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Peace marchers do make a difference. Join them Saturday at noon, Grand Parade.

Work for peace

by Paul Webster

Five-hundred people congregated in the Grand Parade last Thursday morning to protest the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf.

They were there, in the words of Bette Peterson from the Nova Scotia Voice of Women, "because the massacre we all feared has now begun".

The events of the last week have made it clear that a very large number of people living in Halifax oppose the war. Major protests took place on Thursday, a Vigil was held by hundreds of people Friday night and a second large

protest was held on Saturday. Another protest is planned as part of a nation-wide demonstration for 1:00 p.m. Saturday the 26th, beginning at the Grand Parade.

A wide range of arguments are being made by protestors and spokespeople representing organizations opposed to the war.

Paula Clarke, speaking for the Dalhousie Troops Out of the Gulf Coalition last Saturday, brought up what is undoubtedly the most pressing issue on people's minds when she asked the crowd, "Why are we not being given any information about the people being killed by our bombs? Bagdad is a

city of six million. There are 18 million Iraqis. They are being mercilessly bombed. How many civilians are being killed?"

Protestors have also begun to question the Canadian Government's refusal to adopt a neutral stance in the conflict, the implications of Mulroney's decision to send troops to the Gulf without prior Parliamentary approval, the decision not to allow a free vote in the House of Commons on our role in the Gulf, and the military's appropriation of very large sums of money needed for social programs. It is very clear that many people in Halifax are frightened and angered by the implications of Canada's role in the Gulf.

The Vigil last Friday evening reflected a quieter side of the protest. People sang peace songs and suggested logical alternatives to war, petroleum dependency, and the abuse of political power. Intelligent voices were raised discussing the links between warfare, social violence, political oppression, patriarchal oppression and environmental destruction.

Many of the hundreds of people present at the Vigil repeated that war in the Gulf was an avoidable human tragedy, and that grief is as appropriate a response to it as is a determination to change the political, social and economic traditions which have led us into war.

On Monday night the Dalhousie International Students Association organized a public forum in the McInnes Room at which political leaders articulated their positions on the war. The Liberal and Conservative parties did not send representatives.

Remarking on the absence of the Liberals, and on the ambiguity of their position on the war, Nova Scotia NDP leader Alexa McDonough wondered aloud where Halifax Liberal MP Mary Clancy stands: "Does she support John Turner's pro-war stance, Jean Chretien's no-doubt uncomfortable position on the fence, or Lloyd Axworthy's decision to follow the NDP's lead in opposing the war?"

A working group has been organized at Dalhousie to develop a properly-researched assessment of the situation in the Gulf, the historical roots of the crisis, and its implications for human rights and for Canadian society. People interested in contributing to this project should contact the Dalhousie Public Interest Research Group at 494-6662. Written submissions can be left at the *Gazette*.

Student leaders ineffective

The DSU is the most important organization for students in the University community. As a democratically elected body it is responsible for serving the interests of all students.

However, unlike most democratic societies there are few checks and balances to ensure the DSU carries out its mandate.

The *Dalhousie Gazette* is one of the few bodies that attempts to ensure the DSU is accountable to students. As such we feel it is our responsibility to evaluate, from time to time, the performance of our student government.

This Report Card is an attempt to fairly assess the DSU's activities in the first academic term of 1990-91. In so doing we have solicited contributions from various interest groups and individuals involved in the university community and asked them to evaluate and grade this year's student government.

We have made no attempt to compare this year's council with those of previous years. We recognize that issues and individuals involved change annually and the task remains difficult for each succeeding group.

In this Report Card, particular emphasis has been placed upon Ralph Cochrane (President) and Patti Dow (Executive Vice President). As the most important campus-wide elected members of council they are the most visible and thus subject to the most criticism.

Yet, one must remember that the DSU is composed of representatives from many faculties, societies and interest groups. In addition, many responsibilities of council lie with appointed executive members and student representatives on the Dalhousie Board of Governors.

All students, as members of the Union, must take some responsibility for the action, or inaction, of their elected representatives.

This year's DSU has been successful in emphasizing and promoting mainstream social events. Clearly, the success of bringing 'top forty' bands to Dalhousie and the increased interest in sports have benefited many on campus.

However, organizing social activities is only one aspect of a student government's responsibilities.

The DSU is responsible for taking initiative and lobbying on students' behalf. Our student representatives should be addressing the concerns of all students. This includes taking action on issues ranging from student fees to course content.

Student politicians must recognize the political aspect in all activities. This ranges from social events to protest marches.

This is where the current DSU has failed most.

Although their efforts in the areas of entertainment and sport are commendable, they have failed to recognize that many students have different interests and goals.

The lack of non-alcoholic events and activities targeted for special interest groups reflects the DSU's insensitivity to the diversity of the university community.

In addition, many of the successes attributed to this year's council are due to the efforts of paid professional staff.

The complete lack of attention to the DSU's role as a student advocate has caused concern among many students.

During last spring's election campaign Dow told the *Gazette*, "...the only way you are going to get students' participation and student enthusiasm is by letting the students know what you are doing, and by letting them have respect for you as a society and as the student leaders."

The fact that the DSU has had so much difficulty this year in getting student participation in anything but social activities indicates this respect has not been earned.

There are ways to earn such respect, and perhaps by following a few suggestions this council can salvage its term in office.

Council must reach out to the student body. While advertising in the press and through posters is good, it is clearly not enough. The DSU needs to make personal contact with student groups and individuals.

Attending society meetings and events is a good start. Also having a table in the Student Union Building lobby and the Tupper Link where students can talk to councillors and express their concerns is important.

The President and Executive Vice President, who are given campus meal cards, and councillors could take their meals in all of the various cafeterias at Dalhousie. Thus making them accessible to students.

If you've read this far, you have already expressed interest in the function and nature of your student government. Student government works better when more people are involved. Do not limit your involvement to reading the *Gazette*.

The DSU Elections will take place February 11, 12, and 13. Get informed, get involved, and make sure you vote wisely.

Although the mean grade of this report card is a C-, we are unable to consider this council as average.

We do acknowledge that councillors have many responsibilities and time commitments. We further recognize that the high turn-over in student government makes the job a difficult one.

However, accepting that, we cannot over look the failure of this year's DSU to live up to its promises. In addition, student leaders when taking a position must recognize the responsibilities that come with it. We feel this year's council has not lived up to those responsibilities.

We have no choice but to fail them.



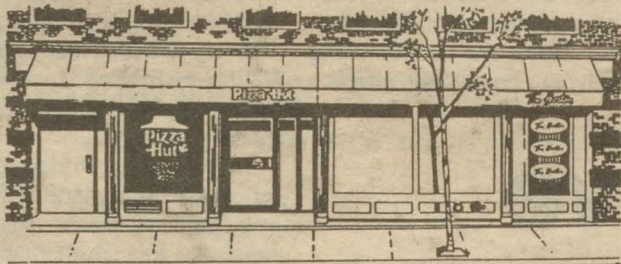
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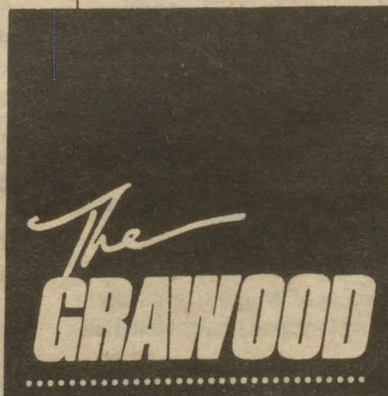


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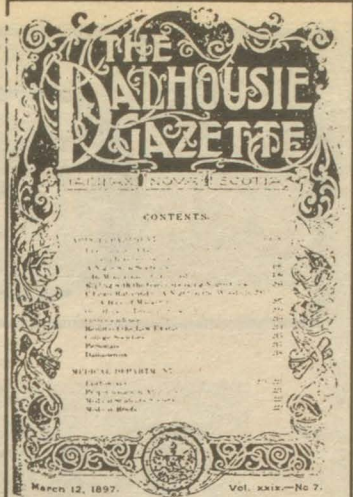
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Dal adopts new environmental policy

by Shaune MacKinlay

Environmentally-conscious Dalhousie students will be pleased to know the university is now equipped with an environmental policy.

However, the five-point policy, which has been accepted by both the Senate and Board of Governors, has received mixed reaction from other organizations.

Dalhousie's environmental policy was developed by the University Environment Committee, consisting of representatives from various faculties, the Dalhousie Student Union, the Dalhousie Staff Association, as well as the Senate Environmental Committee. It recognizes that the university should take "a leadership role in regard to environmental management", and that the university should function in a way that does not cause "unacceptable degradation of the environment".

The policy lists five primary environmental objectives. These broad objectives which pertain to research, education, grounds and buildings, working environment, and corporate operations, have been the source of some criticism.

Raymond Coté, Associate Director of Dalhousie's School for Resource and Environmental Studies, was a member of the

Policy Subcommittee. He says the policy was derived from a number of model policies, and refers to the policy as "an umbrella" under which specific plans of action can be developed.

As a policy statement, it is to be applicable on a wide scale, and does not, therefore, address particular issues. Coté's says it was necessary to start with a flexible policy statement in order to have it accepted by the university. He does not count out the possibility of having the policy reviewed at some future point.

Other specific campus environmental issues that could be addressed, Coté says are comprehensive paper recycling efforts, food wastage, and education about the environment. Several subcommittees have been created to deal with these problems.

Coté says there is also a need for an environmental audit procedure to ensure that the policy is being adhered to, as well as the possibility for a "state of the environment"

report to be released on an annual or biannual basis.

Joan McGregor, a member of CEAG (Campus Environmental Action Group) says the policy is "ambiguous" and "vague."

McGregor says a stronger commitment on behalf of the university is needed with regard to on-campus recycling. CEAG, which plays an integral role in coordinating the recycling of aluminum cans on campus, also organizes letter-writing campaigns, offers environmental workshops, and puts pressure on the university's Senate. McGregor thinks that CEAG could play an essential role in making sure that the university lives up to the goals laid out in its environmental policy.

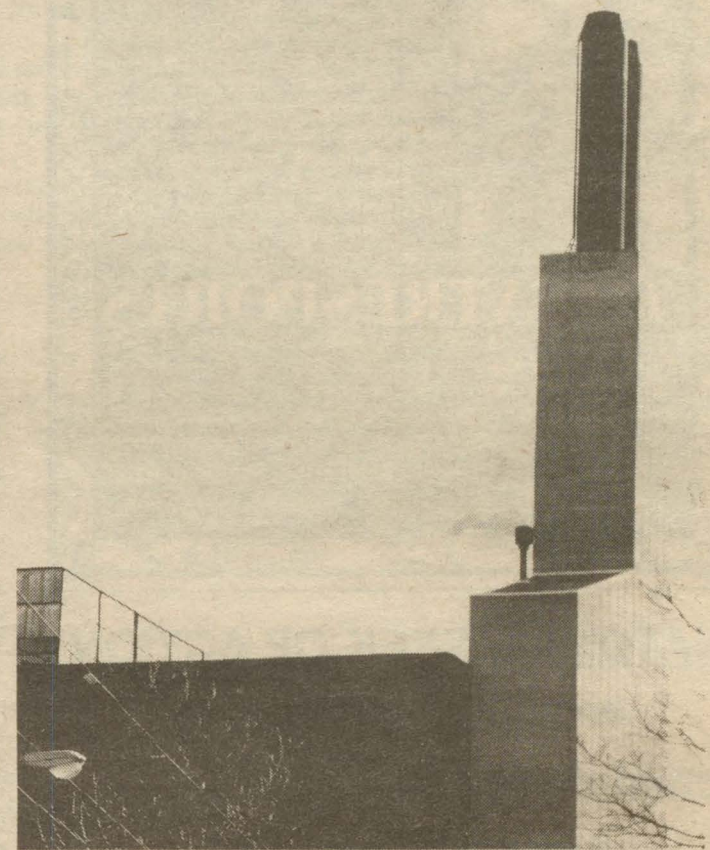
Anna-Marie Larsen is the Managing Director of Dal-PIRG, the Public Interest Research Group. She refers to the policy as "incredibly general", and notes the recurrence of the phrase "will strive" throughout the policy.

"I don't see a 'we will'", she says.

While she agrees with the policy that the academic setting should be used as a vehicle for environmental awareness and education, Larsen fears that this policy is "politically correct, not politically active."

Like McGregor, Larsen would like to see the issue of transportation addressed by the university, as well as an increase in the number of bicycle racks on campus.

Although the ambiguous phra-



Dal Photo: Michael Devonport

seology of Dalhousie's environmental policy may be interpreted as a safety net for the lack of an environmental initiative, there appears to be a number of concerned people behind the policy.

Organizations such as CEAG and Dal-PIRG, as well as individual efforts on behalf of students and faculty may aid in bridging the gap between policy objectives and positive action.

Arab-Canadians fear discrimination

by Heidi Modro

MONTREAL (CUP)—Now that war has broken out in the Persian Gulf, Arab-Canadians may face increased discrimination across the country, Arab community activists fear.

People of foreign origin very often become objects of suspicion and hatred during times of war, said

Ali Yassir, vice-president of the Canadian Arab Federation.

