peace (but not as shrill and annoying), Hayden (but not as darkly humorous and brooding), and John Mayer (but not as Abercrombie and lame) and you get a pretty good idea of what Andy Stochansky sounds like. The ex-Ani DiFranco drummer treated the Grawood lunch crowd to an hour of acoustic guitar tunes in support of his new EP *Shine*. Although unspectacular as a guitar player, Stochansky connected with the audience and revealed his talents and appeal when belting out lyrics. His vocal intensity coupled with poppy guitar riffs surely sold some CDs and made Friday's hangover much better than last week's.



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The men's volleyball team is currently ranked eighth in the country

Track star Adrienne Power prequalified for the CIS championships in March at a meet last weekend in New Brunswick. Her time in the 60-metre and her dis-

tance in the long jump were both good enough to cover the standard. Power is the defending Canadian champ in the 60m and 300m.

Sports Briefs

Midseason Report Card

Men's hockey gets passing grade—but needs to step up

Joey Ryba
Staff Contributor

If the Dal Tigers Men's hockey team was given an evaluation, one might think it would get a failing grade given its slow start. Things haven't quite come together for the Tigers this season. A lack of scoring and mental mistakes has cost them games. All players on the team have played well most of the time, but what's lacking is a consistent effort with everyone on the same page. So here's the breakdown:

Goaltending: Protecting the net has been good this season, but not outstanding like it has been in the past few seasons. "I think the goaltending has been steady this year," says coach Fabian Joseph. "Both goaltenders have won us a game on their own; however, down the stretch, the goaltending has to get better. We need consistent, solid goaltending if we want to be successful in this league."

Defencemen: The defence has been pretty solid this year: Returnees Billy Browne, Brad Pierce, Andre Robichaud and Scott Wright are in good form. Newcomer, Corey LeClair is a natural fit on this team. LeClair has done a good job shutting down the opposition, and his offensive game has excelled. LeClair is the quarterback of the Dal power-play and can really rush with the puck to create chances. "Our defencemen have been steady and effective this year," says Joseph. "Sometimes they end up trying to do too much, and that's counterproductive. They need to play within themselves. We could also use a little more production from them as well."

In the second half of the season, defenseman Geoff Patten will join Dal's defensive core. Patten played the last three seasons with the OHL's Belleville Bulls. "Patten is a physical, stay-at-home defenceman," says Joseph. "We need a guy on the ice who



Photo: Nick Pearce

can really punish the opposition."

Forwards: There has been a lack of firepower this season. Dal has consistently out-shot opponents but hasn't been rewarded for their efforts. The Tigers need to find the back of the net more often if they want to crawl out of the cellar. "I think the forwards have been working hard," says Joseph. "We've only been averaging two goals a game. You need at least three in this league if you want to get the win. It's a combination of guys trying too hard and not getting the bounces."

In the second half of the season, the Tigers will welcome back second year winger Justin Hawco to their line-up. "Hawco showed positive strides last season," Joseph says. "He came to camp in excellent condition. He was playing on the second line when he got hurt. We are looking forward to having him back in our line-up."

Newcomers: With the loss of six players in the off-season, Joseph

had to bring in some new blood this season—and so far things have worked.

"The rookies have all exceeded my expectations to this point," says Joseph. "Maxim Lessard has been a pleasant surprise. He has been consistent and has netted a few goals. Corey LeClair is the quarterback of our power-play and he's playing well at both ends. Jimmy Cuddihy gets better every night. He's going to be a productive player in this league."

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Michael Gorman
Sports Editor

What was the first thing you did when you realized your team had won the national championship?

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How did you celebrate?

We opened up a couple bottles of champagne and went to the CIS after-party with the other athletes.

You guys got stuck in the airport on the way home. What did you do to pass the time?

Yeah that kind of sucked. We did a lot of sitting around and waiting. Trying to sleep in airports is nearly impossible. Most of us were lucky enough to get a stand-by flight to Halifax after 12 hours of waiting but a few people didn't make it home until the next day

If you weren't running cross-country, what sport would you be involved in?

