

Faculty one step closer to strike

Negotiations down to the wire as faculty vote 81 per cent against Board's latest offer

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

A faculty vote rejecting the university's latest settlement offer could have Dal's profs striking within two weeks.

The results of the vote were announced on Mar. 3. Of the 79 per cent of faculty association membership who voted, 81 per cent were in favour of rejecting the Board's offer.

This rejection came on the heels of two other obstacles to settlement: a successful strike vote, and the failure of provincial conciliation.

The passed strike vote, held Feb. 18-24, allows the faculty association (DFA) executive to call a strike two weeks after the provincial conciliator files his report.

After the two week waiting period the university also has the option to lock-out the faculty.

The two-day conciliation process, mediated by the Department of Labour's Robert Durdan, finished —

unresolved — on Feb. 20.

The faculty association has asked Durdan to file his report.

But while strike is an option, both sides remain optimistic about the possibility for resolution.

The [faculty association] is hopeful there can be substantial negotiations in that two week period that will prevent the strike," said Dr. Andy Wainwright, external relations officer

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for the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and an English professor. Eric McKee, vice-president student services, agrees.

"When we say no one wants a strike, those of us who have been there, mean it."

The rejected offer included an 8.8 per cent salary increase over 32 months, significantly shy of the 12 1/2 per cent over two years that the faculty association had proposed.

The offer was rejected because it didn't come close to repairing the damage caused by wage rollbacks

and freezes, Wainwright says.

"If I were to accept the Board's offer...I would be making \$19,000 less than I would at Saint Mary's University," he said. "It doesn't make me feel very good that I'm doing at least the same job as colleagues at other universities for a lot less money."

Wainwright also says that "complement" — the number of teaching positions maintained by the university — is central to the negotiations.

Currently, the university can decide not to refill a vacated faculty position. It has cut, or not filled, 113 of these positions in the last 10 years. Wainwright says this 15 per cent decrease in the face of a 15 per cent increase in student population is ruining the quality of education at Dalhousie.

"We are talking about the quality of people who come to, and stay, at the university," he said.

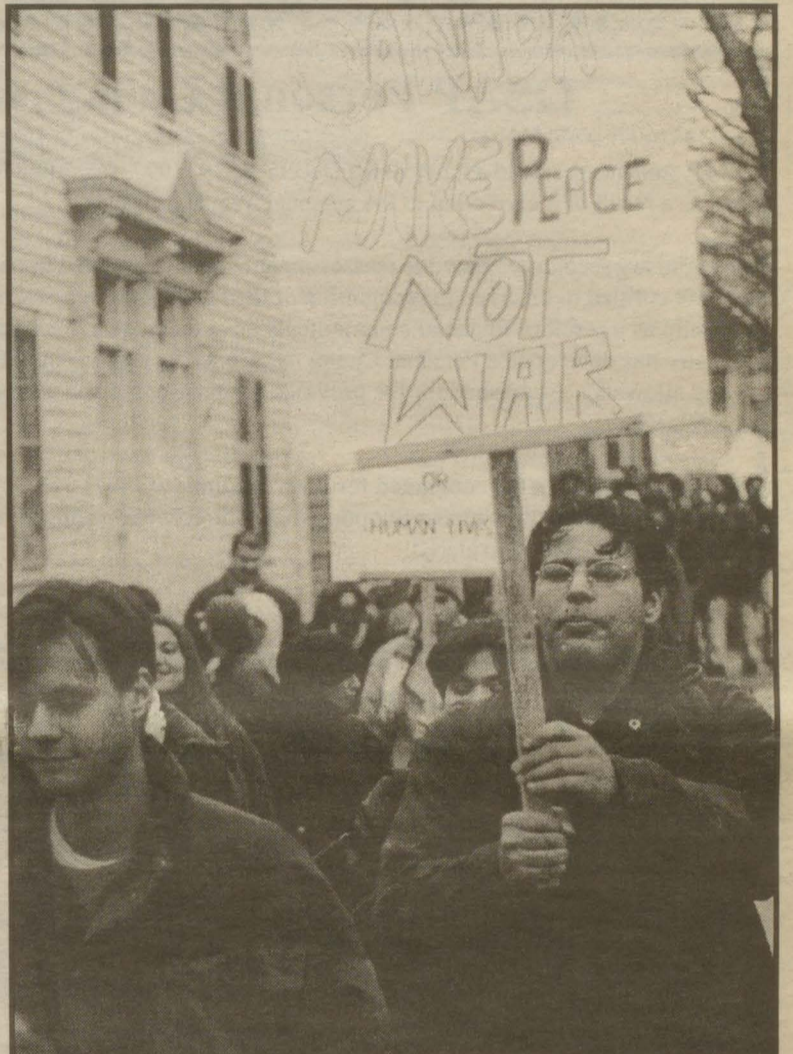
The Board's offer made no concessions on complement, but McKee says that has more to do with a lack of funding than a lack of

caring.

"The argument that we walk a fine line is a legitimate one, it's a fair observation. We would have been better off if we could have replaced many of the faculty, [but] we've only

been able to replace some of them, [and] that's not a particularly good thing."

The association is asking for a freeze on current staff numbers for at least two-and-a-half years.



ANTI-WAR PROTEST: Several local groups, opposed to Canada's participation in another Gulf War, held a peaceful demonstration on Feb. 20. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

Tuition freeze promised

MARK REYNOLDS

Nova Scotia's election campaign is in full swing and all three parties are trying to woo the student vote.

Both the New Democratic Party and the incumbent Liberals have promised a tuition freeze while the Progressive Conservative party has unveiled a youth employment strategy.

"Once we see the books we want to institute a freeze and up-front bursaries," said Robert Chisolm, leader of the Nova Scotia NDP. "Accessibility is a very important principle."

Chisolm, whose party currently has three seats in the provincial legislature, said the NDP is sympathetic to the needs of students in the province. He said that with the recent federal commitments to educational funding, it is an opportune time to put education issues on the table.

"We think it's an important signal to universities and community colleges that we need to stabilize funding. We would need to sit down and talk with

universities and community colleges to see how we would do this."

Nova Scotia's Liberal premier, Russell MacLellan, has announced that if re-elected, he too would institute a tuition freeze. His announcement came hours after Chisolm's.

"I think it's apparent that he recognized that students are hitting a financial road block," said David Harrigan, a spokesperson for the Liberal campaign.

"With the province's economy growing, we need an educated population," he said. "The secret is the funding of universities. We have to fund universities at a level where they can do this."

When the Liberals were elected five years ago, former premier John Savage made a commitment to cap tuition. However, no such policy materialized.

"When the Savage government came in...there just wasn't any money," Harrigan said, adding that the province now has a balanced budget.

Student groups and universities

are not enraptured with the proposed freeze.

"Without dealing with base funding, the government would be forcing us into a precarious financial situation," said Kelvin Ogilvie, president of Acadia University.

More than 50 per cent of Acadia's funding comes from tuition fees.

"The government can't just deal with this in a vacuum," Ogilvie said. "They must work with us, to do this."

Chuck Bridges, director of public affairs for Saint Mary's University agrees.

"We don't know what the funding formula would be," said Bridges, who was unaware of MacLellan's pledge.

"If you freeze tuition, you need to increase funding. It would have a significant impact."

The provincial Progressive Conservative party has not promised a tuition freeze. Its post-secondary education platform relies more on jobs, and tax and interest

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Union charges Dal with unfair practices

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

Part-time teachers and TAs are stuck in a waiting game that they say stems from the university trying to derail their attempts to strike.

Until the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 3912 attains an accurate membership list from Dalhousie, the union does not know the results of its strike vote.

A strike vote requires 50 per cent of union members to have voted.

The union says Dalhousie is throwing obstacles in their way in

order to stall proceedings.

"We need those lists to ensure we have a real democratic vote. There's no way we can be sure who our members are. For five years, we've tried to get a correct list of who is on the payroll from Dalhousie," said Barbara Moore, president of Local 3912.