"It is very possible that if Canadian lives are lost in the war, there may be people who seek to express their anger by attacking people of Arab origin both physically and verbally," Yassir said.

Yassir said that there have already been a few reports of Arab bashing across the country.

"So far there have been a few isolated incidents," he said. "We know of one case in Edmonton where a student was beaten with a bottle."

A former Armed Forces general also shocked Arab-Canadians across the country earlier this week when he described Arabs as "fanatics". The general has since apologized, but community members believe that there are many

other people across the country who may hold similar racist opinions.

There have also been other cases in the Toronto area in recent weeks where pupils have been abused because they were of Arab origin.

"It's hard to tell how far the discrimination may go. It was already bad enough before this war started."

Yassir said that Iraqi-Canadians are especially afraid for their safety.

"We really don't know what could happen, but we are doing our best to promote the idea that they are not linked or connected to what Hussein is doing," he said.

The media very often inadvertently helps in promoting negative images of Arabs, said Rachad Antonius of the Centre des études arabes pour le développement, a Montreal-based group.

"It usually happens because journalists are careless in the way they are presenting their information," he said. "They promote negative stereotypes where they equate Arabs with terrorism and war."

Palestinian-Canadians could also be especially vulnerable to discrimination in the coming weeks, said Abdul Malik al Jabir, spokesperson for the McGill University's general Union of Palestinian Students.

"We're very worried about the treatment of Palestinians in Canada," al Jabir said. "Many people think that we support Hussein in his occupation of Kuwait. But that's not true. We all have family members in the Middle East who are close to any hostilities that may break out."

Architects will use student input

by Alex Burton

Dalhousie may be entering into a new era of enlightenment. Over the past year, Nova Scotia universities have been making moves to clearly define their roles in the education community. One aspect of these new roles will be the method by which universities plan any future growth.

Last fall, the president of Dalhousie appointed an advisory committee to develop a plan for the physical environment of the university.

That committee announced last week that the Halifax firm of Brian Mackay-Lyons has been hired to develop a 'Campus Plan'. James

Cowen, chair of the Campus Plan Steering Committee, said the idea of a campus plan has been in the works for some time and the need for a plan "Arose out of the Financial Strategy Committee and academic planning process."

The firm chosen to develop the plan is renowned for its 'Participatory design' process.

Brian Mackay-Lyons says his team of international architects "share a common approach to urban design."

"In order to design a place you must understand the place," he said.

He stressed a number of aspects that he feels should be respected in any future development at Dal-

housie. Included in these was an emphasis on urban and human scale.

In keeping with the philosophy of participatory design, Mackay-Lyons' firm will set up their office in the sculpture court of the Rebecca Cohn Arts Centre between Jan. 29 and Feb. 3.

The firm is soliciting comments, suggestions and visions from everyone in the Dalhousie community and the surrounding areas. Bill Lord, director of Physical Plant and Planning at Dalhousie, said, "you don't have to be an expert (to contribute). Everyone knows what they like, and don't like, about the campus."

Lord compared the plan to a

budget. "It's like setting a budget in terms of space," he said.

Mackay-Lyons stressed the importance of the space between buildings. "Buildings are often designed as objects isolated in space, the rest is residual." We want to design places people want to be in, he said.

Lord said the sculpture court was chosen as the spot for public input because it is centrally located. "It is also in a theatrical environment that allows for access as well as observation (from the first floor of the centre)."

Now the precedent has been set for total participation. Can the university decline to make such efforts on other issues in the future?

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Gulf crisis not new

by Roxanne Poulin

OTTAWA (CUP)—The United States and Europe are simply "reaping what they have sown" in the Persian Gulf, says Maude Barlow, a visiting professor at the University of Ottawa.

As a member of an international delegation of women who recently visited the Gulf on a peace mission, Barlow says she saw the crisis from another perspective — a perspective not shown by the Canadian media.

"It [the crisis] didn't just start with Iraq and Kuwait," said Barlow, who is also the chair of the Council of Canadians. "It took years to build up this bitterness."

She said historically the involvement of Europe and the US in the Middle East has been the stage for "a lot of distressing political power plays."

The area has been used as a source of cheap oil, big weapons and a location to play out cold war politics, she added. Europe and the United States have never promoted democracy, justice or the equal distribution of goods.

"That kind of situation gives rise to dictatorships," she says. "They [the intervening powers] may crush him [Saddam Hussein], but there'll be another one tomorrow."

The delegation, led by Marguerita Papandreu, the former wife of the ex-prime minister of Greece, visited Baghdad, Turkey and Jordan. The members met with women in the area to find a common cause, met with senior government officials and brought specific propositions to the government of Iraq as to how war can be avoided.

Despite the oppressive dictatorship of Saddam, Barlow says the feeling she got from speaking with the women in Iraq and other countries was that the declaration of a military ultimatum from the US has only served to embitter the people of the middle East and paint Saddam Hussein as a victim.

"In an odd and sad way, we have

made him a hero and maybe a martyr," Barlow commented.

After years of abuse from the outside, she says the people are ready to overlook the dictator's violation of human rights because he will fight back against the oppressors. In case of war this, according to Barlow, gives their army strength.

Greener than thou

by Joey Goodings

Despite the diversion of public attention to the Gulf War, the Student Action for a Viable Environment (SAVE) tour continued with its presentation Friday, urging young people to take action for the environment.

Approximately 15 people attended the presentation which, in varying forms, will reach over 800 schools across Canada for an audience of approximately 300,000 students.

SAVE is an organization run entirely by people of high school age.

The presenters emphasized the power young people can have when working in groups. "When protesting alone, there may be no effect," said Jean-Francois Parent of Montreal.

High school students were instrumental in saving South Morseby island in B.C. from being clear-cut. Other students initiated a movement which led to the banning of styrofoam plates in their state.

The tour encourages youth to form networks of environmental groups in high schools and universities. "It's interesting to see people network, it's very empowering. When people network they can get things changed," said Angus McIllwraith of St. John.

SAVE is promoting membership in the Environmental Youth Alliance, which has grown from 25 students in B.C. in July to its present membership of over 25,000 students in several different countries.

Jordan Hanson, of the Campus Environmental Action Group (CEAG), was encouraged by the idea of SAVE to hold a meeting with high school environmental groups in Halifax. "I didn't realize there were so many," said Hanson.

Friday's presentation focused mainly on consumption and student action. Earlier in the day, Parent acknowledged that the presentations must integrate discussion of the Persian Gulf War. There was a moment of silence for those who have already died in respect of the vigil that was being held simultaneously at Grand Parade Square.

SAVE is concerned about the lack of media attention given to the environment. "It's a dying fad, it's not front page anymore."

"People recycle some things and their conscience is clear," said McIllwraith.

There are presently two groups of students with SAVE who are touring the nation, and one native student who is targeting schools on reserves. Last Friday's group considers the overall response to the tour a great success.

The tour finishes its work in Nova Scotia on Wednesday.

NATIONAL WEEK OF ACTION

January 28th to February 1st

Schedule of Events:

Monday January 28th

Open Forum:

- 12:00noon to 1:30 pm
- Room 307 Student Union Building
- Report on the Draft Report on Affirmative Action
- Report from Senate Sub-Committee

Tuesday January 29th

International Students Concerns Day:

- 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm
- International Students' Luncheon
- Green Room, Student Union Building
- Price \$2.00
- Speakers : **Lynn Atwell** - International and Disabled Student Advisor
- Eric McKee** - Vice President of Student Services

Wednesday January 30th

Students' Rights Day

- Film: *The Problems Physically Challenged Students Face at University*
- Speaker: **Steven Estey**
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Nazis on the rise?

MONTREAL (CUP)—A gang of about 20 fascist skinheads assaulted six black, gay and Arab individuals in Montreal on Jan. 12.

Mohammed Achouri, an Arab Montrealer, is recovering from severe bruises and a punctured lung from the attack. Six assailants were arrested and are due to appear in court this week.

The number of racist and homophobic attacks in Montreal has increased in recent months, according to Alain Dufour of Ligue anti-fasciste mondiale (LAM) which compiles statistics on hate crime.

LAM recently disbanded its protection committee which patrolled downtown areas where racist skinhead attacks were feared.

"There had been a balance of power," said Dufour. "Now the Nazis have started patrolling again."

LAM has no plans to re-establish the protection committee as it waits for proposed action by the Montreal police and the Quebec Public Security Ministry.

Last September, then Public Security Minister Sam Elkas promised to develop a proposal for youth crime protection and a provincial committee on intercultural and race relations. No such proposal has been initiated to date.

LGAY status

TORONTO (CUP)—York University took a significant step out of the sexual backwoods last month as its 20-year-old lesbian and gay student group was finally granted official recognition and funding from the central student government.

"It was a pretty tough thing to do," said Dan Mahoney, secretary for the Lesbian and Gay Alliance at York (LGAY). "We had to get through two hearings. The first was very disappointing — we were at the end of the agenda."

At a Dec. 12 meeting, the York Federation of Students finally approved LGAY's request for official service status and granted them \$2,000 in funds for the remainder of the academic year.

LGAY has previously existed as a club and has lacked the resources to adequately serve York's large gay and lesbian communities.

"We need funding and recognition so we can be more visible," said LGAY chair Tina Mongillo. "We don't want to be accepted by everyone, we just want to be visible."

Mongillo said LGAY will use the funds to provide lesbians and gays with social events, support services, liaisons with other campuses, guest speakers, defence against homophobic violence and media materials on homosexual issues.

The Alliance has also been granted a large room in the Student Centre, due to open before the end of this term. This room will probably feature a lounge for lesbian and gay students, a library and a permanent telephone hotline as well as volunteer support staff.

Turtle Island talks

MONTREAL (CUP)—This week, for the first time, Europeans came to Turtle Island to listen — and First Nations told them they have a lot of catching up to do.

Four members of the European Parliament's fact-finding commission arrived in Turtle Island ("North America") on Jan. 13 to investigate First Nations/Canadian relations. The delegates spent two days at Kahnawake, where they heard testimony from over ten First Nations. Most media have reported the delegation's greetings, but ignored the First Nations' messages to the Europeans.

The delegates were invited by the Assembly of First Nations, Ottawa and Quebec in the hope of "gaining another perspective," said Ken Deer, a Kahnawake representative.

The European Parliament formed the commission last fall in response to the crisis at Oka, which raised "a lot of interest in Europe in how Canada copes with its native questions," according to Gijs de Vries, head of the delegation.

Kahnawake representative Francis Boots quickly him: "It's the other way around. It is the First Nations who have had to cope with the invasion of European descendants."

GST credit woes

by Karen Hill

TORONTO (CUP)—While GST refund cheques are acting as a lubricant for the new federal tax, students are still getting screwed.

In order to claim the entire supplementary credit, a person's net income must be between \$11,169 and \$24,800.

Caryn Duncan, researcher for the Canadian Federation of Students, said that proviso effectively excludes most students from claiming a refund.

Every adult is entitled to an annual credit of \$190, and a \$100 supplementary credit is available to single adults maintaining their own household. A person must have a net income of at least \$6,169 to be eligible for the second credit, which doesn't reach its \$100 value until net income hit \$11,169.

"It discriminates against people who live on a very low fixed income, and that includes students," she said. "We think that's a weakness in the system."

According to CFS's brief to a federal senate committee, only 22 per cent of post-secondary students make more than \$10,000 annually. As a result, the majority of Canadian students are ineligible to claim the full supplementary credit.

That was deliberate, said Cheryl Boon, advocacy researcher for the national Anti-Poverty Organization.

"It was intended to exclude students," she said. "We tried to explain [to the government] that not all students are supported by middle-income families."

But according to the government, students making less than \$6,000 are being supported by their parents, and don't need the credit.

"Most students under that level wouldn't be supporting themselves," said Rick Doyon, a Ministry of Finance official [senior communications officer]. "[The government] believes that most students under that level would be supported by their parents."

CFS studies have shown that about half of all Canadian full-time undergraduate students depend on government loans to finance their education.

"Credits are structured to discriminate against particular groups and students happen to be one of them," said Duncan. "[The government] very narrowly defined the groups that they want to receive the credits."

And Barry George, an analyst with the Canadian Council on Social Development, said that definition excludes the poor.

"The credit is not sufficient," he said.

"These kinds of taxes tend to be quite regressive," he said. "People with lower incomes pay a greater proportion of their earnings in tax."

"The government does not want to build in protection for poorer people," he added. "What's happened with the Mulroney regime is that they're cutting away at everything that leads to equality."

Students are now paying GST on previously untaxed items such as books and magazines, utilities, take-out food and single portion groceries.

Micmac friendship ctr to host Mohawk benefit

by Chris Lambie

The Committee in Solidarity with Aboriginal People will hold a benefit to support the Mohawk defense fund this Saturday, January 26th (8:00 p.m.) at the Micmac Native Friendship Centre in Halifax.

The Committee is a group of non-natives who have voiced their concern over the plight of Canada's aboriginal people. Their past actions include a peace camp on the Halifax commons and a demonstration at the Halifax Parade Grounds, both in protest to Canadian Military intervention at Oka, Quebec.