Probably soccer but not at the varsity level. I played mid-field in high school but enjoyed running around more than kicking the ball. I did a wonderful job warming the bench.

What's the one movie everyone should see and why?

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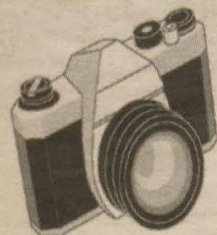
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Ron Artest may be Bad, but he's no Janet Jackson

Michael Gorman
Sports editor

It isn't exactly fresh news by this point, but last weekend the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons engaged in what was simply one of the worst displays in the history of sport.

A hard foul on Ben Wallace led to pushing and shoving, which led to kicking and punching, which led to fans throwing things at players, which ultimately led to basketball players fighting with fans. Ron Artest of the Pacers went so far as to enter the crowd, trample many and pummel a few.

The end result was Artest being suspended by the NBA for the remainder of the season. Several other players also received lengthy suspensions. The league was outraged. The broadcasters were outraged. Other players were outraged.

But one group was left missing.

Where was the general public? Where were the people that were ready to hang the NFL by their toenails after Janet Jackson flashed the world during a half-time show last year or when Terrell Owens was arm-in-arm with a steamy naked blond prior to the start of Monday Night Football just a few weeks ago? Artest and the rest of the thugs from the melee basically stage an impromptu street fight—during the game mind you—and there is no moral outrage.

The NFL presents barely questionable material, in both cases without their knowing it was going to happen, and moral watchdogs are ready to shut down the entire sports world. Worst of all, neither of those incidents actually happened during a game! What is the problem here? Have we totally lost sight of right and wrong? Are we really that desensitized?

The people committing the acts of violence during the basketball game are the ones the kids tune in to watch, look up to, try to emulate. None of those little kids turned for the Super Bowl because they were excited for the half time show. "Tom Brady, he's OK, but that Janet Jackson—now there's a reason to stay up past bedtime."

It's a sad comment indeed when our society finds a briefly visible nipple or suggestive scene between a man and women more offensive than people throwing chairs at each other, punching each other and kicking each other. "Oh it's OK, go right ahead and kick him in the face. That's fine. But would you mind not exposing yourself? We don't want the kids seeing that."

I'm not sure what higher power these moral crusaders look to, but I'd like to think he or she would much rather see breasts popping out all over the place than people stepping on other people and punching them in the face.

Dal's Twin Towers Eye Successful Season

Men's Volleyball Team Likes New Addition

Jenn Casey
Staff Contributor

There's tall, and then there's Niklas Rademacher and Tim Wiley. With a combined height of over 13 feet, the two Dalhousie men's volleyball teammates are amongst the best players in the country.

Rademacher is the Tigers' latest recruit, and is making more than one transition this year. Born in Bocholt Germany, the 22-year-old is getting used to daily life in North America.

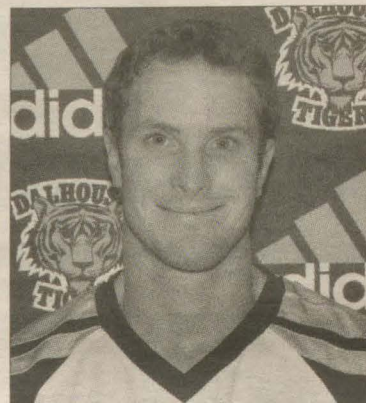
"So far, I haven't met a Canadian I haven't liked," he says in near perfect English. "Everyone has been very good to me, especially my teammates."

Rademacher lives with two of his teammates—Jesse Mighton and Jeff Weiler and that's helped him adjust quickly, along with his extensive traveling as a professional beach volleyball player.

The move from the beach to an indoor court is the second big transition for Rademacher. Having spent most of his time on sand with one other teammate as a beach volleyball player, he now has to get used to hardwood floor and numerous team mates.