Michelle Gallant, the public relations spokesperson for Dalhousie, says that two correct lists have been provided and denies any unfair action against the union.

"We provided them with a full

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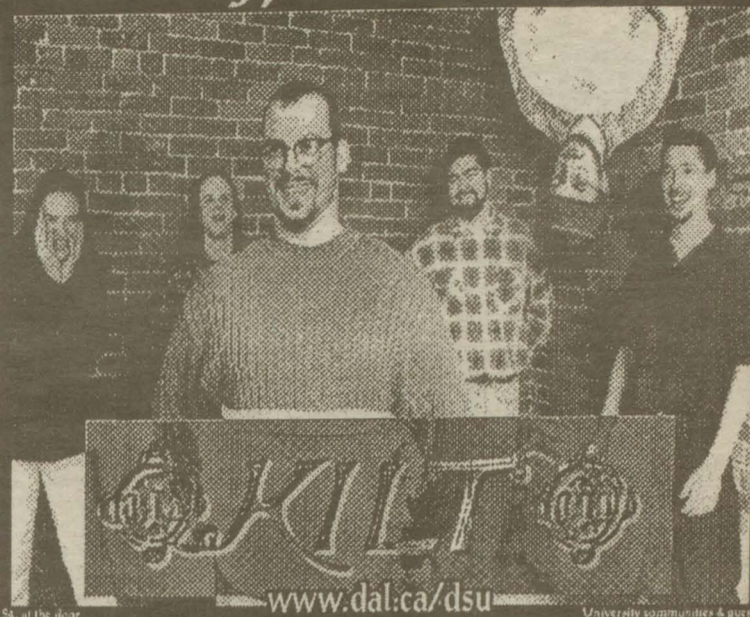
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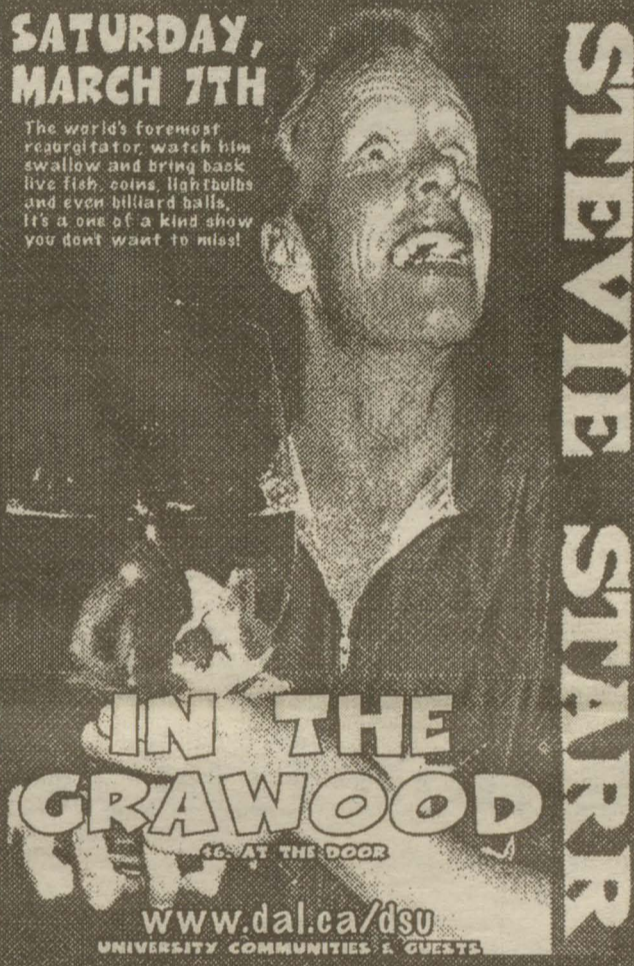
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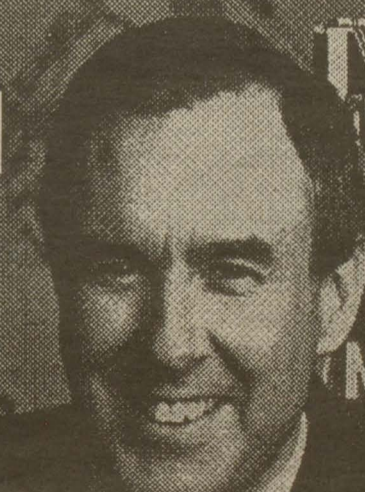
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Mixing labour relations and education

Students grapple with the possibility of a strike

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON
AND ANDREW SIMPSON

Anthony Robinson has to be a little concerned about his luck. He's gone through two strikes, witnessed another and now, after five years and three schools, just when he's trying to graduate, he's facing the possibility of a fourth.

"I moved out here to Halifax totally with the plan of graduating at the end of the summer," Anthony said. "I don't really have room to fool around and not graduate."

"Have you ever had a long period where you're looking for work? [A strike] is a little bit like that. You're just waiting for something, constantly just waiting and you have nothing to do at the moment."

At this moment, Anthony is waiting again. Waiting and more than a little bit anxious that he moved to Halifax to go through the same thing he already went through in Vancouver, twice.

"[Contract] talks and union breakdowns: they're like people breaking up in a relationship. You get to see perfectly mature adults just act like children," he says laughing. "Y'know what I mean? It's crazy. I just don't understand why it can't get resolved at the table."

While Professor Ismet Ugursal hasn't met Anthony and doesn't teach at Langara, he knows a fair amount about how tough it is to settle talks at the table. Here. At Dalhousie.

Ugursal is the president of the Dalhousie Faculty Association and he has been involved in contract talks with the university administration since last September, and going nowhere fast since the end of January.

And with the end of scheduled negotiations, and a vote to reject the university's latest offer under their belts, Ugursal says it's now or never. If nothing happens during a mandatory two week waiting period, there is only one alternative.

"Absolutely strike, no question about it," he said. "What else is there to do?"

But Ugursal remains concerned for students.

"There have been studies done on the affect of strikes on students... and there are a significant number of students who are devastated by it, who actually go through some trauma as a result."

Across the country, just about this time last year, the same discussions were happening on a different campus, with less than great results.

Students at York University in Toronto were subjected to a strike which began in mid-March, officially ended 55 days later, and is still affecting students today.

"Students ended up losing money without any retribution," said Matthew Clancy a vice-president of the York's student federation.

"Students, including myself, got failing grades on courses due to miscommunication... I never knew I had to write a final exam and when I got my report card — big old fat F. And that happened to a lot of students."

Clancy said he is aware of the situation at Dalhousie, and has some advice in the case of a strike.

"Basically students are held

hostage and student leaders have got to make sure that they're not.

"I would advise [the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU)] to find out all the information they can from the administration and all the information they can from the union... everything that directly affects students' lives," he said. "Just pump that information out to students because they're the ones that need to know."

And while DSU president Chris Adams agrees, he says he's been a little weak in his delivery.

"There is a lot of worry about what's going on, a lot of people don't understand what's happening because everything has changed so quickly in the last couple of weeks," he said.

"We haven't been keeping up with keeping people informed, and we just have to get the message out there a

little more clearly, a little louder.

"To tell you the truth I'm worried about my classes being disrupted, I don't want to miss any school either."

Hilary McGown, a Dalhousie student, says that she hasn't really been informed. But there seems to be more than enough speculation to make up for it.

"Students don't know," she said. "I heard [in the case of a strike] we'd have to come back in July to write our exams, and a lot of kids have to work during the summer to make money for tuition and to pay for their residence, and I've heard that if we don't come back then the whole year is cancelled and your money is refunded, which basically means you've lost this year and it's just been a complete waste of time. So I think that even though the teachers are being treated unfairly, Dal has to take it upon themselves to compensate

[professors] so that students don't suffer."

Dalhousie's vice-president student services, Eric McKee, says the administration would like to be able to pay the professors more, but that it isn't that easy. He says they are doing their best with a bad situation.