Chief Dan Paul, executive director of the Confederacy of Mainland Micmacs, says "in the past there have been so few non-Indian organizations that wanted to get involved with aboriginal issues that, if its done in a positive manner, [he's] all for it." The event, however, is not sponsored or supported by the Micmac Centre.

Tom Paul, a member of the Eskisone band of Nova Scotia, will be the guest speaker for the event. He will speak about his own experiences behind the barrier erected at Kanesatake last summer.

Tom Paul and a number of other Micmacs travelled to Quebec during the Oka crisis. They went to give their support to Mohawk warriors who had barricaded access to the Mercier bridge in response to major discrepancies in land claim settlements between the Mohawks and both Provincial and Federal governments.

will not accept them," but he emphasizes that violence is not the answer.

A spokesman from the Union of Nova Scotian Indians also says "Micmac leadership has never publicly supported violence." He notes that less than one percent of Nova Scotia's nine thousand Micmacs advocate a warrior soci-

"Micmac leadership has never publicly supported violence"

While many Micmacs quietly applauded Mohawk actions over the summer, Chief Dan Paul says there is no tradition of any warrior society among the Micmac.

He says "a system that has persecuted [native indians] simply for being of a different race" is very frustrating. He adds that aboriginal students "still have to accommodate themselves to a society that

ety of any kind. He says, "any group that advocates the use of force and violence is violating Micmac peace and friendship treaties."

The benefit will include auctions and door prizes as well as entertainment in the form of a band from South Africa.

DSA Strike: who's hit next?

by Lilli Ju

The Dalhousie Staff Association (DSA) has been on a rotating strike since Friday, Jan. 4, so far affecting Dalhousie's administrative units and since last Friday (Jan. 18) the Weldon Law Building.

As the strike continues, there is a growing concern among students as to what will happen if the strike should eventually hit the teaching units. If this does happen, the strike is expected to have the greatest impact in the laboratories.

A number of DSA lab technicians are responsible for necessary and time-consuming preparations, clean-ups, and other duties. This past week, a number of students from various faculties of Dalhousie's Lower Campus were asked about their concerns should the

DSA of Lower Campus walk-out and how they think they will be affected.

As a fourth year Medical student, Michael Yoon said that he has not been affected by the strike to date and does not expect to be in the future. He only has one after-

noon of classes and the rest of the week is spent in a hospital setting. His only concern was whether or not graduation set for this spring would be affected by delays at the Registrar's Office.

However, Yoon did say that other Medical students in their first to third years may be more critically affected, since labs constitute a large part of their curricula.

A third year Pharmacy student, Andrea Gardner, has most of her classes and labs at the College of Pharmacy. She did not feel that she would be affected too much if the DSA strike should directly hit Lower Campus, but did say that other years may also run into more problems since many have classes and labs outside the College of Pharmacy.

Carrie Kay, a second year Nursing student, is also unaffected. She said that there was some confusion as to who was DSA and who was not. According to Kay, the only courses that could really be affected were ones involving labs teaching important practical skills and techniques for the clinical setting.

In her third year of Occupational Therapy (OT), Lynn Renton said that she had not encountered too many difficulties to date because of the rotating strike. She instead

mentioned a number of problems that fellow students were running into at the Registrar's Office because of the longer-than-usual lines and shortened hours.

Fourth year OT students are at present "working in the field" full-time as part of their degree requirements, and some are finding it very difficult to find the time to register for OT courses which begin later on in the year.

the DSA may have to target areas directly affecting students

Renton mentioned that if the lab technicians do walk-out (although admittedly reluctant to do so), this would create difficulties. The OT school year ends on Mar. 25, after which third year OT students will be working in the field. This does not leave much time to make up any missed labs.

For similar reasons, if the Kellogg Library should have to shorten its hours to 9 - 5, most OT students would find it very hard to

find time in their 8:30 - 4:30 schedule to complete valuable research in the library.

On the whole, Renton said that second year OT students "will be hit much harder because of the nature of their courses...[consisting of] 8 hours of labs per week that can't be missed!"

Candice Crocker, a fourth year Honours Microbiology student, said a number of things could happen to both students and faculty of the Microbiology department. She cited getting the necessary purchasing order numbers (from the purchasing department, which has joined the Registrar's Office in cutting its hours). Getting the much needed lab supplies is a problem which faculty have been facing

People are also uncertain whether or not they will be getting paid on time. Crocker feels that on the whole that students are "cushioned" from the real impact of the strike and if technicians do walk-out, it will just mean that those still in the lab will have to clean and prepare their own glassware and other supplies.

However, in the case of large lab classes where DSA technicians prepare large numbers of supplies, such as for the introductory microbiology class, labs will have to be shut down.

Crocker also said that a couple of her classes may be critically affected if the printing shop closes down. As of yet, the aquatic microbiology lab manuals haven't been printed. In the meantime, photocopies of parts of the manual are being made for the students each week.

In the advanced immunology class, students receive valuable handouts that supplement lectures each week. If the printing shop closes, the students will only have access to the professor's single copy on reserve, and the students themselves, will have to pay for the photocopying each week, whereas they didn't have to before.

Students were also concerned about graduating in the spring. They were uncertain whether or not the Registrar was sending transcripts on time to other graduate and professional schools to which

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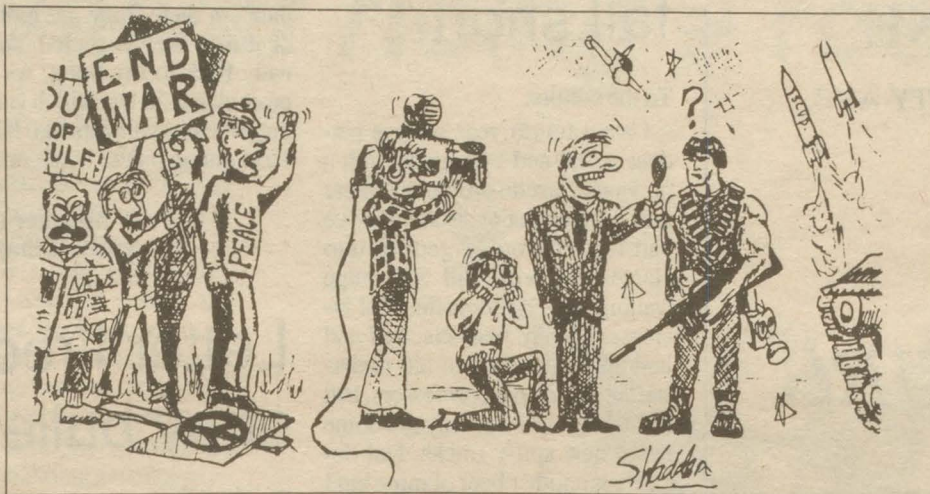
Last Thursday on the news, an American soldier, having just returned from his successfully completed mission, had this to say: "I have a good woman, a great country, and the best fighter plane in the world. God bless America!"

Another had this to say, "The fireworks were better than the 4th of July. Baghdad was lit up like a Christmas tree!"

I believe that it's much easier to say these things when your target is one man, and not an army filled with frightened sixteen year-olds, and people tired of ten years of war.

The media has been awful with its complicity, leading the American and Canadian public to believe that Hussein's face is on every tank driver, and his finger pushing every button that fires a missile at Israel.

The extent of the glorification has been incredible. What has the public been shown? Have any pictures of the hundreds (by this Thursday possibly thousands) of dead been shown? Instead, the viewers are inundated with the success of the wonderfully named 'patriot' anti-missile missile, and American fighter pilots impressed by their vast potential to slaughter.



Even when the human factor has been shown, it has always been the allies. For instance, Canadians always want to know what has happened to our men and women halfway around the world. The only shots of people in fear have been of the Israeli's, who unlike the Iraqi's, fear only a handful of missiles a night, instead of the largest bombing attack in history.

We are all guilty in this complicity, because we accept the situation at face value, instead of seeing this for what it is — a big lie... the big lie.

There have been shots of the Iraqis, but never in fear, only in defiance, a false front at best. It is the only weapon that the non-military Iraqis have left, and it is

one that will doom them.

The American-censored media wants us to believe that they are all defiant, all unafraid, but the Iraqi people are out of faces left to show. To ask us to believe that every person of twelve million is not worried about their sons, daughters, fathers and mothers being killed, is obscene, and it is the final link in the big lie. But that is what is thrown at us in between Bill Cosby Jello advertisements.

Are we, the public of the allies, the only ones privileged enough to worry about our loved ones? The media wants us to believe that. Are the twenty year-old men of the allied countries worried about twenty year-old Iraqis dying? No! Instead we worry about being conscripted ourselves, my-

self included. These two questions point out the double standard that we are asked to believe, and complicity with the big lie allows us to do that.

The media asks us to believe that Saddam Hussein is evil, that he seeks the death of everyone. Yet it is easier to believe that, than the fact that he is a cold calculating man willing to kill to achieve goals. It is easier to believe he is evil, that he is against God, but I believe that God is out of faces, because all sides claim him or her for their own.

In the US, internment laws are being drawn up, for those Iraqi citizens deemed 'security risks'. In thirty years will we have to look back in shame and buy off the

grief of Iraqi citizens old enough to remember the internment, like we did with the Japanese? Will we ever learn? And why isn't the media focusing on this disturbing possibility? I say because it doesn't bring good ratings.

But what can we do? We have the Charter right to assembly, something that the Palestinian children don't. So we have used it. And pictures of Haligonians demonstrating against the war have made it to Iraqi TV, to further brainwash the Iraqi public into accepting the war. But if the public doesn't demonstrate against the war, then our honourable leaders like Mulroney would use that as a sign that we agreed with their deplorable actions.

The public cannot win. The game is designed that way. But are these games of war just games? Unfortunately for the Iraqi children, they are not.

We cannot even turn off our TV's, because that leaves us in a condition of ignorance, the kind that was smeared like excrement across that US fighter pilot's face. So we are forced to watch, and to accept the lie for what it is, a big, stinking, fucking lie. Somewhere, Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra have smiles on their faces. For their kind of lie is being forwarded, and their lie is our lie.

Bruce D. Gilchrist

Heads in the sand

by Alex Mason

George Bush is one hell of a conductor according to some "experts" on the panel at the Anti-war Teach-in held at Dalhousie University January 15. If you believe everything Palestinian-Canadian medical professor and doctor Ismail Zayid said, then the United States is responsible for everything from the Iraq invasion of Kuwait and the eight year Iran-Iraq war to Zayid's inability to find his other sock that morning.

"This war is orchestrated by the US," he claimed, and even sited Saddam Hussein as a "victim of entrapment."

The anti-American atmosphere was astonishing and overwhelming. One panelist even commented that he was pleased that his anti-American sentiment had been "stroked".

And stroke themselves they did. The current Middle East crisis was blamed on George Bush and the United States and Brian Mulroney and Ottawa's Conservative government. Blame lay everywhere but at the feet of the man who began this conflict five and a half months ago when he ordered Iraq's forces to invade the tiny emirate of Kuwait.

Panelists spoke of US hidden agenda and even alleged that the entire situation had been staged by Bush to maintain the American war economy. While speculation and opinion is fair game in any discussion what was obvious in its absence was any opposing opinion. There were even instances where the chairman of the panel, Dalhousie Faculty Association President David Williams, dismissed questions that expressed ideas contrary to the panel's view.

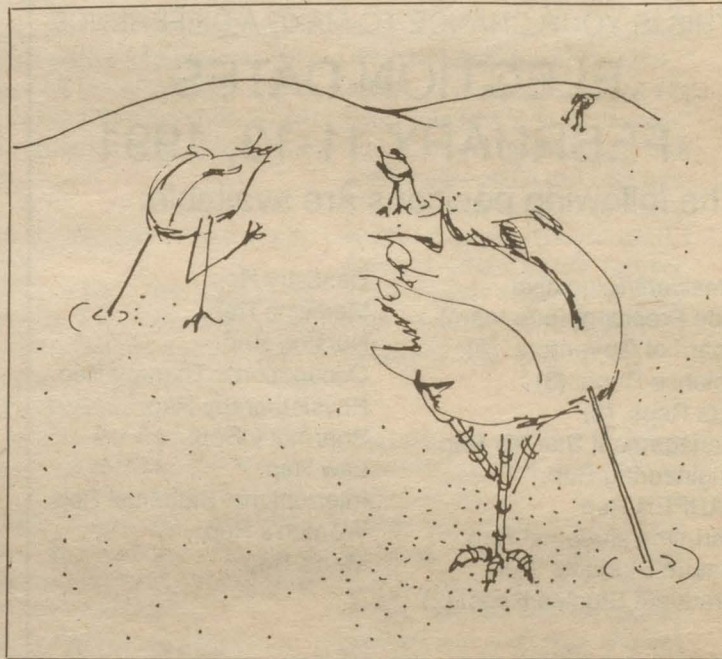
One student raised the point that there was nothing particularly humane about starving a country to death with trade sanctions, and questioned the panel's anti-war stance which seemed to be based on the idea that sanctions were a viable alternative. There was little attention paid to this subject, and the question was quickly dismissed as Williams declared the panel was spending too much time on each student's address.

In light of this comment another student asked the panel for other alternatives to the crisis and asked them whether they believed Saddam Hussein would just go away if they "buried their heads in the sand," Williams replied, re-endorsing his belief in the use of

sanctions and dismissing the question at that without further discussion. That was certainly one of the finest non-answers of the afternoon.