"I'm still going to play beach in the summer," he says, "so I'm not totally finished with it. But right now it's hard to get used to wearing shoes."

Rademacher learned of Dal quite accidentally: while playing on the beach volleyball tour, Rademacher was talking to players who played at North Ameri-



Tim Wiley

can universities. Luckily for Dal, he came across former Tiger star Jody Holden.

Holden pointed him in the direction of Dal's coach Dan Ota, and Ota was more than happy to take care of all the paperwork to bring Rademacher to Canada.

"He's the biggest guy on the team, but he's also one of the most skilled," says Ota. "You don't normally see that combination. He's clearly one of the top players in the country already in his first year here, and just as importantly, he's one of the most positive guys."

Despite his easy-going nature off-court, Rademacher is also one of the loudest, most intense leaders on the floor and has the ability to get a flat team fired up.

Conversely, Tim Wiley is a leader with much experience. As a fourth-year player with the team, Wiley has been a starter since he first walked onto Dal's campus.

"This may be his last year,

so whenever you're in that type of situation you take a lot more ownership of what's happening," says Ota. "He's going to make sure that this is the best season he's ever had and I think that goal is both individually and as a team as well."

But there have been roadblocks to success. Wiley sprained his ankle a few weeks ago during the team's tournament in Winnipeg.

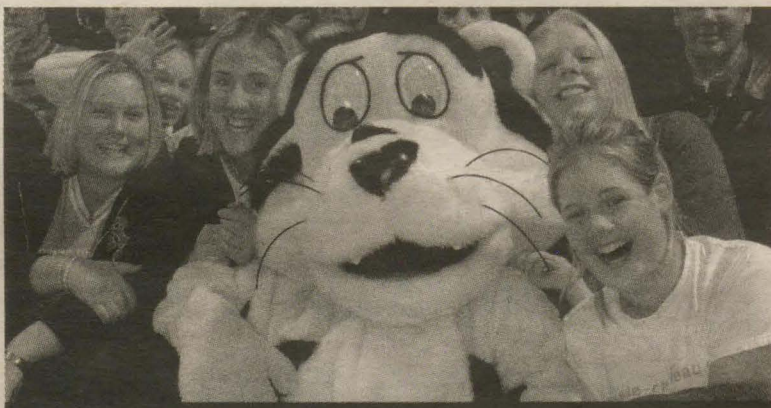
"It's pretty frustrating," says the 6'7" Wiley. "I don't feel much pain, but I definitely notice the difference in mobility. My lateral movement is much slower than I'd like it to be."

That said, he also adds that he expects a quick recovery from the injury and hopes to help his team finally win a National Championship. The team has made an appearance at 18 Nationals tournaments in a row and the last 24 of 25.

But in each of Wiley's years with the team, the Tigers have been sent home after the first round of play.

"We made a few changes this year with team regulations, and we're a much more committed group this year," says Wiley. "We're more disciplined on and off the court—it's more of a business atmosphere and I think that should definitely make a difference when it comes to [nationals]."

The Tigers play their last game before the holiday break versus UNB on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 1 p.m. in the Dalplex Fieldhouse.



CATCH THE TIGERS IN ACTION

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Saturday, Nov. 27, UNB @ DAL, 3pm
Sunday, Nov. 28, UdeM @ DAL, 2pm

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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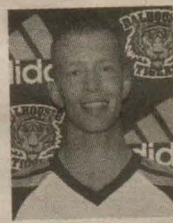
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Andy White (pictured) and Matt Ter-auds each had three wins for the men and Kiera Aitken and Loren Dorrington each had four for the women as the Tigers pounded the competition at last weekend's AUS invitational. But it was Bob Phipps who stole the show. Not only did Phipps win three events, his time in the 1500 freestyle broke the conference record by more than 10 seconds and currently ranks him first in the CIS. He also has the top ranking in the 400-metre freestyle.