"I can well understand why students find the uncertainty of their position very troubling, and we're going to do our best to remove as much of that uncertainty as we can. But this is a labour relations conflict. In these situations, users of services — whether they're customers at a store, users of public transit, or students at an university — tend to get caught in the middle."

But not all students are so serious about the prospect of a strike.

Like Anthony, Josh Plaw says he is worried about a strike interfering

with his graduation, but he could still use a couple weeks off.

"I think a lot of students will be happy they can get out of school, you know?" he said. "Do some revelry, have some fun, go on Phish tour maybe. That's my plan if they strike — I'm going on tour."

But having been through his share of strikes, Anthony isn't quite as excited.

"It sucks to be on strike. It's terrible. It's so frustrating, so frustrating," he said. "You don't know if you have school the next day and then when you get back you don't know if 'Oh, is he going to expect this to be done?' 'Is she going to expect that to be done?' You just don't know."

"That's why I say I'm probably just going to try and keep up as best I can."

Martin and MacLellan meet with universities

BY GINA STACK

The unique characteristics of post-secondary education in Nova Scotia must be addressed at both provincial and federal levels, say student and university leaders.

University and student representatives from five of metro's post-secondary institutions met with federal finance minister Paul Martin and provincial premier Russell MacLellan at Province House on Feb. 27.

More core funding at the provincial level, more research grants at the federal level and special consideration for the large number of non-traditional and out-of-province students in Nova Scotia were among the issues raised.

"No issues were unique to Dal... all the universities brought the same issue to the table, core funding [from the province]," said Eric McKee, Dalhousie's vice-president student services.

"We are all negotiating agreements with employees that will lead to salary increases, so the options are to increase government funding, increase tuition fees, or

make cuts in programs that no one will appreciate."

Premier Russell MacLellan made no definitive statement about initiatives for post-secondary



LOOKING STUNNED: Liberal deer caught in the spotlight. (Photo by Matt Barrie)

education his government will take if re-elected later this month.

"We're going to have more in depth meetings after the election. We're just touching subject matters,"

MacLellan said.

While the premier was making no promise of better days for universities if he is re-elected, all present agreed that last month's

federal budget was an important step in the right direction. However, both university and student representatives were quick to add that the work is not over for both the

federal and provincial governments.

"The meeting was informative and I think that we managed to re-enforce a few of the key points," said Ted Chiasson, Dalhousie Student Union treasurer.

"I think that it's important to let people know that although in many aspects it was a good budget, it's not finished and there's still a long way to go."

While the budget has been praised for its emphasis on post-secondary education, much criticism has been focused against the rich Millennium Scholarship Fund which will not help cash-strapped students in immediate need.

"Nova Scotia still is quite short of funding for education, our tuition's still going berserk, the Millennium Fund will help some people, but it won't help all of us, funding is still short," Chiasson said.

The meetings in Halifax were the first of many the finance minister will have with university and student leaders across the country. Martin says he is looking for comments and criticisms of his government's initiatives.

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TAs charge Dal

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list early in the process and have provided another list since all of this has happened," Gallant said.

The strike vote for the part-time instructors/TAs at all three metro universities — Mount Saint Vincent, St. Mary's and Dalhousie — was held on Feb. 18 & 19. Union representatives at Mount Saint Vincent University also say they have had trouble obtaining accurate and complete lists. Saint Mary's, on the other hand, received a complete list from their administration. They voted in favour of a strike.

The union was not able to give any results for Dalhousie on the night of the 19th, because of the inaccurate lists they say they had been given. At a meeting the following day, the union described the problems they were facing.

"We have a number of votes in question, and all kinds of other problems," Moore said.

Moore also described the union's

frustration with the current situation.

"The universities expect us to play by the rules. However, when it comes to procedure, they throw roadblocks in our way," she said.

The union has filed complaints with the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board protesting Dalhousie's lack of cooperation over the lists and what they say is the university's bad-faith bargaining.

Since Saint Mary's vote, the school's administration and the TAs/part-time instructors have worked out an agreement that will include giving union members a substantial pay increase, more job security, and proper grievance procedures.

At Dalhousie, both Barbara Moore and Michelle Gallant say they will have to wait until the Labour Board makes their decision before either side can make their next move.

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Social justice group avoids challenge

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

The Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group wouldn't have had an office if a referendum question capable of pulling their funding had passed.

As it is, the Nova Scotia Public Interest Group (NSPIRG) office is in a room that has been referred to as "the Closet of the Revolution". Executive director Jen Reynolds works everyday cramped by computers, desks, stacked bookshelves, and people.

One floor below, Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) vice-president academic/external Kevin Lacey works in what people call "the party office". There's usually loud music in the space he shares with vp community affairs Terrence Tam. There's also a lot of stuff. A huge beach ball, pom-poms, an unplugged popcorn machine, a couch and — like Reynolds' office — stacks and stacks of paper.

Both organizations serve the same pool of students, and both are housed in the Student Union Building. But both also say it was a serious lack of communication that had the DSU proposing to shut down NSPIRG as a publicity stunt.

Lacey made a motion at the Jan. 25 Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) council meeting proposing a referendum question on whether to continue the \$4 per student levy for the social justice group.

Had the question successfully gone to referendum and the vote passed, NSPIRG would have been dissolved, and its assets turned into a scholarship fund.

But the question never made it out of council chambers. It was defeated unanimously after Reynolds spoke to the council. Even Lacey ended up voting against his own motion.

The question was intended to make NSPIRG accountable to students, Lacey says.

"We pay all this money to these places, and a lot of the time students don't get the opportunity to see what it is that they do.

"This is a particular political organization, who take political stances — what's wrong with having them come out and show what gains

they've made?" he asked. "If students liked what they saw, then they would support their organization."

Reynolds says the group struggles with people not quite understanding who they are or what they do. But Reynolds says the referendum question wasn't the ideal way to increase their exposure.

"The mandate of [NSPIRG]...is very wide reaching. I think people have a hard time grasping that so many things can come out of one office," she said. "There are more creative ways [than a referendum] to raise awareness of [NSPIRG] on campus."

And in retrospect, Lacey agrees. "I make mistakes," he said. "I think [the referendum question] may have been too harsh. I think that

[NSPIRG] deserves more communication. Certainly they're putting a lot of hours in with their work and I respect that."

Lacey, who through his work supports the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) — a student organization often considered politically middle of the road or slightly right of centre — is emphatic that ideological differences had nothing to do with the referendum question to shut down a group long associated with the political left.

"It's not a political issue," he said. "That's definitely not an issue."

"I could have chosen any society, I just chose them because they were around."

And so while Reynolds says she thinks society accountability is a

good thing, she also seems a little bewildered about just how NSPIRG's head came to rest so squarely on the block.

"There is no safeguard," she said. "I would be interested to look into the [DSU] constitution and see how a motion can be made that affects another society's funding without their prior knowledge."

Referendum questions can be proposed in council by those who sit on council, or at the DSU's annual general meeting by any student.

Reynolds acknowledges that there has been an awkward history between the student union and the research group, but both sides agree that now that the problem — miscommunication — has been identified, they should move on.

"In the past there has always been

tension...there was a lot of antagonism and I don't know why that keeps being perpetuated," Reynolds said. "So I finally feel like...we've reached a point maybe where we can step beyond that and stop putting our energies...into fighting the DSU — because we're not fighting, we have different aims but I don't think they're exclusive."

Lacey agrees.

"I think that what has come out of this has been constructive. [The meeting with council] can be considered a focus group of sorts."

But when asked to describe how things might be different if NSPIRG were running the student union, Reynolds can only laugh.

"Whooh! I get an office with a window."

Finance Minister visits Dalhousie

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"In the budget we came forth with a very comprehensive package dealing with accessibility to higher education, we're looking for feedback on the measures that we brought forth and the areas where they think improvements could be made," Martin said.

Martin defended the Fund and emphasized the federal government's current initiatives.