In elaboration of his claim that the US had orchestrated the entire incident, Zayid referred to an incident in late July when the American ambassador to Iraq told Saddam Hussein that the United States has no position on the conflict between Iraq and Kuwait. This alone was taken as evidence that the incident had been staged to assure American military dominance in the region. Peculiarly enough Zayid failed to mention that Iraq had already promised to withdraw its troops from the Kuwaiti border and that, given the guarantee, the US had no reason to warrant its involvement in any talks or negotiations.

The panel also failed to address the validity of Saddam's alleged claims against its neighbor. Firstly, the claim that Kuwait was over-producing OPEC oil limits has yet to be proven in any way. (Given Saddam's record most are inclined not to give him the benefit of the doubt.) Secondly, Iraq's demand that their \$15-billion debt to Kuwait be forgiven is yet another



river-boat fantasy with no precedent in the world's money markets.

Most outrageous of all, however, is Iraq's claim that the emirate was a former Iraqi province. Kuwait has been accepted internationally as a sovereign nation since 1899 when the British government sponsored it as a protectorate. Iraq did not exist in any form until 1922 when the League of Nations rather arbitrarily drew a line around three former provinces of the Ottoman Empire and made the area a British mandate. It seems impossible that the emirate could ever have been a province in a country with no his-

tory of pre-existence.

And throughout discussion and questions not one person bothered to mention the tiny emirate of Kuwait or its right to exist as a sovereign and independent state. Not one person mentioned the unflinching resolve with which Saddam has held onto his conquered territory. And no one in the room seemed to notice the pathetic manner in which, blinded by their paranoia of the American administration, they swallowed the Iraqi propaganda linking this issue with the Palestinian question. The first casualties in this teach-in were the facts.



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LETTERS

Dal classes fall short

To the editors:

I am a fourth year science student at Dal and I do agree with a previous Gazette article that there aren't enough courses at Dal. I've had lots of trouble getting into classes that were full with huge waiting lists. It seems that Dal increases tuition, neglects staff and buildings, and fails to aid understaffed, under-paid professors. But awhile ago Dal Security got some brand new spiffy trucks. Dal Security is another beef of mine but I won't get into it now. (At 11:45 p.m. I was leaving my hockey game and the Dal meter maids were parked by my car waiting until 12 o'clock so they could give me a winter parking ban ticket. I'm sure he had the ticket already filled out too! We should give them scooters since all they do is give us parking tickets!)

As I said, I am a fourth year student and looking back at all the classes I've taken I can see classes I hated and classes I had to take which in my opinion were completely useless. One of those classes however was not History 1050 taught by Prof. Taylor. I took 1050 last year and love it. It's thought of as a bird course (10-idiot) in the student underground. But I don't agree. Perhaps the fact that there is no text book lends to the reputation. Students have to take their own notes to exams. Of all the classes I've taken for my B.Sc., I got the most out of Taylor's class. I enjoyed going. We learned why the world is the way it is today politically. Taylor himself is a great lecturer, there are no monotones here. I keep expecting to see him on CBC or Midday telling us about what's going on in the world. To sum up, Taylor's

1050 class is always full, perhaps because of its reputation. But once they are there, they get more out of it than they expected. And finally back to my point, we need more classes at Dal which leave an impact on its students like History 1050 did on me, to name one.

D.M.
Member of the
unsilent majority

Letter fired stray bullets

To the editor:

My letter "Infanticide" (Gazette Nov. 15) attracted a fast and angry response from Ismail Zayid, M.D. It seems that the response was so fast that Mr. Zayid, M.D., did not have enough time to read my article to the end. He responded to my introductory remarks, while totally missing the main point. Therefore I would strongly encourage Mr. Zayid, M.D., to finish reading my article.

If, however, I expect too much, I would like to indicate that my article dealt with some aspects of the way the Palestinian/Israeli conflict is covered by the media in general and by the Gazette in particular. The article was not about who is right and who is not in this conflict. Therefore all Mr. Zayid's arguments, including his long list of organizations criticizing Israel, even if true, are irrelevant to the matter my letter dealt with.

Piotr Trela

P.S. I admire the subtle sense of humour of the Gazette, who provided Mr. Zayid's polemics with the title "Trela la la", which, by a highly creative distortion of my name, cleverly imputes the low value of my arguments. A short, easy to memorize, play on words

is far more effective than bothering with arguments or other such relevant irrelevancies. I welcome this as a sign of flawlessly good manners and highly professional journalism. For further examples see the "National Enquirer" or the "Police Gazette".

DSA Strike

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these students were applying, as well as the processing of Dalhousie's own graduate application forms.

Physiotherapy and other students taking anatomy courses are particularly concerned about what will be done about the preparing of cadavers used in labs, which is normally done by DSA technicians.

DSA Executive Director, Bette Yetman, informed the Gazette that in the Lower Campus, secretaries, main lab technicians, and Kellogg Library, clerical and library assistants are members of the DSA. She said the DSA will continue to strike on a rotating basis but would not state if Lower Campus would be targeted in the near future, citing that they are "not publishing (DSA) strike strategies to maintain an element of surprise."

Yetman firmly maintained that their aim is to "avoid hitting teaching and lab areas" and "make life very uncomfortable for management."

However, she also added that DSA has notified the Dalhousie Student Union Executive Committee that if management continues to be unwilling to settle, the DSA may have to target areas directly affecting students.

Yetman said that she was "extremely pleased" by the signs of management straining under the pressure.

Tension is evident in the restriction of hours on a number of administrative units, she said. The Registrar's hours have been cut to 1 - 4 pm.

Starting this week (Jan. 22), Student Accounts will be only open from noon - 4 pm, Purchasing will be open from 1 - 4 pm, and Financial Service's hours will be 10 am - 2 pm.

An answering machine awaits anyone who tries to contact these units at any other time.

On the subject of the threat of a full lockout of all DSA members, Yetman said that she was "shocked and disgusted" to think that Bryan Mason, Vice President - Finance and Administration, would be "stupid enough to threaten students" when he should be "committed to keep the university running and to protect the interests of students."

Yetman said that Mason lifted the threat soon afterwards after "he realized that he made a strategic blunder." Yetman said the DSA during the strike thus far has "won an incredible amount of support from students as well as other staff."

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Tuition Fees

An extraordinary tuition fee increase averaging \$500 will thump Dalhousie students in September, and many are casting about for a person to blame. Enter DSU President Ralph Cochrane.

"I was the President when it [the tuition increase] went through. That's the roll of the dice," Cochrane calmly responded to this search for a scapegoat.

The DSU President said the process had begun well before his term began and, while the DSU tried a variety of different proposals, he admitted they were "new to the process" and could not get the administration and the Board of Governors to budge from the proposed 24 per cent increase in tuition revenue.

To be fair, one-year student leaders have a difficult task. The Administration and the various levels of government that they must work with are staffed by professionals who were here before and will remain after they leave.

Nevertheless, students at Dal will begin paying amongst the highest fees in Canada in September. In Law, for example, tuition fees will rise from \$2,025 to \$2,575. Meanwhile, the faculty discusses cutting the highly-regarded legal clinic, as the shrinking budget and the increasing faculty-student ratio have made even the clinic a target for those in search of fiscal relief. The decline in the quality of education continues, and the cost increases.

While campaigning for the presidency last year, Cochrane dismissed claims by other student leaders

that a 20 per cent was a real possibility. Contradicting this earlier criticism, he now claims that "nobody thought last year it would go up as much as 20 per cent."

Indeed, one cannot help but see the contradictions inherent in the logic that Cochrane employs in defence of his team's record in office.

• While calling for a new, less militant leadership style during the campaign, he acknowledges when it came to negotiating with the university heads they were unable to get the Administration to budge from the massive proposed increase in tuition. The new bursary program is cited as evidence of the success of the collegial approach Cochrane prefers, but it will be difficult to convince potential new students not to worry because, once they pay their tuition and register, they may be eligible for some new assistance or a campus job.

• While calling for greater student participation in the campaign to stop the tuition increase, he was at a loss to explain what means, other than a forum and the rally, were employed to achieve this admirable goal. Cochrane admitted the rally "didn't go very well."

• While claiming that "on a personal level" he was assured by members of the Board of Governors that this increase was "it, the big one," he admitted that no such agreement was achieved by he and the DSU, and when they approached the Board of Governors for a formal agreement to this effect, they "didn't seem interested."

Most disturbing, however was Cochrane's inability

to provide any coherent advice to his successors on what to do should the tuition issue raise its ugly head again. After a long pause, Cochrane admitted that giving advice to his successors "isn't easy, but it should be." He did reiterate the importance of keeping students and Board of Governors informed of the issues, but one is struck by just how entirely vapid a response this is, considering that his term is coming to an end.

Is it fair, then, to lay the blame for the tuition hike on Cochrane and his team? No, it isn't.

Doing so would let the administration, the provincial and federal Progressive Conservative governments and you and I, the students at Dalhousie, off the hook. Whether by active budget cutting or passive submission to the decisions of others, we each contributed to the result and must accept some of the blame.

Nevertheless, Cochrane asked students to elect him based on certain ideas and approaches that he believed to be a formula for success, and the DSU was certainly not successful in regard to their campaign statements. And, assessing Cochrane and his team on the basis of these self-made standards, one is struck by how disappointing the results of their efforts have been with respect to this issue. C.

Matt Certosimo

First Year Law

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Women

Why do some women fear to promote things that would make their lives easier? Usually, it's because it means change and the equalist view of life is that women are allowed on board as long as they don't change anything.

Patti Dow is the highest-ranking woman in the DSU and she bristles at the word feminist. For her it conjures up visions of special favours, undermining women's achievement, and irritants such as the women-only Take Back the Night March last October which she was personally opposed to. Excluding men tells them they are bad, says Dow, and we should be including men to educate them.

But that's just exactly where the DSU is falling down, says Chris Bellon, of the Dal Women's Group. And despite rah-rah campus spirit promises by Dow and running mate Cochrane to dramatically boost student involvement in the union, Bellon says she senses DSU recruitment of women is zip. The women's group, a B society, got a \$500 start-up grant, but the DSU has been otherwise been lukewarm to it and women's interests in general.

Christine Schmidt, of Dal Women and the Law, blanks out at first when asked to say what the DSU has done for women, but eventually lists lack of action on everything from daycare to walk-home programs for late-night female students to fighting tuition hikes in order to allow women, traditionally lower wage-earners, access to education.

Coincidentally, the DSU has done zip for women's concerns in an administration where women council members are outnumbered almost 3 to 1 by men (13 to 33). There could be 99 per cent men there for all I care - as long as women's concerns were being listened to. But somehow that never seems to be the case, and really, never can be.

The only person who deals with women's issues is VP External Lynn MacMicheal - and that only as a personal interest, not a DSU duty, says Dow, who adds that she herself does not think about women's issues.

In fact, the women-only march violated the DSU constitution which prohibits discrimination on the basis of, among other things, sex. The old reverse discrimination bullshit. While some interpret the clause to aid women, the DSU uses it to fight women's events and appease wounded men. Grade "F".

Heather Hueston

Undergrad History student

Volunteer at CKDU

Feminist



Entertainment

The Dalhousie Student Union seems to be doing a good job of entertaining students through campus activities this year.

Scott MacIntyre, director of Campus Activities said he is "trying to spend Student Union money better".

Orientation Week was "the best orientation they had in years" said MacIntyre. All the shows sold out and there was a big turnout of students. MacIntyre felt the it was important to the campus because it set the tone for the rest of the year.

Winter Carnival is coming up this semester. For anyone who has been here in the past, Carnival has not created any large interest from the student body. This year it will be scaled down to three days. MacIntyre said it will be "short and sweet, and we're not spending a million dollars".

Another activity is the Speaker Series. There have been three speakers so far and there will be two more this semester. MacIntyre feels these lectures are focused at different students than most of the other activities. The turnout for these has not been impressive (except for the Morgentaler lecture). "I don't think that you can evaluate [the series] on numbers" said MacIntyre, even though he would like to see better attendance. He feels this is one of the educational things that Campus Activities is doing.

One of the biggest centers for activities is the Grawood. Debbie Brown, manager of the Grawood said "this is one of the better years".

They have bands regularly without any cover charge and the Grawood has been working with CKDU to

promote the shows. Student turnout has been excellent.

Other activities to get students into the Grawood have been: Sunday movie night for students of all ages, and Saturday society night, when societies book the Grawood for their own activities. Both these have been extremely successful.

You may notice that there aren't Super Subs anymore. MacIntyre has re-organized the structure of those evenings to include just one big name band. Out of the ten top recording acts in Canada, he feels Dalhousie has seen about six of them. He thinks he might do Super Subs again but not as frequently as before.

MacIntyre feels he should "program to more target groups". He will be trying Coffee Houses this semester and would like to see more non-alcoholic activities organized.

Campus Activities could be focusing a little more on student entertainment by students. Comedy night has student comedians, and there has been a Jazz band from the Music department. However there has been no interaction with the Theatre department, which could lead to all kinds of possibilities.

The activities organized so far have been cheap and entertaining.

D.S.U. gets an A.