Niklas Rademacher
Volleyball

Niklas Rademacher is this week's Dalhousie Male Athlete of the Week. Rademacher was once again the offensive catalyst as the Tigers had a huge weekend in Moncton, N.B. at the Atlantic-Québec interlock tournament. He helped lead the squad to a 4-0 tournament record and a sweep of the Québec schools. Rademacher recorded 66 kills (5.08 per set) for a solid .326 attack efficiency. He also added seven stuff blocks, eight aces, 25 digs and 81 points. The eighth-ranked Tigers dropped only two sets over the two-day tournament moving their league record to an impressive 8-0 and overall season record to 14-2. Rademacher is a first-year management student from Bocholt, Germany.



Lauren Dorrington
Swimming

Lauren Dorrington is this week's Dalhousie Female Athlete of the Week. Dorrington, a rookie, led the Tigers to a team victory at the Dalhousie-hosted AUS Invitational swim meet over the weekend with four individual wins. Her best finish was the 200-metre individual medley race, where she set a meet record. Dorrington's other wins all came in the breaststroke events. She took the 50-metre, 100m and 200m races. Dorrington, already a CIS meet qualifier, is a first-year arts student from Uxbridge, Ont.



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Billy Clyburn
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There comes a time once a year the students of Sexton Campus look forward to, and I am not talking about Iron Ring Ceremony. I personally get pretty excited. I mean more excited than after a private dance at the local skin bar. In case you are not sure what I am talking about, it's the 2005 calculator line up. Here's a review of the pick as the Cadillac of 2005:

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Figure 1: TI-89 Titanium® (TI, 2004).

In case many of you out there are not familiar with the features, here's a lay explanation of the calculator's features:

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DUSCES Maritime Tour 2004

The point of this is - YOU SUCK!!

While many of you were enjoying your holiday weekend, the Dalhousie Sexton Campus Engineering Society was hard at work. This weekend, we embarked on a whirlwind tour that included visiting all three Maritime Provinces in the same day to promote Dalhousie to the Associated Universities. The six executive members, along with a couple of extra delegates, left the big city of Halifax for Moncton after laying a wreath at the ceremony for Remembrance Day at Parade Square. After a brief mix up with the car rental company (who confused DUSCES with Barnum & Bailey and booked us in what they thought resembled a clown car), we were on our way. After an uneventful drive, we arrived at our Moncton destination where we were greeted with open arms (and open bar) by the Davis family. After discussing the psychology of children finding out that Santa Claus is just Mom and Dad and the environmental im-

pact of different cleaning solvents (i.e. the difference between using comet and baby powder), we retired for the evening in preparation of the big day ahead.

At approximately 6 a.m. the next morning, the group was awakened to a wonderful home-cooked breakfast where we found out how fast food disappears when placed in front of eight hungry college students. While there was some resistance to waking up at this hour (we all know who that was by the sinister laugh that followed the suggestion of awakening at that hour), we managed to leave Moncton on schedule. After a fun game of drive around the traffic circle, the truck was off across the bridge to UPEI.

Upon arrival, we were met with some hesitation by students who were surprised to see eight people in matching black coveralls driving a dark SUV around campus, but we managed to locate the engineering faculty. We

were greeted by approximately 20 students who, despite having a midterm that day, were still enthusiastic.

This was continued by the electrifying presentation that was given by Dr. El-Hawary and Dr. Watts the previous week. We presented the students with all that Dal and Halifax has to offer—and it appears there should be an increase in the number of students from UPEI attending Dal next year. After answering several keen questions, we loaded up the truck and headed off to our next location, the wonderful town of Sydney, N.S.

The drive went according to plan, despite several unexpected stops due to one of the passengers having what might possibly be a bladder problem of some sort. The engineering mobile ended up at UCCB at what was observed to be the correct time, only to find that a miscommunication had announced that the douches would be arriving

an hour earlier than what was scheduled. After a brief tour of the campus, the group went to the destination of the evening: UCCB's Poushay residence.