"There were a whole series of measures, about seven, all of which kick in immediately except for the Millennium Fund. If we can get it set up and into operation earlier, we're very open about that, but unfortunately there's just a lag time to getting it set up and that's the biggest problem that we're facing."

Martin alluded to other tax breaks for students and a more generous system of grants, but when pressed for details about such initiatives, he quickly backed down.

"Right now there'll be no further changes," he said, "but one of the things we're talking about with the student leaders and one of the things we want to talk about with the [university] presidents is what else should be done and how much can we afford."

Student leaders used the time with

Martin and MacLellan to address post-secondary issues specific to Nova Scotia.

"There's a lot of anomalies that exist out in Nova Scotia that don't exist anywhere else in Canada," said Saint Mary's student union president, John Francis.

He says Nova Scotia has a disproportionate number of mature, part-time and single parent students.

"I think that's the biggest thing, the different regional characteristics that you have to hammer home," Francis said.

Chiasson echoed Francis' points about Nova Scotia's unique student

population, and added that more federal funding for research is another important issue.

"Research is one of the things we should emphasize next year," Chiasson said. "As well, we got a chance to emphasize with the Premier the education issues and to try to get as much of a commitment as we could for funding for next year."

Both university and student representatives were cautiously optimistic about their meetings with the Premier and Minister.

"Our suggestions were well received and clearly understood. The

premier and the Minister listened [to us], but they are careful about the commitments they make at this point," McKee said.

Chiasson agreed, summing up the meetings.

"Decisions are made up of a whole bunch of impressions and I think that if we just keep meeting, keep meeting and keep meeting then it can only help. This was a quick meeting and it won't solve any problems entirely, but we have to change the course by nudges as opposed to one big push."

Election brings promises

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relief for student debt.

"The only time you institute a freeze is when you've run out of ideas. A freeze won't fix anything," said John Hamm, leader of the provincial Progressive Conservative party.

Hamm says that unless funding is addressed, universities will have to cut back on the quality of education.

He says that his party's interest relief plan will allow students to pay loans down through provincial income tax. This plan is similar to that recently announced by the federal budget.

"The Nova Scotia Council on Higher Education recently recommended funding for universities...be increased by \$22-million dollars...that kind of funding will allow universities to voluntarily freeze admissions [fees]," he said.

"I think the premier is handling this in typical Liberal fashion...he's been ignoring this for five years, but now that an election is here, suddenly it's grabbed his attention."

Though Hamm's platform does not include any direct financial relief for students, like a tuition

freeze or bursaries, he feels his overall platform will benefit new graduates entering the job market.

"What's going through the minds of students now is are...job opportunities going to be that much better after making this investment [in their education]...it still is a worthwhile investment," he said, adding that with the new Sable Gas project, Nova Scotia's economy is likely to boom, providing plenty of career opportunities.

Jessica Squires, the Nova Scotia national executive representative for the Canadian Federation of Students feels that all of the proposals need serious examination.

"None [of the parties] has a comprehensive program," Squires said.

However, she is encouraged that all three parties are addressing student concerns.

"It's an example of how education is becoming an important issue. I think students will vote for a freeze on tuition fees."

She said that both the Liberal and NDP party platforms are incomplete.

"It won't do any good if they haven't increased funding."

She added that the PC platform, though positive for students, does not go far enough.

"They promised a tax credit...you only benefit if you have a job."

Squires said that the PC promise of part-time jobs for students should be combined with tuition relief of some sort. She pointed out that when a tuition freeze was promised in British Columbia, the results were far reaching.

"In BC the NDP gained from the parents of students and prospective students that were worried they could not afford to pay for their children's education.

"The immediate result was that the universities had to re-think their strategy...[tuition freezes] have an interesting effect of politicizing the university community," she said.

Dalhousie student union treasurer, Ted Chiasson, was "cautiously optimistic" about the promised freeze.

"I believe what we have to look at, instead of a freeze, or a raise...is what they call zero-line budgeting. We should start from zero and justify to the students why it got up to five grand anyway."

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BC gets new minister of post-secondary education

BY CRAIG SAUNDERS

VICTORIA (CUP) — The provincial government's decision to create a new ministry specifically for post-secondary education has impressed university administrators and students, who say they are relieved to have a ministry all for themselves.

They also say they are glad that Andrew Petter, B.C.'s former finance minister, is taking on the new portfolio of Advanced Education, Training and Technology.

"Petter does come from the post-secondary system," said Maura Parte, provincial chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). "We hope that will lead to a greater understanding of post-secondary pressures."

Before his election to the provincial legislature in 1991, Petter was a law professor at the University of Victoria. During his six-year political tenure, he has been minister of aboriginal affairs, forests, health and, most recently, finance.

The new ministry is in charge of B.C.'s colleges, universities, private post-secondary institutions, training programs and technological initiatives.

Paul Ramsey will continue to hold an education portfolio, though reduced. He will oversee the province's elementary and secondary schools.

Robert Clift, executive director of the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C., says splitting the ministry was a good idea.

"We're pretty happy to have a separate ministry again," Clift said,

noting the ministry was only amalgamated in 1995. "In the superministry of [kindergarten] to PhD, we tended to get lost."

Petter says post-secondary accessibility is his top priority as the new minister. He says the province needs more university graduates, since business is demanding them, and those graduates will help the economy grow. So he says the province needs to work harder to make education a right, rather than a privilege.

For the past two years, the provincial government froze tuition fees in an attempt to keep education accessible, Petter says. And while

a freeze this year will depend on the provincial budget, expected in late March, the B.C. government is pressuring the federal government to restore funding to students through any fiscal dividends.

"We have been very aggressive in trying to steward what resources we currently have in education and add to them by making savings elsewhere,"

Petter said. "There is a commitment on the part of the government to try to put the limited resources that are available for new social initiatives into the area of education."

But not everyone is happy with the recent changes in cabinet.

According to B.C.'s Liberal education critic, the shuffle is really an attempt to divert the public's attention away from the upcoming provincial budget. Despite this, she says she is looking forward to opposing both Ramsey and Petter. "I've got the two best ministers," April Sanders said. "I'm ready to put them on the ropes."

The Liberal critic and her NDP counterparts will get the opportunity to duke it out when the provincial legislature resumes sitting next month.

Sanders also says splitting the ministry is unnecessary, and that any lack of attention to post-secondary education on the part of

Ramsey likely came as a result of the time he spent fighting a recall campaign.

"I think whoever is in charge should have a good idea of what a child is going into [after high school]," Sanders said. "I would like them as one ministry."

The new ministry also includes technology, and that excites Strong, himself a geologist with a background in vulcanology.

"It makes good sense to have science and technology back with the university post-secondary system," he said. "I think our faculty are recognized as having that as part of their responsibility."

Privacy for the poor respected

BC re-examines approach to people on social assistance

BY ANNA ROIK

VICTORIA (CUP) — The B.C. government has temporarily backed down on the introduction of new measures which would have given them access to a wide range of personal information about people on social assistance.

In late January the government mailed out nearly 75,000 letters they called "consent forms". The completed forms would grant officials access to personal information.

Family members of claimants would also be subject to investigation under the new system.

Failure to return the form carried the threat of losing benefits.

But in the face of protests, phone calls and complaints, recently-

appointed Human Resources Minister Jan Pullinger has called for a legal review of the new system.

David Turner, a member of B.C.'s Human Rights Commission, says he is glad. He added that in their present state, the forms violate the rights of dignity and privacy and discriminate against those on income assistance.

"I urge the ministry to carry out limited searching in only those places needed to prove a claim," he said.

On Feb. 21 — the day the forms were originally supposed to be due — approximately 150 anti-poverty activists took to the streets of Victoria

to urge the provincial government to respect the privacy rights of those in need of social assistance.

Jacque Ackerley of the Together Against Poverty Society told protesters that everyone, including those on income assistance, has a right to privacy.

"We have to make everyone understand how dangerous this legislation is,"

she said. "If the rights to privacy of the poor can be taken away, so can anyone's right."