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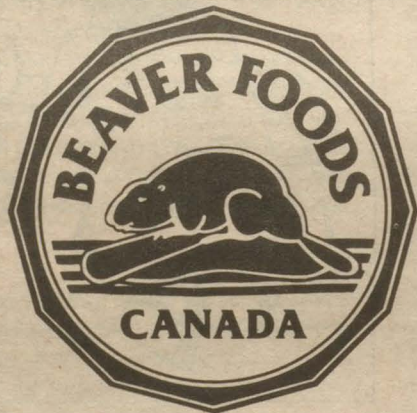
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Erotic cinema

by Chris Lambie

PHILIP KAUFMAN'S *Henry and June* is delicious, but strongly unsatisfying. The film focuses on the diaries of Anais Nin as she seeks to go beyond the simple perverse and into the realm of sexual understanding.

Nin's adventures with both Henry Miller and his wife June evoke a purity of soul never before associated with raw emotion. As each character, one by one, relaxes into the bubbling vat of desire, Nin and Miller are able to continuously refresh their source (read - muse) and maximize their writing potential.

The almost constantly beautiful imagery of the film numbs the audience to society's clenching fear of nudity. The syntheses of musical and sexual orchestration bring light to the dark room of human instinct. This film is a thirties-something, opium eaters' bohemian/ambrosial delight.

Miller is portrayed as the naked animal of new-worldly lust; in fact, it is pointed out that he and Anais only use people for experience in



order that they may continue writing the fantastic. He fits right in with the circus of Parisian Art students' bacchanalian festival of blue comedy - in fact, it seems like there could be no better place for him!

Anais, Miller's Portuguese/American lover and fellow-writer, is a voyeur of the highest order. She is paramount in her honest vision of "the small road that will lead [her] away from Henry, and will lead [her] back again." Hugo, her banker of a husband is the personification of boring open-eyed innocence and love who's patience and stupidity know no bounds.

The film is peppered with incredibly fragile and delicate magical acts that bring the fantasy of film to a truthful clearing in the modern woods of popular pseudo-realism. The only violence in the film is more a joke than reality.

Occasionally Miller will throw a tantrum, but he is even more practically harmless than the featherweight Anais because nobody ever really takes him seriously, aside from when he's writing.

Nin even mocks Miller's virility at certain points in the movie. She ironizes by saying "don't ever let [your failure] make you think that you may never be able to do it again," and the entire male portion of the audience groaned while the women I was with cackled with delight.

June, because she is a complex jewel from the heart of the Bronx, can never be completely reflected by either Miller or Nin. While they are both trying to capture her essence on the written page, she is continuously changing like an artist's model who cannot sit still.

All of *Henry and June's* characters vacillate from love to feverish hatred and back again in seconds. The *Andalusian Dog* of the 90's, Kaufman's new film is as shocking, beautiful and censurable as either Miller's or Nin's writing ever was.

Music in 1990: a recap

by Bruce D. Gilchrist

The Best

Bootsauce - *The Brown Album*

This album runs the gamut from bluesy ballads to hard-core funk and even to heavy-metal self-parody. The Montreal band manages to successfully mash together more musical styles and rhythms than even Paul Simon, while retaining a sense of honesty with the fresh, unabashed, all-out intensity of the album's tracks. Listeners will find that quality doesn't succumb to loudness when it comes to this explosively 'live' band.

National Velvet - *Courage*

With the addition of rock guitarist Tim Welch (Alannah Myles), NV turns the corner to a brasher sound, than that found on their introspective, layered punk, self-titled debut. Maria Del Mar's sometimes forceful, sometimes soft, and always wonderful voice, highlines her caustic, sociologically-involved lyrics. With such heavy songs as 'Sex Gorilla', it is little wonder that this album is a favourite of many stereo owners who want crunchingly loud tunes laced with sharp wit, not mindless thrash.

Sinead O'Connor - *I do not want what I haven't got*

Singlehandedly resuscitating the rhythm guitar/voice ballad, Sinead has carved out critical and popular acclaim. Ironically, the hugely successful 'nothing compares 2U', is the weakest song on the album,



which shines much more deeply in its simplicity with the unreleased songs '3 babies', and 'you cause as much sorrow', than with any of the drum-based rhythm songs.

Eddie Brickell and New Bohemians - *Ghost of a Dog*

Rhythm and medley have been a staple of the list so far, and the New Bohemians certainly complement this. With a more grass-roots focus, the band has sacrificed mass appeal to explore southern US rhythms. Eddie still maintains all lyrical involvement and increases the number of lightweight and fun ballads. The album is most expressive when at once it is more electric, but also more acoustic than the band's first album, as in the song 'Mamma Help Me'.

Paul Simon - *The Rhythm of the Saints*

Although undoubtedly this will become the biggest album of 1991, it was released in 1990 and therefore qualifies for this compilation. Even better than 'Graceland', 'Rhythm of the Saints' sums up

everything that is good about music: live expression, observational and thoughtful lyrics, ethnic focus, instrumentalism, and a freedom of the spirit that can only come from a liberated heart. It is pathetic to note that some rap so-called 'artists' have accused Simon of cultural theft, when it is they themselves who have abandoned any link with rooted music in favour of fake instruments and easy profits.

Honourable Mentions

Chris Isaak - The Wicked Game video is better than the rest of Wild at Heart put together. An R&B wonder.

Basic English - Keeping it simple, acoustic, and most importantly, Canadian.

Concrete Blond - The once punk band has finally found their groove, in soulful harmonies, and ironic lyricism.

Worst of 1990

Heart - All I want to do is to puke on you. Need I say more?

Vanilla Ice - Rap is bad enough. But preppy white rap? Yeeecchhh!

Micheal Bolton - A record exec's dream, but he can't sing, at all!!!

Faith No More - An abyss of 'Epic' proportions.

The Cure - Disintegration is fantastic. The Remixes are deplorable.

Milli Vanilli - Not the albums. I'm talking when they really tried singing for the first time in public!

Maria Del Mar speaks out National Velvet riding a rock wave

by Bruce Gilchrist

The interview with National Velvet's lead singer, Maria del Mar, took place on a bench outside the A&A building. The temperature was around zero.

Gaz: First of all, I'd like to ask you about the song "Flesh under Skin".

MdM: The song was written by Mark Storm, our bass player. A friend of his died in a drunk driving car crash, and to him it's a song about loneliness and losing his friends. He was feeling very empty and guess that's where the line "I feel no one's love tonight" comes from.

Gaz: Do you feel that the band was punkier on your first album than you are now?

MdM: Punkier? (laughs) I don't know, I guess that with the addition of Tim Welch we've sort of taken on a rockier image.

Gaz: He used to play with Alannah Myles didn't he?

MdM: He's been in several bands. He played with Images in Vogue, Alannah, Lisa Dalbello, and Gowan. Tim starting jamming with us during some rehearsals in Toronto. A couple of months went by and then he came on tour with us. He started writing with us, and as a result he became the sixth member that we always felt was missing.

Gaz: How is it with the two lead guitarists? (Mark Crossley and Tim Welch)

MdM: They both have pretty distinctive styles. It's not like we have a rhythm guitarist and a lead guitarist situation. They're just very different and they work extremely well together. At times they almost have an orchestrated sound.

Gaz: How did you feel about the video for "Sex Gorilla" being cut?

MdM: Oh that, I think that's it kind of a funny situation. It seems that you put something to rock music and all of a sudden it's taboo. The thing about it was that one of the scenes that was cut out was of a couple of orangutangs copulating, and that was taken from a Lorne Greene wildlife show. It had probably been aired several times during the family hour. It was cut just because it was put to a rock beat and the title "Sex Gorilla".

Gaz: How about the song "Rattlesnake"; who's that about?

MdM: Well, there's a little bit of William Kidd in there, with Boston, and he was charged with piracy and treason. I think what in-

spired it was this family I met in Toronto. At the time we were an unsigned band and we working on a four song EP which we financed and distributed ourselves. On it there was one song called "Not Thunder". I saw this boat at the harbor called the Rattlesnake. It was a replica of a 1600's French merchant ship that was captured by pirates and eventually driven into a reef. This family spent their whole lives building a replica of it, and they lived on it, and went around the world on it. I saw it and just had to write about it. I didn't think it was strange at all. I think it's romantic, I think it's great! I asked them if we could shoot a video for "Not Thunder" on the boat, and at first they wouldn't listen because of rock music's reputation. But once they heard the song, and met the band they changed their minds about it and let us go. The father even came down and put on a captain's uniform, great, really barbaric looking, and so he ended up in the video.

There's something really intriguing about the seas to me as well. My name means 'of the sea' in Spanish, so I felt compelled to write something about it.

"But we're not as helpless as we like to think."

Gaz: Do you have extensive voice training?

MdM: No. I had two older siblings, and a younger one, and we fought a lot when I was a kid, so I think that's partially responsible for strengthening my vocal cords.

Gaz: Are you having a lot of fun with your work?

MdM: Yeah, oh yeah. This is something that I've been working for a long time. I started at a very early age, when I was fifteen, writing and performing in bands. I'm twenty-six now, and I consider myself really lucky to be one of the few that has a chance to record their songs, and travel and meet people. It's quite a different way of life being on the road, but it's exciting because you're seeing more in two months than most people see in a

National Velvet letting things "happen naturally."

year. Just the amount of people that you meet, it's incredible. Also, just geographically, how people change from place to place. The East Coast has probably got to be the friendliest place I've ever been to in my life.

Gaz: You used to live in Vancouver for a while. Did you like the scene there?

MdM: Yeah, it was pretty crazy but I found it hard to finish things that I had started in the West Coast. It's very much alive, and the scene at the time was great, but it was just really hard to get any further than playing a bar. I moved back to Toronto and things seemed to pick up after a year of being back and hating it, because I really did fall in love with the West Coast. I found it difficult for the first year being back in Toronto, but everything went my way, and here I am freezing my butt off outside!

Gaz: Do you want to go back in?

MdM: No, I'm liking this — the cold weather makes me feel like I'm alive.

Gaz: What about Bob Rock? There was speculation that you wanted to have him to produce your third album.

MdM: I think Mark Crossley mentioned that at an interview at one point. Personally, I have no idea who I want for our next pro-

ducer. We're concentrating on writing songs. As far as I'm concerned it's really too early to tell. We haven't developed the songs to a playing stage yet. All in good time.

Gaz: Do you try to avoid a generic image?

MdM: Well, I don't try to do anything. I just let things come naturally. I'm not a person that's hung up on appearance, or what people think, or on what is the going fashion. I just really don't give a shit about stuff like that. For me, what's important to find in a producer, is someone that gels with the band, and becomes an extra member of the band. Zeus B. Held certainly became this.

Gaz: Is that his real name?

MdM: Well I'm sure he's got another one. He was great. He was like the mad scientist with a heavy German accent. He jammed with the band and got right in there. That's sort of what you look for; somebody that it's not another gig for them you know, extra Christmas money or whatever. But someone that has genuine interest for the music. I think that is pretty easy to spot in a producer. You almost have to overlook the things that producers have done as far as musical taste anyway, and really get down to the technology, and what they're capable of doing and how that could apply to your music.

Gaz: What are your inspirations? What bands do you like out there?

MdM: I really like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, I love Stompin' Tom Connors, because he's such a storyteller and a real character. There's a wide variety, I love XTC and the Stranglers (Hey alright!). I mean, I could go on forever. There's many really good Canadian bands that I like, like the Tragically Hip.

Gaz: Do you feel that there's a movement towards more serious stuff these days?

MdM: Personally, I don't like to see people get to a point to where they're taking themselves too seriously, and then they start getting preachy and they start shoving down your throat that you should be a vegetarian. I think that there's got to be an element of entertainment and enjoyment and FUN! I love doing rock and roll, and if fun is becoming a bad word then I'm going to push it even harder. On the same hand you do have a responsibility to help encourage people and make them aware of what's going on. One underlying message in my lyrics is that you're significant as an individual and anything that you do is going to be a direct result in our society. A lot of times I think that people feel helpless, that they really can't do that much. But we're not as helpless and little as we like to think.