Upon arrival, we were treated to a fantastic meal that was just what we needed—as well as some impromptu dinner theatre put on by a member of the Poushay family. The show brought out the fact that a 10-year-old is of quicker wit than several executive members of the council; concrete is a dietary supplement of engineering students; and the fact you don't need to be smart to do engineering. A moron could do what we do—a surprise to all of us.

After thanking the Poushays for a lovely evening, we piled in the truck with our tails between our legs and our self confidence shattered and headed back to the hotel.

Coming next week, Chinese food, making love to the porcelain and the drive from hell.

DUSCES News and Events

The Christmas tree campaign is now underway. There is a tree in the alumni lounge sporting the names of families who need our help to have a happy Christmas this year. The way the tree works is simple: take a name off the tree and put your name and email on the tab that you pulled off the tree. Then pass in a gift, along with the name, to the EUS office (J130A). We hope that we can help every name on the tree have a happy Christmas.

Pop bottle boat races will be held this Saturday, 5:30 p.m., at the pool at Dalplex. Teams of students will be getting together to make boats out of only pop bot-

tles and duct tape. The first team to successfully transport one team member to the other side of the pool wins. All are welcome to come and see the excitement.

This year, Sexton Campus will be the main venue for the Montreal Massacre memorial service. We are teaming up with several groups around the city to help remember the 14 female engineering students who were killed on Dec. 6, 1989. Everyone is welcome to attend this ceremony on the evening of Dec. 6.

For information on these or any other events, please contact DUSCES in room J130A or by email: dteus@dal.ca.

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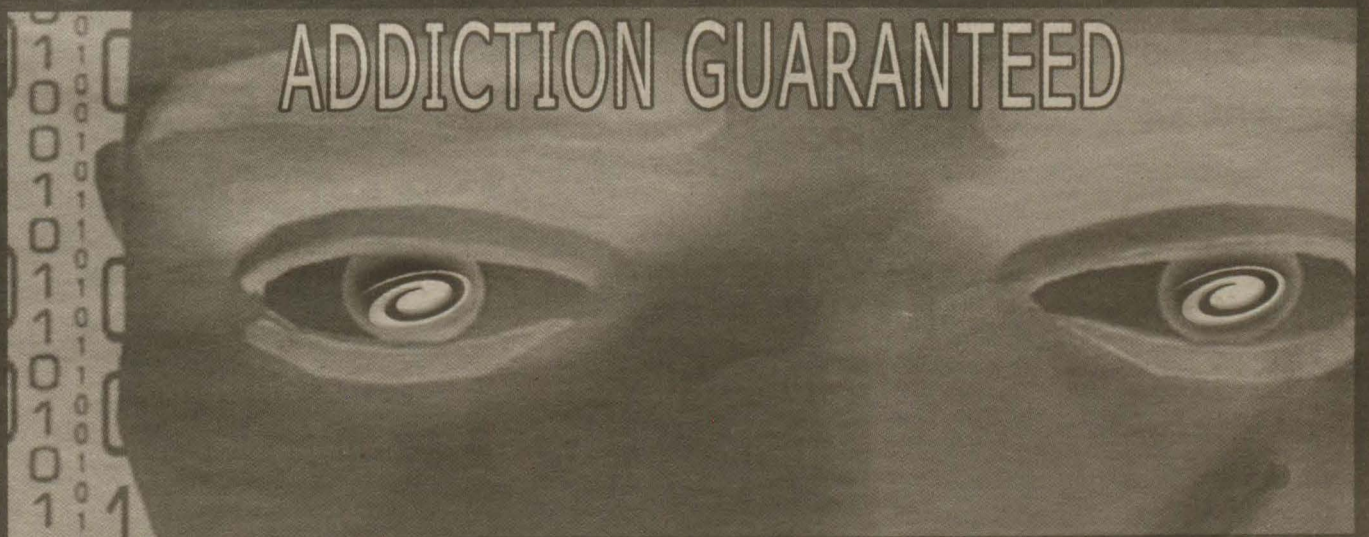
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