The two members of the NDP caucus responsible for getting the government to review the forms, Gretchen Brewin and Steve

Orcherton, attended the protest and were presented with two large plastic bags filled with crumpled up forms.

Brewin said her office has never received as many phone calls as they did on this matter.

"As a result of [the] calls, [Orcherton and I] were able to raise this issue in caucus and initiate the review process," she said.

But some spectators at the protest said the new measures were necessary to protect taxpayers' dollars.

"When someone receives welfare they are saying they can't take care of themselves and need the state to step in and help," said Les Haddad, a street vendor in downtown Victoria. "In that case I don't see why they shouldn't give away some of their [privacy] rights."

"When someone receives welfare they are saying they can't take care of themselves"

Concordia critical of army recruitment on campus

BY YVES MARTINEAU

MONTREAL (CUP) — A regiment of Canada's army reserves came under fire earlier this month for trying to recruit Concordia University students for their summer training program.

The regiment was criticized by students for bringing a military presence into what some say should be a peaceful space.

"I don't believe that university [students] should be subject to recruiting," Concordia student union president Rebecca Aldworth said.

"There are plenty of means by which the army can enroll [recruits] other than doing it in school.

"University is a place where we learn to promote peace. When I see a big poster of a man holding a gun like the one the army had at their stand, it really contradicts the idea of the peace-promoting institution the university should be," Aldworth said.

Chief Corporal Daniel Kelly, who was at the regiment's recruitment stand, says while several dozen students expressed interest in the program, a significant number criticized the regiment for being there.

"About 35 students seemed really interested in participating in the program," Kelly said. "But about 90 students came to see us saying that we have no business

here, that we are not welcome in the university."

Kelly says the regiment recruits at approximately 15 Quebec schools over the year, mostly at colleges. He adds that 70 students enroll in the program, which involves ceremonial training and a basic infantry course, including weapons

handling.

He says the summer program is the perfect job for students, since it corresponds to the summer vacation period and pays about \$6,900.

Students at Concordia University have a history of opposing the military's presence on their campus. In a March 1984

referendum, students voted to designate the university a "military free zone". The student union also has a resolution declaring all of its space military-free.

But Concordia's acting dean of students says the university has no obligation to follow student union policies.

"Our role is to respect every association, even if not everyone agrees with the ideas they hold," Roger Coté said. "If the [student union], or other students, don't like the army doing recruiting here, there are others that may be interested in it and the university has to consider them too."

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Big bucks from Bell for two Ontario universities

BY MEG MURPHY

TORONTO (CUP) — The University of Toronto has announced receiving \$13.5-million in research and development funds from a division of Bell Canada before a written agreement of the deal has even been drafted.

"There is no mystery about the announcement's timing," said Heather Munroe-Blum, vice-president research and international relations at U of T.

"We just did it as soon as it was humanly possible."

Although Bell's board of directors has yet to okay the promised investment, Munroe-Blum says the university received a letter of intent Jan. 30.

Bell Emergius, a new division of Bell, will see a chain of research labs set up in its name at both U of T and the University of Waterloo, which is expecting \$9-million from the corporation. The labs will focus on developing breakthroughs in the computer industry. Both universities expect the cash to be delivered over a three-year period.

Administrators and business gurus alike are applauding the collaborations as a "win-win-win" situation. And they describe the partnership as cutting-edge because it is based around exploratory research, rather than specialized projects.

"We made the case that creating a new company with an R&D concept with an exploratory mission is the key to success in the future," Munroe-Blum said, adding the \$13.5-million for U of T will go towards faculty and administrative staff upgrades and lab enhancement.

She adds that U of T expects another promise of \$13.5-million in the near future, although Bell Emergius does not seem equally assured of this arrangement.

"I don't think there is an expectation of ties to another investment, whether it be \$13.5-million or zero," said Jeff McNamee, vice-president Bell Emergius.

Munroe-Blum also insists that the interests of Bell Emergius are completely in line with the university's

academic agenda.

"What makes this a strong and good partnership is that our academic and research interests converge. If there is a steering effect it is us to them, there is no concern that it is them to us," she said.

Academics say millions of dollars in funding is good news, but they would like to see the contract outlining what Bell receives in return. Few details are

currently available since it does not yet exist.

"This should go to the academic board [of the university's main governing body]," said Bill Bruneau, president of the Canadian Association of University Teachers. "It makes me nervous because we have a track record of universities, including the University of Toronto, who get into a secretive frame of mind and sign the deals only

to realize they made a big boo-boo and it should have gone to the academic board."

Munroe-Blum says the contract will be made publicly available once signed.

U of T will not release how much money it will be putting towards the initiative. But critics of this sort of arrangement claim the public ends up paying for the creation of research labs that benefit private interests.

York sociology professor Janice Newson, who has authored a book on the corporatization of universities, says the details of the deal are too sketchy to gauge what impact this deal may have on the public purse — but that it is worth pondering.

"[University] funding becomes a public subsidy of private business," she said. "It would be interesting to see the numbers."

Transgendered would be protected

BY BESS LOVEJOY

VICTORIA (CUP) — British Columbia could become the first province in Canada to recognize discrimination based on gender identity if a proposed amendment to the provincial Human Rights Code is approved.

The proposal — one of 11 recommendations made by the B.C. Human Rights Commission earlier this year — evolved from the Transgender Law Reform Project, which was sponsored by the B.C. Law Foundation.

According to the commission, the proposed amendment is meant to assist people — including transsexuals, transvestites, and people often mistaken for the opposite gender — who challenge what society considers "gender norms".

Deputy chief commissioner Harinder Mahil says the Human Rights Code is currently not specific enough

to sufficiently protect the rights of the group.

"Although we had accepted a case of a transgender person who had been discriminated against, none of the [existing parts of the Code] were really to the point... [I]t can be argued that they are not protected.

"If the recommendations are accepted, then B.C. will be the first jurisdiction in Canada to protect transsexuals and transgender people," Mahil said.

Nicolas Demers, a member of "Out on Campus", a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender group at Simon Fraser University, supports the proposed amendment.

"I think it's the next logical step, after protecting against discrimination due to sex and sexual orientation," he said.

A spokesperson for the Vancouver-based Zenith Foundation, which represents transsexuals, says the group is also in favour of the amendment.

"It's something which is badly needed in order to bring a marginalized group of people up to speed with the rest of society. It's way overdue.

But not all members of B.C.'s queer community agree that the Human Rights Code needs to be amended.

"There are many more important... and universally relevant issues that need addressing before we waste time on [gender] appearance-oriented discrimination. Let's face it, in many careers your appearance is crucial to the industry, and therefore in many cases discrimination is justifiable whether we personally agree with it or not," said Logan Lundie, another member of "Out on Campus".

Other recommendations made by the Human Rights Commission for changes to the Code include prohibiting discrimination based on "social condition" — aimed at protecting the poor — and extending protection to people over 65.

Provincial Liberal human rights critic Jeff Plant opposes the amendments proposed by the commission. He says the timing is wrong.

"We just went through a very difficult and expensive reorganization of the commission... it would be better public policy to wait and see if that reorganization is working," he said.

Plant adds that the changes to the Code may be detrimental to business.

"If these changes were to be implemented, they would have an effect on business — hotels, restaurants, every business. I think that there is a general sense in the population that businesses are already over-regulated... Frankly, it's one more burden," he said.

But Mahil says proposed protections like the one afforded society's less fortunate are needed.

"There is quite a bit of poor-bashing going on in our society, and there is no expressed protection for the poor in the Human Rights Code," he said.

Crime book bill threatens research

BY STEPHANIE POWER

OTTAWA (CUP) — A University of Ottawa criminology professor says he fears that if a federal bill currently before the Senate passes, it may hinder his academic research.

Robert Gauthier teaches undergraduate classes at the University of Ottawa and is editor of the *Journal of Prisoners on Prison*, which publishes articles written by prisoners about prison life.