Dal women capture classic

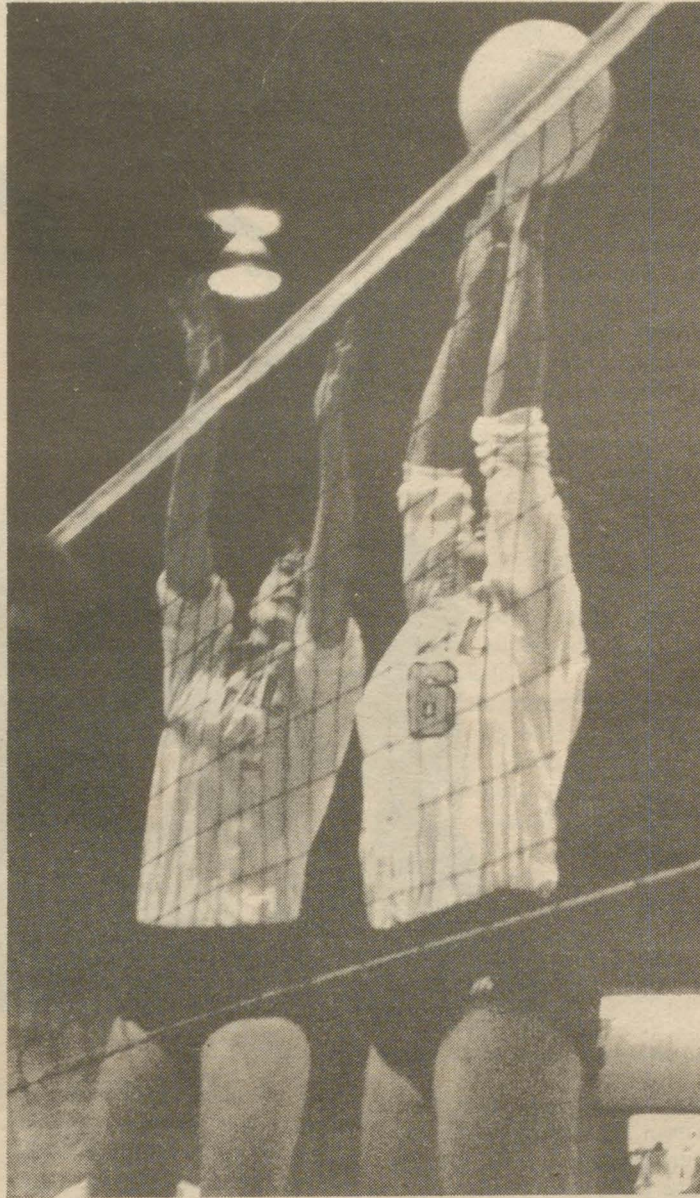
by Kevin Barrett

It was not as exciting as their male counterparts but in some ways it was more decisive as the Dalhousie Womens Volleyball team turned their play up a notch and defeated the Ottawa GeeGees 3-0 to win the womens title of Dalhousie Classic Volleyball Tournament.

"We proved that we can play with consistency and intensity in the final", said Tiger coach Karen Moore as she reflected upon her teams performance in the tourney. "Mt. A and Ottawa are both better teams than they showed but we played very well Saturday and Sunday. Our blocking was unbelievable in the final."

The Tigers were plagued by inconsistency on the opening day and although they had a 2-0 record, Moore was concerned. Specifically, Moncton (the Tigers first match opponent) had just signed a former national team member and this caught the Tigers off guard a bit. Dal won the first game but fell far behind in the second. It was here that the needed championship confidence began. "After falling behind to Moncton by so much and coming back was great for our confidence and a great boost for the team" said Moore.

They went on to defeat Moncton 3-0 but almost fell victim to a hungry McMaster team in the second match. Dal won 3-2, their closest match of the tournament but



Going up for a block

it was far from what was desired. "By being so inconsistent we almost lost the game. As it was we only won by the narrowest of margins".

However, a good nights sleep seemed to be the remedy the team needed. After a rather easy 3-0 in the last round robin game against Western they team prepared to play the AUAA's top team Mt. A. Although the Tigers won 3-0 it was far from easy.

"The first game was so important against Mt.A. It was close and could have gone either way. We made some good plays at the end to get the win," stated Moore. The second and third games were just as tough but again Dal pulled away in the last few points to win the match.

In the final, the Tigers had to wait over an hour before the mens match was completed before they could start. When asked if this affected her team any Moore said that it did but in a positive way. "I think

the mens win got the girls psyched up even more."

Dal's blocking of Ottawa at the net caused the Gee Gees to try to go to a 'tip' game. With the back line of the Tigers supporting this, there was no way for the Gee Gees to mount any offence. The reason for the Dominance at the net was Tournament MVP Tara MacIntyre. The first year player led the Classic in ace serves, kills and, most importantly, stuff blocks. MacIntyre's play has been good all year and she played her best matches of the year at the Classic.

Dal also received excellent team play from all their players. Christine Frail and Christain McCreary did so well that they were named to the tournament all-star team. Joining them were Lynn Heaney of Mt.A, Jacqueline Rasenbery and Marie-Josée Caron of Ottawa and Brigitte Soucy of Moncton.

Buffalo aims to slay Giants

By H. Kissinger

The Buffalo Bills and the New York Giants are going to the Superbowl in Tampa this weekend.

For those of you who haven't been near any form of media presentation this week, here's the scoop: the Bills completely destroyed a bunch of misfits from Los Angeles (51-3) and the Giants just squeaked by San Francisco (15-13).

Thurman Thomas was an offensive machine for Buffalo, racking-up 138 yards rushing and catching five passes for another 61 yards.

The incredible precision and power of the Bills was due, largely, to their quick no-huddle offense and dominance on both the offensive and defensive lines. Quarterback Jim Kelly was given enough time and space to complete 17 of 23 passes for over 300 yards.

The Raiders, who had claimed their willingness to take on the problem athletes of the NFL as their key to success, were completely decimated on both offense and defense. Never before has a team been so ruined by the end of the first half... the much touted Raiders deserve only to drag their mangy tails back to California to drown themselves eyeball-deep in the worst vices known to humanity (its the only thing I can think of that might relieve the deep humiliation they must be experiencing as you read).

While I don't really like the Giants, I'm pretty glad they beat out Montana and his San Francisco compadres. First, because, lets face it, nobody likes a guy who wins all the time, and second, because I would have lost fifty bucks if they had won the Superbowl.

Strangely enough, the Giants giant-slayer turned out to be Mat Bahr, a field goal kicker who's position on the New York squad was iffy at best near the beginning of the season. With seconds left on the clock, Lawrence Taylor - a veritable monster among linebackers and hero to millions - forced a ball loose to allow for Bahr's 42-yard field goal that won the game for the Giants.

Jeff Hostetler - a seven year bench warmer for the Giants, proved his worth as quarterback on Sunday night. Not only was he 15 of 27 for 176 yards, but now he's also 4-0 as the Giants' starting Superbowl quarterback after wunderkind Phil Simms' injury of five weeks ago.

So its down to Florida this weekend to watch the mother of all battles (whoops- has that already been used?) A lucky Bahr's foot versus a football dynasty in the making - hmm, I wonder... You better take your suntan lotion and you better take the Bills, 'cause the bookies are giving Buffalo five points (and they don't take American Express).

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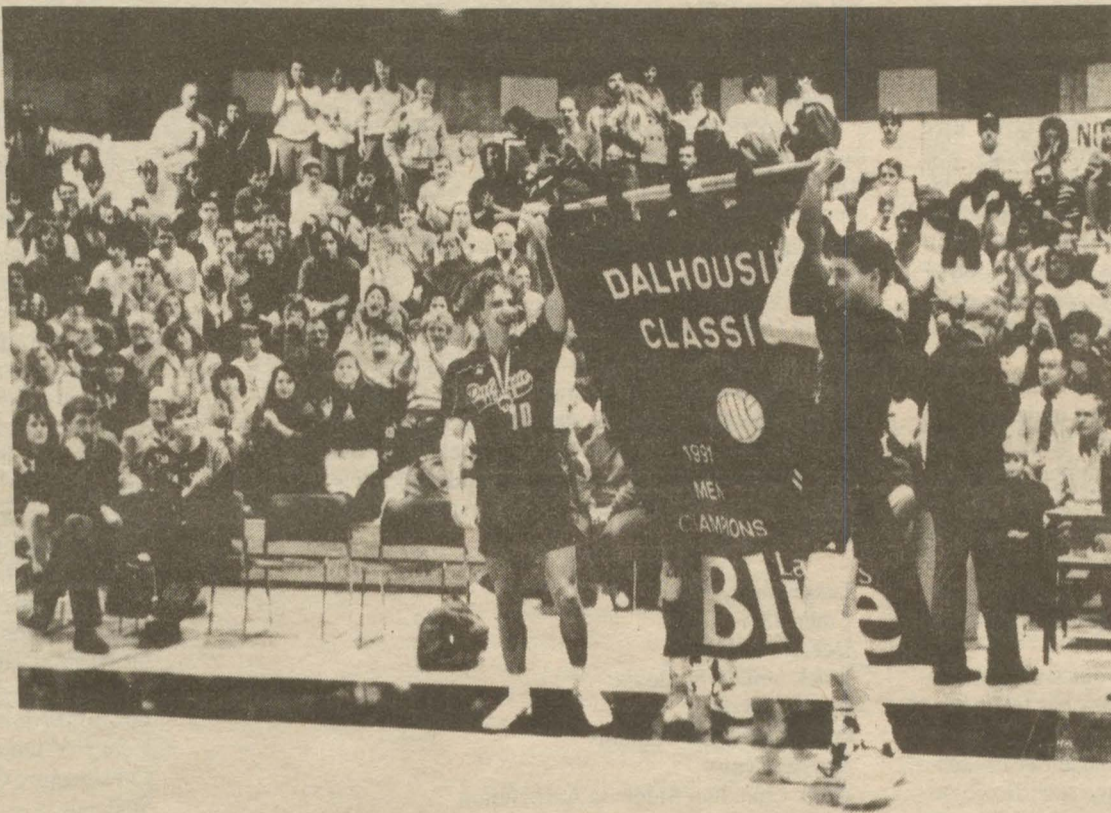
by Kevin Barrett

And the good guys win! The underdog Dalhousie Mens Volleyball team took a giant step forward and proved that are indeed for real as they won the thrilling mens division of the Dalhousie Volleyball Classic at Dalplex last weekend.

Couldn't
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The men, who along with the Lady Tigers, completed the first Dalhousie Daily Double in the tourney's 12 year history, had their throats as they rebounded from two games to zero deficits to defeat the #4 ranked Waterloo Warriors and the #3 ranked Manitoba Bisons.

The win should boost the Tigers status in the view of CIAU ranking officials but more importantly will give the Tigers psychological confidence as they prepare for the



Dal men display winning banner

national championships in March.

Dal couldn't have made it any tougher on themselves in the final as they appeared to be emotionally spent after a gruelling five set semi-final match with Waterloo. They lost the first two games of Sunday's championship game (10-15, 6-15) and were having real trouble with the front line blocking of the Manitoba team.

However, as it does so many times in this emotional sport, the tide turned. With Dal serving at 2-3 in game three, the Tigers won a marathon 90 second point that had the crowd of 400 roaring with approval. Dal surged on to take game three 15-13 and quickly jumped into a 6-2 lead in game four. After trading points the rest of that game and recording the 15-10 victory,

the Tigers continued their turnaround and built an 8-4 lead in the deciding, every play scores, fifth game. One fan shouted "Just trade point from now on and it is ours." Dal did better as they pushed the game to match point at 14-8. However, in a test for the faint of heart fans, the Bisons reeled off five straight points, making it 14-13. Jody Holden then powered a smash that was to hot for a Mani-

toba defender to handle and Dal won the title for the first time.

It was a total team effort. Tournament all-star Holden and Paul Villeneuve provided the power, all-star Deon Goulding made many key blocks, David St. Helene and Dwayne Provo were outstanding on defense and Serving specialist won several important points with

his tough serve. However the real story of Dal was the play of MVP Scott Bagnall.

Bagnall, smaller in physical stature in comparison to his teammates on the court, stood head and shoulders above the rest as his leadership, hustle and setting abilities were the reason for the victory.

"Sweet, Sweet", yelled Andrew Simms after the match. It certainly was a those in attendance realized that this team had just cleared a major hurdle and had become one of the elite volleyball teams in the country.

Dal advanced to the final by sporting a 2-1 record in the round robin portion of the tourney before coming back from a 2-0 deficit to beat Waterloo in the semi's. Down 0-2 in games and 10-14 in game three, the Tigers found something and went on a roll taking the next 12 points and winning the match in an emotional five games. Joining Goulding and Holden on the all-star team were Dale Iwanoczko and Steve Welch of Manitoba, Steve Smith of Waterloo and Rob Olfert of Winnipeg.

Dal wins swimmingly

by Ian Robertson

The Dal men's and women's swim teams easily outswam their opposition at Acadia University last Saturday, winning all 22 events!

The women's squad, led by the double individual wins of Sandra Netzel (50 and 100 freestyle) and Katy Laycock (200 IM and 200 breaststroke), topped the Axettes 155-50.

The men's squad also amassed an impressive points margin to win with a 138-43 spread. They were aided by the double individual victories of Eric Chisholm (50 and 100 freestyle), and Richard Peter (200 IM and 200 breaststroke). These wins moved the Tigers AUAA dual meet records to 8-0 and 5-1 respectively!

Other individual winners who contributed to the Tiger's triumph include Christy Gustavion and Darryl Dutton (200 free); Jill Hayden and Jason Jardine (800 free); Carolyn Flam and Sean Andrews (200 fly); Janet Tingley and Jason Cross (200 back); and Kellie Andrews and Grant Wong (400 free). All four Dal relay teams eclipsed meet hosts Acadia.

As the Tigers move into their final preparations for next month's AUAA Championships, one of the most pleasing aspects of the meet was the number of season and lifetime bests achieved.

Next weekend the Tigers hope to continue this trend as they host the second AUAA invitational of the season. Finals action gets underway at the Dalplex at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.



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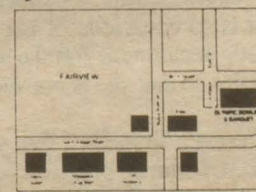
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Black students

On the question of its dealings with the black students of Dalhousie, the DSU can only receive a resounding failing grade.