Gauthier says bill C-220 would allow the federal government to

seize the ownership and profits of articles in his journal and interfere with its publication.

"We're concerned that the copyright changes that are proposed in this bill would actually curtail our ability to publish the materials that we do," he said.

C-220 was introduced as a private member's bill by Liberal member Tom Wappell and passed unanimously by the House of Commons last September. The legislation would turn the copyright and earnings from anyone writing

about a crime of which they were convicted — or people who collaborate with them in the writing — over to the government.

Under the bill, the publication restrictions would be built into the sentences of people convicted of indictable crimes, Wappell says.

The bill was introduced, the MP says, so people like Paul Bernardo, Karla Homolka and Clifford Olson could not write books about their crimes and profit from them. Wappell added that the Canadian public supports the motivation behind the legislation.

"I think it goes against the fundamental values that we stand for in Canada to allow a person to commit a crime and then make money from it," he said.

Writers' groups have expressed opposition to the legislation.

Representatives of the Writers' Union of Canada and PEN Canada, when they appeared before the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on Feb. 12, said the bill would violate Canadians' constitutional right to free speech and inhibit the writing of valuable literature.

They added that books like Michael Harris' *Justice Denied*, about Nova Scotia aboriginal Donald Marshall's wrongful conviction for

murder, or Globe and Mail journalist Kirk Makem's book which helped clear Guy Paul Morin of Ontario of his wrongful murder conviction, might never have been written if the bill had been in place.

But Wappell says although freedom of speech is a right, getting published is not.

"Who says there's a right to get published? This bill doesn't stop you from writing," Wappell said.

Gauthier says giving the federal government the power to seize copyright rights would interfere with a lot of the academic work done in criminology.

"How in the world can you talk about a criminal justice system when you leave out the understanding, the version of reality of one of the major players? That's just poor social science, let alone all the political ramifications of it," Gauthier said.

"If what we're doing is critiques of the state and you've just given the state copyright control, you've just said to me that the state can censor my work, my academic work, any time they want and I find that totally unacceptable," he said.

Gauthier says if the bill becomes law, he will initiate a Charter challenge against it. It is presently being considered by the Senate.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Animal welfare group takes seal message on the road

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

Giftshops in downtown Toronto are selling seal penises along with Mountie dolls and maple syrup as a typical Canadian souvenir. You can purchase your penis in a box tied with a gold bow — for \$650 a pop.

When did seal penises become such a part of Canadian culture? What exactly does that say about us?

Canada's reputation is being tarnished internationally because of the hunt, said Richard Smith of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW).

Smith was here as part of a national tour in response to Newfoundland Fisheries Minister John Efford's recent national campaign in support of the seal hunt. Efford visited Dalhousie last month as part of this campaign.

"It's become by far the largest hunt in marine mammals anywhere in the world. It's certainly the second largest hunt for any animal anywhere in the world, only surpassed by the killing of kangaroos every year in Australia. It's truly a world class event. It shouldn't come as any surprise that the world is interested in this hunt," said Smith.

IFAW has launched a campaign against the commercial seal hunt, as well as any large scale commercial hunt "because of the overwhelming evidence that they deplete animal populations because such large scale enterprises are difficult to regulate and they result in unacceptable levels of cruelty."

IFAW does not object to subsistence hunting, or hunting for trade in local communities.

"If you want to compare it anecdotally, we don't have any problem with an Inuit elder going out to kill a ring seal for local consumption. We do have trouble with commercial seal hunting in Newfoundland going out and killing

500 animals in one day."

Smith focused on four main issues in the sealing controversy: the scapegoating of seals for the decline of the cod stocks, the per-pound meat subsidy offered by the federal government, the killing of male seals for their penises, and the attempt to restrict media access to the hunt.

In John Efford's recent tour, he regularly blamed the seal populations for the decline of the cod stocks, stating that the average seal eats one ton of fish a year.

IFAW insists that this is a myth and point to scientific documents which pinpoint overfishing as the cause of the fishery collapse.

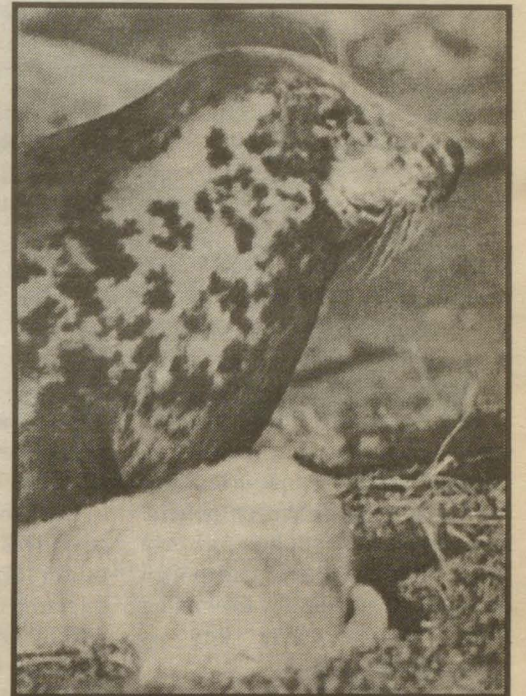
"There is a direct link between the collapse in the cod stocks and the re-

initiation of a lot of rhetoric about seals eating all the fish," said Smith. "Because the government did not follow the best advice from the scientists, did not curtail fishing efforts, they had to find a scapegoat to deflect attention away from their own management mistakes."

There was also the problem of the government subsidies of the hunt. According to a study by economist Clive Southey at the University of Guelph, the subsidies were three to four times larger than the actual market price of the processed meat.

"As of 1995, regardless of whatever market existed or didn't exist for seal meat, commercial sealers were guaranteed a certain amount of money for every pound of seal meat they brought back," Smith said. "And we know from a commercial fisheries report that a large percentage of this meat rotted when it got back to land."

A recent Angus Reid poll shows that public opinion is largely against the commercial hunt. 41 per cent of



Canadians didn't even know the commercial seal hunt was still going on in Canada. 75 per cent are against the government subsidization of the hunt. 82 per cent are against the hunting of seals for the purpose of selling their penises as aphrodisiacs.

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"Line up alphabetical..."

This week's editorial was going to be passionate. I was going to find a topic that spoke to everyone, mattered to everyone, and I was going to champion the cause. I was going to lash out against oppression, greed and hatred with every ounce of acrimony I could muster. I was going to praise freedom, goodness and love in poetic and lyrical terms. I was going to say something profound, something I cared about. I was going to really pour some heart and soul onto that little keyboard in my office.

Instead, I'm writing about the DSU elections.

Every year, more than 10 and usually less than 20 per cent of Dalhousie students vote in this election. And of those who do vote, most will learn who is running and what positions are to be filled at the same time as they mark their ballots.

The candidates will deliver earnest speeches in a number of locations around campus to curious but mostly indifferent onlookers. But earnest speeches, glossy posters and juicy campaign promises are not the key to winning this election. The key is alphabetical order.

The candidates, initially, will say my theory is preposterous. But as they lie at home in their beds on election eve, they will spend a sleepless night, haunted by the alphabet and the blind and undemocratic mode of selection that is alphabetical order.

This theory is painfully simple. The candidates are placed on the ballot according to the alphabetical

order of their last names. A majority of the people who vote will not know a majority of the candidates. Not knowing the candidates means the whole voting process is dull. The main objective then becomes a speedy completion of the ballot. The necessity of speed precludes the voter from reading the names of all the candidates. Thus the first candidate or

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candidates in each category become the popular choice.

As if those of us at the back of our lives waiting in line behind those who inherited alphabetically advantaged names, the persecution continues in university. Just when we thought we had escaped the alphabetical tyranny of grade school, the inadequacy of the first digit of our surnames is again thrust upon us.

Certainly what I have said here trivializes the election, but please understand that it is not my intention to trivialize the positions which are to be filled by this election.

If anything, Dalhousie's current faculty dispute and the provincial election demonstrate this school's need for intelligent, dynamic student leadership. So why have I written this absurd editorial about the alphabet's role in student politics?

The answer is simple. If I had written a sober, preachy editorial about the importance of making an

informed choice in the election, you would have been unlikely to read past the second paragraph (which coincidentally is about where I gave up trying to write that preachy piece).

I think it is fair to say that student politics is boring. When candidates in these elections step before a microphone, and an audience, they deliver the most unambitious, anti-inflammatory, just plain dull speeches you will ever hear. I'm sorry, but I just don't care as much as they do about school spirit. Is this high school? Are we electing student leaders or cheer leaders? Who gives a shit about any of this stuff?

Call me naive, but wouldn't it be refreshing to listen to a student leader with the ability to speak their mind and with the willingness and courage to stick their neck out for what they believe? (so far the candidates seem most concerned with improving school spirit, and bar services).

Too many student politicians campaign like gushing children and then, once in office, act like sleepy clones of their professional counterparts.

At a student journalism conference a few months ago, I remember a professional journalist telling us to enjoy our time in the student press. He said it would be one of the few times in our careers when we would be free to speak our minds, be creative and challenge authority.

Couldn't this also apply to student politicians?

Do I sound preachy?

ANDREW SIMPSON

Letters

Factory type antics at Dalhousie

To the editor,

In a front page article in the Feb. 19 issue of the Gazette, Dr. Usmet Ugursal, president of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, is quoted as saying, "There is a difference between a university and a factory — to be treated as a labour union and push everything to the last stage is in bad taste... it is bad for morale".

Dr. Ugursal's statement echoes similar pronouncements by part-time faculty, whose membership is engaged in separate wage negotiations.

Full and part-time faculty spokespersons should not habitually justify their case for wage increases by belittling common workers who are members of labour unions.

It would appear that managerial attitudes and tactics have aroused resentment among some full and part-time faculty, whose members demand differential treatment from the "rank and file" proletariat.

It should come as no surprise to Dr. Ugursal and his associates that administration treats their union in this way. When push comes to shove the inescapable reality is that a university is an entity similar to a business enterprise, in that it must generate a profit to remain viable.

Contrary to Dr. Ugursal's perspective, the university very much resembles a factory these days, churning out a human product of graduates who are inevitably just as embittered as its constituents who complain of starvation wages.

MARY MACDONALD
IDS Program (Hons)

Oral decay

To the editor,

Haven't had a cavity in decades! When I went to have my teeth cleaned, the dentist regularly commented on how clean they already were. So the cleaning became less frequent, to the point of my thinking that two or two and a half years had passed since the last one.

The two and a half years were in fact four and a half years. I begin treatment for two root canals tomorrow.

Now I remember the feeling, from a while back, that something was leaking down the lower back tooth. Now I remember thinking that there might be a small hole in the filling that was put in about 25 years ago. I was suffering a bit, for two weeks, when I remembered that I have a good dentist, whom I like, and that I was overdue to have my teeth cleaned. The moral of this story, get cocky about how good your oral hygiene is and it could take a good bite out of your wallet. We're talking thousands of dollars.

So even when all seems well, it might not hurt to have dental x-rays taken every two years or so. Fixing a small cavity is nothing compared to root canals.

My cosy teeth were too cosy (tight). One tooth's problem became that of the other.

Were my teeth sovereign, would my problems be lessened by half? Is sovereignty-association potentially more painful than sovereignty alone? Is the oral decay of politicians more troublesome than that of two too cosy teeth? Am I biting off more than I can chew with these nibbling thoughts?

'Tis better to be drilled than to dribble.

CATHERINE BLAKE

OPINIONS

Intramural hockey and the ever-present Rink Rat

Last week our intramural hockey team was supposed to play its last game of the season. Unfortunately, the opposing team did not have enough players and had to forfeit the game. No big deal, right? It happens all the time in intramural sports.

Naturally, the players that did show and myself decided to divvy it up and have a little scrimmage amongst ourselves, seeing as how we were all dressed for the occasion and a little extra ice time never hurt any of us.

There we were just about to head

out onto the ice when our team captain, Gordon Ross, came sauntering into the dressing room with a solemn look on his face and said, "Don't bother gettin' dressed boys". After a moment of silence and a brief explanation, Paul Salinas piped up and demanded that we

receive our ice time. Inspired by his words and appalled at the injustice of it all, we stormed out of the locker room and onto the ice.

It was there that we encountered the "Rink Rat". Apparently the intramural committee is pretty slack about screening its applicants. Perhaps they forgot to check references, or perhaps the Rink Rat had no references. Whatever it was, there was obviously some kind of error made.

The Rink Rat deterred a number of players from stepping onto the ice, quoting some unfathomable rule (I think it was rule #247, subsection 3c) about how when this type of situation arose, the Rink Rat was to call it a night and head home.

My only point here is that nobody asked the Rink Rat for anything. We didn't need a scoreboard, we didn't need a referee and we sure as hell didn't

need any damn Rink Rats. In fact, a quick vote showed a unanimous decision in favour of the Rink Rat going home. But there the Rat stood, adamant that the lights would be turned off shortly. Who the hell can play hockey in the dark?

After a brief round of firing pucks about the rink, most of the boys headed back to the locker room. The Rink Rat's side-kick took the nets away, and skating laps grows old rather quickly.

One player, however, refused to give in — the man who inspired his teammates from the beginning, Paul Salinas. I have heard from a reliable source that Paul skated well into the night firing pucks at a net that was nonexistent, except in his heart and soul. God please bless Paul Salinas and forgive the Rink Rat.

R.J. MATTHEWS

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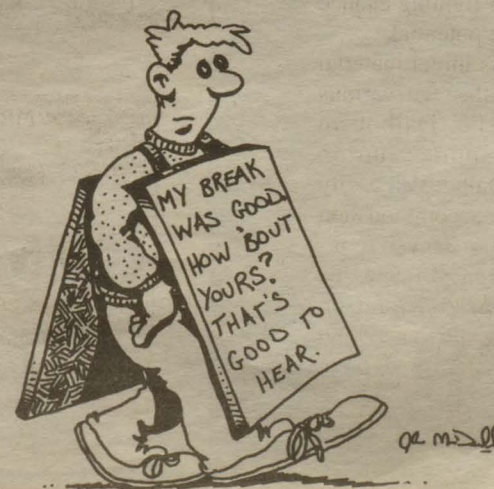
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When you pay your DSU fees each year, just 50 cents of yours goes to an amazing organization whose hard work few students know about. The organization is the World University Service of Canada (WUSC). The World University Service (WUS) is an international, non-governmental organization focusing on education. WUSC has been involved in the Canadian community in social and academic development for over 50 years. The Local Committee in Dalhousie is made up of interested persons within the community who are interested in promoting the spirit of international cooperation and have a concern for mutual awareness and assistance among members of the community around the world. Two important programs facilitated by the committee are the Student Refugee Sponsorship Program, and International Seminars.

The WUSC Student Refugee Sponsorship Program is a special sponsorship. Its roots are in the academic community and directed towards refugee students who hunger for a chance to continue their studies. These student refugees are allowed into Canada as landed immigrants upon a commitment being given to the Canadian government that they will be provided with a year's material support, and in fact this all they ever need. As all students have managed to be self-sufficient after just one year of support.

Each year Dalhousie sponsors two refugee students, and my own experience has shown that WUSC students are inspirational individuals. In Dalhousie alone, the students have come from countries such as Southern Africa, Ethiopia, Uganda, Liberia and Afghanistan. The students have been through hardships such as civil war, loss of life of loved ones, loss of homes, and all have been placed in situations that have made it impossible for them to continue their education. The determined, responsible, and caring attitudes of the WUSC students is exemplified through their accomplishments here in Canada, and the time they have put back into WUSC and the community.

One such student is Mohamed Ahmed who came through WUSC in 1994, and is currently the Local Committee Co-Chair and completing his degree in International Development at Dalhousie. When I asked him what WUSC meant to him, he answered, "a second chance. After losing your school, your country, and your whole way of life, it gives you a second chance to succeed."