It is quite evident by specific actions and inactions that the DSU considers black students to be a negligible and irrelevant part of the student body.

Clearly the most poignant example of this position is the racist comment uttered by Executive Vice President Patti Dow last year. No apology was forthcoming. Such behavior is, of course, unacceptable and is sufficient basis to demand her resignation.

However this incident must not be viewed in isolation or as an anomaly. It is the manifestation of a conscious policy to systematically ignore the needs, concerns and problems of the black student body.

This attempt to relegate us to the realm of the invisible is a clear indication of the undemocratic functioning of the DSU. Never have black students been consulted in a constructive manner. The problem of racism and its impact on Blacks have been nonexistent on the DSU's list of issues. Yet the black student body through its various organizations and associations has continuously and vociferously articulated its deep concern over the growing problem of racism.

The refusal by the DSU to treat black students as a legitimate part of their constituency has far-reaching and profound ramifications.

Blacks have deep-seated concerns about the academic curriculum and how it relates specifically to Blacks. There are very few courses that deal with Blacks, their culture, history, and conditions. Those

courses that do exist frequently distort, misrepresent or outrightly falsify the realities.

Of course, none of us can forget how easily the past and present DSU administration accepted the closing of the African Studies Centre. Or the lack of a position opposing racism in all its forms, specifically in academic circles.

The experience of black students has exposed the lack of democracy in the DSU. Are we to remain a voice in the wilderness always ignored. Or worse yet accorded a mention only when a flippant condescending remark emanates from the "hallowed halls" of the DSU.

What is required is to create a truly democratic Student Union where every group has equal opportunity for input. This requires not only a commitment to the democratization of student politics, but an outright repudiation of the the obvious policies of discrimination and "divide and rule" practised by the DSU. The institution of independent student politics is the only way the problems of all students can be solved. Mark: F

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Athletics

A commitment to an effective and efficient communication system has led to a harmonious and prosperous relationship between athletics at Dalhousie and the DSU. Both Ralph Cochrane and Patti Dow have made an concerted effort to make regular contact with the key players in the athletic community at Dalhousie and have been active participants in supporting the university at the varsity and intramural levels.

They have formed a base that will generate more student enthusiasm and get away from the apathetic attitude that seems to exist at Dalhousie athletic events. There are a number of top athletic teams at Dal and there is a difference in atmosphere at the games than there has been in the past.

Although there is not a great deal of formal interaction between the DSU and the athletic department, the most important relationship occurs on the Presidents Advisory Council on Athletics. The Council, predominantly made up of students, provides a positive forum for present program evaluations, new initiatives such as homecoming week or varsity week and for discussing changes to programs in place at Dalhousie presently.

The Director of Athletics, Tony Martin feels this Council is imperative to the success of athletics at Dal. "Because students make up the majority of the council, they make the decisions on the affairs of my department. This is very important because we are there to program for the students" said Martin.

Relationships with other athletic groups is equally as supportive. The Student Association of Health, Physical Education & Recreation (SAPHER) President Pamela Ross believes that the DSU is doing well and is very supportive of SAPHER and very co-operative in assisting in any of its activities.

Does this mean that because Dow, a former SAPHER president, is playing favorites? On the contrary states Martin. "I believe that in some instances Patti is so conscious of her former position in the athletic department that she makes things tougher for athletics so that she is not showing favoritism," said Martin.

However, in the last few years the main topic on the DSU/Athletic plate has been the optional athletic

fee imposed on students for Dalplex services. Martin explained that the fees are nessecary to compensate for the escalating costs associated with operating the Dalplex.

In the past two years the Dalplex fee has financed new floors for the squash and racquetball courts and a new basketball floor. Also it has provided better salaries for intramural officials, resulting in better quality officials and has given the intramural department better hours at Dal Arena for their arena programs. Instead of playing at 1:30 in the morning the majority of games are over before midnight.

While the benefits are obvious, the main issue is that students voted down, in a referendum, the Dalplex fee. The question is not whether students mind paying the fee. In fact, over 70% of the students at Dal this year have paid the fee which gives them access to Dalplex, free admission to varsity events and discounts on programs such as aerobics and swimming that the Dalplex offers.

The question is how can the administration overturn a decision made by students and approved through the President's Advisory Council and impose the fee.

The answer to this annual hot campaign question is unknown. Dow and Cochrane are beginning investigation into the question now which is late in regards to dealing with the issue this term. While the complete financial picture must be looked at it is important to address the seemingly lack of respect by the administration at Dal for the position that the DSU had on this issue in the past.

Many other universities have a mandatory athletic fee and while it appears that Dalhousie doesn't mind the nominal charge, they should mind the administrations methods of dealing with their student rights.

Overall, the DSU gets a B for their efforts in athletics. The Dalplex issue may not be specifically related to their administration but they better deal with the process behind the implementation of the fee before it slides to the back burner.

Kevin Barrett
Masters of Leisure Studies student
Representative of Raquetball N.S.

Gays and Lesbians

My first contact with the present Student Union was during the 1990 general elections. The Cochrane/Dow slate made a strong impression on me, indeed the entire lesbian and gay community at Dalhousie. This impressions was shared by many other minority groups on campus and resulted from comments made during an election forum where our present Vice-President indicated that she saw nothing wrong with making a racist joke (as long as it was "only a joke"), in the interests of entertainment.

Such an attitude obviously indicates a complete lack of understanding around issues of discrimination, and an implicit mainstream ideology. As a result, many gays and lesbians quickly concluded that the DSU would not be very sensitive to the needs of minority groups on campus.

This was confirmed when the 1990-91 Student Union handbook failed to include GLAD in its list of DSU societies. I wrote to the Student Union President explaining why it was important to mention support groups for oppressed minorities in such a publication. Cochrane responded with an acknowledgement of GLAD's importance on campus and a thank-you for bringing this to his attention.

Since then, GLAD has been regularly receiving Student Union society mailouts, so I assume we are on the official list. Further, the External Vice-President contacted me personally to invite GLAD's participation in the National Week of Action. We also received a copy of the report of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Constituency Group of the Canadian Federation of Students.

The DSU also complied with a request for a letter of support for an initiative asking Dalhousie to include 'same sex' couples in their spousal benefits program.

However, other experiences with Student Union services have been considerably more frustrating. Several meetings of GLAD in the first term were not posted at the Enquiry Desk. This caused great confusion and many members missed meetings as a result.

Interactions with the Campus Activities office proved equally discouraging. Last summer, a GLAD member approached Campus Activities with a lead on bringing Federal M.P. Svend Robinson to town, hoping GLAD and the DSU could sponsor him jointly. This proposal was initially accepted with enthusiasm by the Campus Activities representative, but it soon became apparent that the event was at the bottom of the priority list. As months passed, and no sign of activity or communication was forthcoming from the Campus Activities office, GLAD turned to the Gay and Lesbian Association of Nova Scotia to co-sponsor the event. An opportunity for GLAD to be affirmed as a legitimate and active society on campus was lost.

GLAD members do not have the freedom to participate openly in DSU activities because of the heterosexist/homophobic nature of society both on and off campus. Therefore, we choose not to participate in many Student Union activities, but rather set our own agenda. While the DSU has done well in keeping us informed of society activities, this is not one of GLAD's primary needs. GLAD needs to be recognized as a society filling a valid and necessary function. The group has taken on a variety of roles over the years. GLAD acts as an advocacy group, as an educator (annual Gay/Lesbian supplements in the Gazette and The Word is Out on CKDU-FM are accessible to all students), as a link to the larger community, as a social group, and as a haven from the discrimination that lesbians and gay men face on a daily basis.

Attempting to meet these needs has been rather frustrating. This, combined with the lack of confidence inspired by the election campaign, has resulted in GLAD being extremely cautious in its dealings with the Student Union. Overall I'd give them a 'D'.

Julie Lewis
President, Gays and Lesbians at Dalhousie
Board of Directors,
Gay and Lesbian Association of Nova Scotia



We recognize that not all interest groups (e.g. Native and mature students) or issues are represented here. If you wish to submit a report card we would be pleased to print it. Please drop by the office (Third floor, SUB) and talk to us.

Environment

The DSU is frustrated about recycling at the University.

Over the summer Patti Dow, vice-president of the DSU tried to organize a recycling program. She did a lot of research, however due to fire regulations it fell through.

The Campus Environmental Action Group is sponsored by the DSU.

They have the recycling bins down in the lobby of the Student Union Building. The DSU said they work in conjunction with this group.

The Public Research Interest Group, also partially funded by the DSU, has not been contacted about any environmental programs or ideas.

Since their plans fell through this summer, the DSU have been trying to find other ways to organize a recycling program at Dalhousie. They recycle within their own offices, but that is about it.

The University has recently appointed a Director of Environmental Services. High on his mandate is supposed to be recycling. Because any of these programs are expensive, the DSU is working with the administration in this area.

However, recycling is only one way to help the environment. There does not seem to be any initiative by the D.S.U. to try and educate the student body about what they can do.

There are plans by the administration to build more parking spaces on campus. The DSU has done nothing to suggest that encouraging more students to drive is not environmentally correct. They do not seem to be lobbying for more bike parking racks or even encouraging students to walk to school.

They seem to be leaving it up to other groups to do any environmental work.

If the DSU is committed to the environment they could organize an environmental day on campus in conjunction with other groups, they could put up a poster board for environmental notices, they could try and bring in speakers and promote rallies.

The DSU does not seem to be encouraging any reducing or reusing, which could be useful in the SUB cafeteria.

They did try, however, but they are not taking on any responsibility so I give them a D.

Allison Johnston
Third year Philosophy major
Special interest in Theatre



Labour relations

This year the DSU was hit twice in terms of labour relations. Both the Dalhousie Faculty and Staff Associations' contracts expired. Both unions were [the DSA still is] looking for new and improved deals.

The DSU has traditionally had difficulty in taking a stand on labour issues. However, they have been expected to take action on behalf of the student's interests.

The best thing the DSU did this year was not impede the work of SOS.

SOS, Students Opposed to Strikes, was formed by a group of concerned students back in August. The premise of the group was to act as a non-partisan organization dedicated to informing students on any labour disputes and the impact it might have on them.

The group approached council as early as Sept. 12 to brief them on their role and the importance of keeping students informed.

The DSU later incorporated SOS into the union and provided them with funding.

However, little or no initiative came from council.

Physically challenged

The DSU is definitely addressing the issues of the physically challenged and disabled students at Dalhousie University. Although change is slow, things are changing.

Steve Esty, spokesperson for the National Board of the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) said the DSU is "at least as open and familiar with these problems as other universities."

The DSU are aware of what the problems are and what can be done. Some areas being looked into now are: better markings on stairs (for the visually impaired); physically accessible telephones; making bathrooms and the second floor of the cafeteria (the smoking section) more accessible to physically challenged persons; making classrooms, laboratories, and desks more accessible; and improving access into buildings.

DSU members do not only seem to be attuned to those students that are mobility impaired, but those who are visually impaired as well. When something is changed on campus which may restrict free movement of special students (for example, a new obstacle in a usually free passage), the DSU tries to inform those who may be affected by this change.

Each year projects are assigned to the following year's DSU council. This year, as a result of decisions made last year, automatic doors and a hearing impaired telephone were installed in the Student Union Building (SUB), and a ramp was put in place at Sherriff Hall.

The DSU tries to concentrate on as many things that could be improved for these special students as money allows. Different committees of students address the issues of students who have special needs on campus. These committees seem to be adept at ascertaining where problems lie for physically challenged students. Their problem is the necessary funds to make these ideas reality.

These ideas are expensive. A few years ago, an

There were no high visibility actions to put pressure on the two sides to reach a negotiated settlement and without SOS it seems unlikely the DSU would have spent much energy or time on keeping students informed.

Dalhousie students are presently dealing with a rotating strike and may face a complete walk-out or lock-out.

The DSU may be negotiating, secretly in the background, in an attempt to solve the DSA/Administration dispute, but students need to know their leaders are working on their behalf. They also have a right to information provided by non-partisan sources. No action has been taken to protect students who refuse to cross picket lines and to date no long term solutions have been found to protect students from strikes in the future. I give the DSU an F.

Alex Burton
Member DSU council, 1989/90

elevator was installed in the Arts and Administration Building. Money for these investments comes from the Capitol Campaign which every student pays through DSU Fees.

As Dalhousie University is an old educational institution, accessibility is a major problem for physically challenged students wishing to attend Dalhousie and participate in different activities.

There is no official group for physically challenged or disabled students this year at Dalhousie. Last year there was a group called the Dalhousie Advocates for the Physically Challenged.

The DSU encourages all students to get involved on the different committees to suggest improvements and ideas, and express concerns they may have.

The DSU is supportive of the National Week of Action which will be occurring during the end of this month. A film will be shown on Wednesday, January 30 at Dalhousie about physically challenged students at universities and the problems they face.

The DSU could push a little harder for changes in attitudes at Dalhousie. Reyla Cruise, formerly a member of the Dalhousie Advocates for the Physically Challenged, says access does not only include structural changes to the university, but attitudes as well. The faculty, administration, and the students have to be willing to be open to suggestions and work with disabled students.

More can always be done, but I would say the DSU has done a good job. I think they deserve an A- for their work in the area of physically challenged students at Dalhousie University.

I would like to add that I am not a physically challenged or disabled student at Dalhousie, but I hope I have been able to rate the DSU's job accurately.

Mary Jane Hamilton
Second-year Sociology

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Focus On...

DALHOUSIE

Dalhousie group wins award

by Richard Arthurs

AIESEC is a French acronym for the International Association for Students in Economics and Commerce.

AIESEC Dalhousie is a local committee of this international group and has been around for many years but few people know us. Until recently,

During the week of January 2-6, 350 people from 36 local committees gathered to attend AIESEC's 33rd national conference. This was one of the biggest, and best conferences in AIESEC's history.

There were training sessions for new executive members, various committees and a large group looking to better understand internationalism and how the world works together. Everyone came out

of these sessions with a better understanding of internationalism.

Another positive result of the conference was a heightened awareness of a new and improved AIESEC group at Dalhousie.

AIESEC Dalhousie was proud to learn they were chosen as the "most improved" local committee in Canada. The whole group has worked very hard the past 10 months to earn this award and are

pleased to have been recognized for this.

One of AIESEC's biggest goals is to raise people's awareness of internationalism. One way we do this is through an international job exchange.

AIESEC members at Dalhousie try to raise jobs with local companies so foreign students can come here to work. When jobs are found here, AIESEC can send one student

away to any one of 69 member countries.

Last year, AIESEC raised seven jobs and had students come from Sweden, Norway, Ghana, Philippines and Yugoslavia.

AIESEC is open to any Dalhousie, King's or Mt. St. Vincent student. If you are interested, drop by their office. It is located on the first floor of the School of Business.



SOUND.



SOUND AND VISION.

This year marks Sony Corporation's second annual international student design competition, created to encourage students around the world to contribute their talents to promoting global communication through design. Congratulations to Canada's Wilson Tang and Albert Shum who, out of 800 entries from around the world, won third runners-up with their version of the television phone—the TAK-tile COMMUNICATOR.

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Labour

The internal organization of any union is paramount to its success. The Dalhousie Student Union is no exception to this.

An effective internal organization enhances the activities of the union and the benefits it provides to its members.

During Cochrane and Dow's campaign a stress was placed upon the internal functioning of the DSU. In particular, a more efficient and communicative student government was promised.

"... what about the average person that lives on-campus or off-campus that doesn't know what goes on? How is a person supposed to be involved in a tuition agreement, in programming, and communications if they are not being informed?", Cochrane told the Gazette last spring.

However, attending council meetings and reading the minutes leads one to the conclusion that changes have not been made.

Cochrane and Dow have initiated round table discussions at council meetings to encourage communication between student representatives and the executive. They have also maintained good communication channels with the Administration and other governing bodies at Dalhousie.

However, the round table discussions consistently focus on parties and purely social events and are void of discussion concerning other student issues; for example, tuition fee increases, cutbacks to university programmes, and labour relations.

Further, communication with the average student, contrary to Cochrane and Dow's campaign promises, remains inadequate.

Minutes of council meetings are poorly organized and impossible to decipher. For example, one set of minutes declares the DSU is "in favour of strike but not in a strike position for another two weeks."

In addition, the executive is no longer required to make bi-weekly written reports (instead reports are given quarterly). Clearly this does not improve DSU communication to students.

Cochrane and Dow emphasized student participation during their campaign, but this year's DSU has had trouble filling numerous council and appointed positions (see chart).

The remaining vacancy of the Course Evaluation Co-ordinator position is of particular concern.

During the campaign Dow called the Course Evaluation Guide "worthwhile" and said, "... we want the students to know what the courses are like, what the professors are like. They have every right to know."

Efforts to find a Co-Ordinator began in September. By the middle of October the necessity and cost of the Guide was questioned by the DSU executive and to date there has been no initiative to provide this service to students.

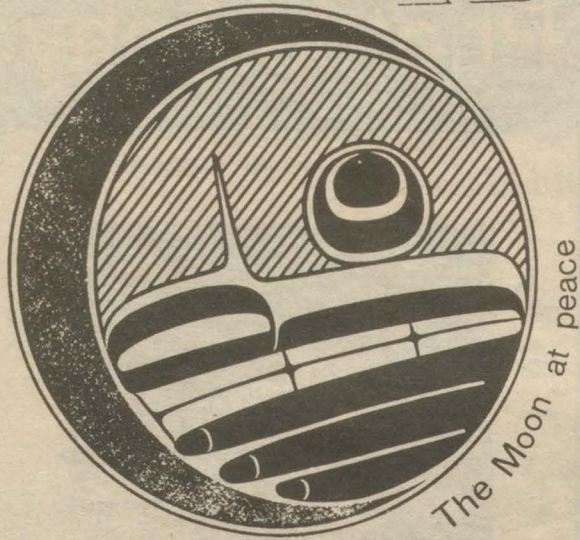
The obvious conclusion is that internal organization has been poor and can not make the grade. F

Alex Burton
Member of Council, 1989/90

DSU Appointments

Position	As required by Constitution	Date of Actual Appt.
Winter Carnival Ch.	Oct. 1	Nov. 4
Orientation Chair	Nov. 4	Not yet appointed
Handbook editor	Dec. 1	Not yet appointed
Grad Week Chair	Jan. 1	Not yet appointed
Recording Secretary	Sept. 15	Oct. 14
Student Council Ch.	May 1 or Oct. 1	Nov. 18
Course Eval. Co-ordinator	n/a	Not yet appointed

KALENDAR



Public Meeting Waste Incinerator for Metro? at St. Mary's University, McNally Bldg. For more info call the Ecology Action Center, 454-7828

THURSDAY 31

The New Music Series II, with Steve Tittle, at 8p.m. in the Dunn Theatre. No GST on free admission. Great music.

Interested in working on women's issues? Come to meeting of the **Dal Women's Group** held every Thursday in the Dalhousie S.U.B., 6 p.m.

The Association of Bha'i Birth meets today in Rm. 316 of the SUB at 7 p.m. All interested members and non-members are invited to attend.

Kim Genereux, diver & photographer will discuss **Waterlife of Grand Cayman Islands & Nova Scotia** at the Halifax Public Library, Spring Garden Road, 10 a.m.

Democracy in India will be the topic discussed at the Dem. & Dev. Series at the Public Library, Spring Garden Rd., 12 noon.



The Halifax YWCA offers weekly bridge from Jan. 17 until April 25 on Thursday nights. For more information contact Jayne Gladwin at 423-6162.

Winter Watercolor Workshops will be offered at Mount Saint Vincent University from Jan. 19 to Feb. 23. For more info call 443-4450, ext. 243.

Fashion Drawing: Sketching Workshops will be offered at Mount Saint Vincent University Jan. 19, 26 and Feb. 2. For more info call 443-4450, ext. 243.

"**Urban Images**" will be on exhibition until Feb. 17 at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. For more information call 494-2403.

"**Views on Nature, Views of Nature**" will be on exhibition until Feb. 3 at the MSVU Art Gallery.

The **Coalition Against Apartheid** meets the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30-9:30p.m. in Rm. 306 of the Dal SUB. All are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY 25

The National Film Board presents **MCBUS**, a Scottish experimental film, followed by **Hugh MacLennan; Portrait of a Writer**. Also the film, **The Fiddlers of James Bay** will explain the links between the Cree Indians of Northern Quebec & the Scots of the Orkney Islands. N.F.B. Theatre, 1571 Argyle St., 8pm.

Beginning of **Ten Days for World Development** with the Theme of the International Debt Problem. For info. call Haridie Roe at 443-1340.

TUESDAY 29

The Brown Bag Lunch Series presents the N.F.B. film **Fragile Harvest** narrated by D. Suzuki, at the Lester Pearson Institute, 1321 Edward St., 12 noon.

The Campus Environmental Action Group is having a meeting with fresh ideas for 1991 at 5 p.m. in Rm. 304 of the SUB.

Dr. J. Gray of Camp Hill Hospital presents a lecture titled, **Alzheimer's Disease, a Clinicians Concern**. Rm. 14B, Tupper Med. Building, 4 p.m.

The **Gazette** needs capable, intelligent, enthusiastic people (university students may qualify) to help put together the paper tonight on the 4th floor of the SUB. All are welcome, no exp. nec. Contributors receive free pizza.

WEDNESDAY 30

The Dal Art Gallery presents, in conjunction with its exhibition on cityscapes, **The City, part five: The City as Man's Home** and part six: **The City and the Future**. Screenings are at 12 noon and 8 p.m. The films & exhibition are free.

Dal Women's Studies presents "A moving rhetoric"; **Women's Silence in Renaissance Texts**. A seminar by Dr. Christina Luckyj at 3:30 p.m. in the Multidisciplinary Centre, 1444 Seymour St.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theater of the Ear calls for submissions of new radio scripts. For details call or write the Maritimes' only independent radio drama company, 1596 Robie St., Halifax, N.S. B3H-3E6, 835-1628 or 423-6815.

Stolen from vehicle at Studley Arena between 10:30 p.m. & 12:30 p.m.; grey duffle bag with 2 calculus books, electronic fund. book, 2 schaum series books, assorted scribbles & math notes. This material is of great personal value & represents 3 years of notes. Any info please call 826-2411, Eves, 421-3200, ext. 274 days.

The **Y.W.M.C.A.** is offering a self defense course for women. Begins Jan 15. For info call 423-6162.

The Metro Immigrant Settlement Association is seeking volunteer interpreters/translators on a casual basis. If you have a knowledge of a second language

SATURDAY 26

Protest the Gulf War. Your voice counts more than ever, 12 noon at the Grand Parade.

Benefit to support the Mohawk Defense Fund to be held at the Micmac Native Friendship Center, 2158 Gottingen St.

SUNDAY 27

The **MARABAR** Book-to-film series begins with the screening of E.M. Forster's **A Room with A View** at Wormwoods Cinema at 2pm. For info call 425-6260.

MONDAY 28

Deadline for submissions to **Between the Issues**, the newsletter of the Ecology Action Centre. For info. call 454-7828.

DECLASSIFIEDS

Summer Jobs Applications are now being accepted for summer jobs on cruiseships, airlines and resorts. No experience necessary. For more information send \$2 and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: World Wide Travel Club, 5334 Yonge Street, Suite 1407, Toronto, Ontario, M2N 6M2.

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Luc: I am a stranger here myself & I like it that way. --never again by the coke machine--

Michelle: I hate you.-Chris-

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R: I love flour.

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Seals will bite
But guppies just eat you in the middle of the night.

There once was a man from Peru,
Whose limericks end on line two.

There once was a man from Verdun.

Who thought all this crap was fun.

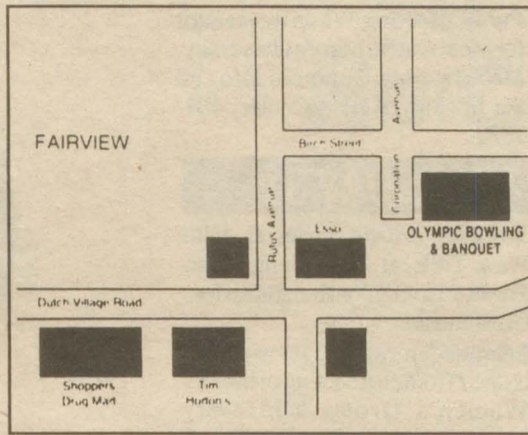


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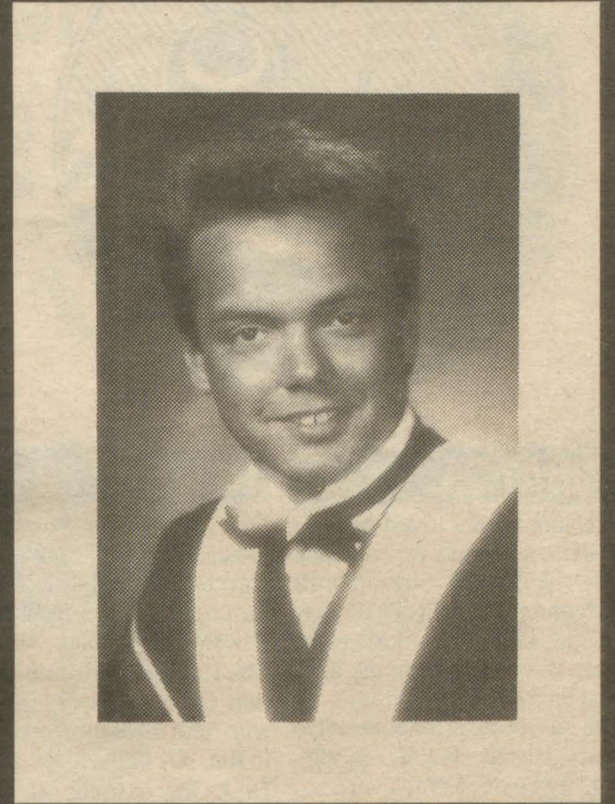
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Transportation only!!! - Tickets available at inquiry desk, January 28th

Evening: 9:00 pm

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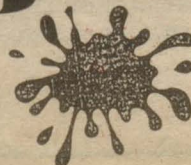
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