The sponsorship is not a hand out, but a helping hand to give a deserving student a fighting chance to achieve their full potential.

In Dalhousie this initial material support is funded through various organizations. The Dalhousie administration supplies tuition waivers while the Dalhousie Faculty Association pays for accommodation for 12 months. Cara/Beaver foods give the students a meal ticket, the Dalhousie Alumni Association supplies a clothing allowance, and the Dalhousie Bookstore gives them a book allowance.

The 50-cent levy Dalhousie students pay goes towards a monthly

allowance, other expenses, and to pay for a 'landing fee' of \$975 per head. The Dalhousie Local Committee is applying through an upcoming DSU referendum to increase this levy by just 50 cents to \$1. Mohamed explained to me that, "the levy WUSC receives from the student union, has remained the same since 1985, while inflation has been rising since then. In addition to the rising inflation, the landing fee was introduced by the federal government just two years ago. In order to pay this fee, WUSC has to obtain additional funding. At Memorial university each student pays \$7, in Winnipeg they pay \$3, and even our own neighbour, St Mary's, pays \$2 per student.

Knowing the generosity of Dalhousie students and community we hope that our request for an extra 50 cents per student will be approved".

Shoaib Zia, who came to Dalhousie in 1995, says "WUSC is practical in the sense that it makes a real contribution to the community. For example, sponsoring foreign students to come and study at Dalhousie, and helping Canadian students to travel abroad and gain first hand experience in their own field of expertise".

Dalhousie houses the WUSC regional representative, our very own Local Committee Co-chair, Elizabeth Ligor. Elizabeth explained some of the opportunities available to Canadian students through

WUSC.

"We have seminars on mental, social and environmental skills." These are held every year in developing countries. This year's seminars will be held in Botswana, Vietnam, Malawi, Peru and Sri-Lanka. These seminars are aimed at Canadian students, for getting first hand experience in a developing country. All Canadian citizens are encouraged to apply through the local committee, to either be sent on work terms or as a volunteer.

WUSC is one of the very few committees that enable one to define themselves in an undefined community. By an undefined community, I mean stages and phases in life where we find blanks or gaps.

When confusion seems to take lead, WUSC is that bridge that joins people. And when people are joined, the gaps are filled. WUSC is a source of inspiration, for people and nations, to achieve greater understanding.

We encourage and welcome all interested parties to learn more about WUSC, and take advantage of the programs that we offer.

To learn more about WUSC please contact either Mohamed at mahmed@is2.dal.ca or Elizabeth at elugor@is2.dal.ca.

The Dalhousie WUSC Local Committee would appreciate your support in the referendum next week to increase the levy from 50 cents to \$1.

Standing up for hostility in the Gulf

It looked pretty close there for a minute, didn't it? Canada has been criticized in the past for using diplomacy as a deterrent to war, but it looks like it has averted another Gulf War.

The UN resolution, proposed by Britain and backed by several countries, will guarantee unlimited access by all UN inspectors to potential sites containing WMDs (weapons of mass destruction).

That being said, I have to express my bewilderment at the amount of support for Hussein coming out of this country. The protest march on Feb. 20 along Spring Garden Road was a startling example of this with many signs insisting we drop food and medical supplies rather than bombs.

Why? So Hussein can allocate these supplies into his military rather than his people? Let me remind you that he is a despot and has no channels to go through like in a liberal democracy. The UN have offered a \$7.4-billion deal of oil-for-supplies over six months, but no provisions on how this will be distributed amongst his people.

A really stupid statistic being fired around is that economic sanctions, imposed since the Gulf War, have been killing 5,000 children a year. First off, this statistic can be easily discredited because it is a mere estimate and not based on substantial evidence. Also, if Iraq had a stronger economy it would only enhance its revenues and leave more money for

its weapons research.

Another myth being propagated is that the U.S. is predominantly interested in bombing Iraqi civilians, cleverly referred to as "women and children" to bolster your sympathy. Folks, some of the most outrageous lies go unchallenged, and it befuddles me. The U.S. air strikes are designed to hit key military targets like radar stations and airport hangars. Is there anyone who believes that the U.S. is striking at villagers?

That's more up Hussein's alley. Since the Gulf War he has been persecuting the Kurdish tribes of the north in a near-genocidal fashion. If anyone is a threat to Iraqi civilians, it's their own leader.

There is also strong evidence by the much-maligned UN inspectors that Hussein was testing his biological and chemical agents on prisoners of war and even his own citizens. Ditches 40 kilometres south of Salman Pak were discovered in 1994 that were not there before the Gulf War. When questioned if biological weapons were stored in the ditches, Major General Hosan Amin admitted to an inspector that "there are only bodies in there."

Hussein has even had his own son-in-law, General Hussein Kamel Majid, killed. Majid had defected to Jordan in 1995 claiming that he was in charge of overseeing construction of many WMDs. Iraq admitted to importing "growth medium" for botulinum and anthrax. When Majid returned to Iraq, he was killed and

the confessions ceased.

The new UN charter is being scrutinized by Russia, China (an uncanny alliance, no?), and France. It seems that these countries have a great deal of interest in Iraq's oil fields. Russia alone is poised to offer \$10-billion in investment deals. But what is Iraq getting in return? Food? Medicine?

No, military and industrial equipment. So much for the starving masses. Even Hungary is set to trade \$750-million (US) for five radar stations. Exactly where are they getting all that wealth?

Similar protests in the US occurred, probably the most memorable one at Ohio State University two weeks ago. Secretary of State Madeline Albright, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger were holding a Town Hall meeting hosted live on CNN to discuss the impending fracas in the Middle East. It was disrupted by students chanting in a rhetoric-laced

manner, "One, two, three, four-we don't want your racist war!" Gee, I like Coolio's version much better.

My point being, a pro-Iraqi stance is in support of murder and terrorism. It's especially disturbing to see so many Middle Eastern students doing this. Don't you care that Saudi Arabia, Iran, Syria, and Israel are in immediate danger from these WMDs? Nobody likes the prospect of war, but force is the only thing to which Hussein seems to respond. Diplomacy is naturally preferable, but if he is unwilling to conform to UN rule he must be dealt with accordingly.

So to all those protestors in the sanctity of far-off Canada, you have the freedom to make these criticisms because others were willing to fight for you. Just remember, in Jordan the police were brutalizing pro-Iraq protestors marching in the streets. Count your blessings that you can live and study in a free nation, one that is willing to sacrifice for your liberation.

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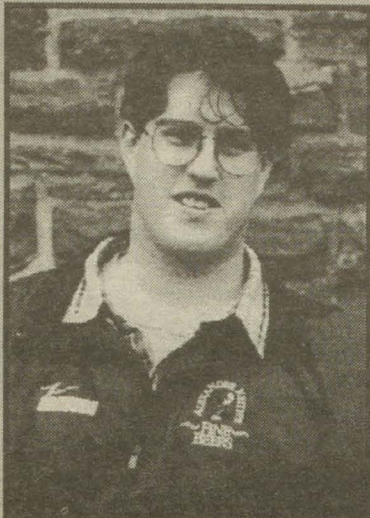
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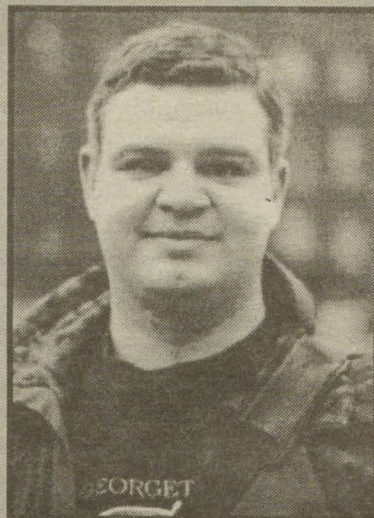
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What would you do if the faculty went on strike?

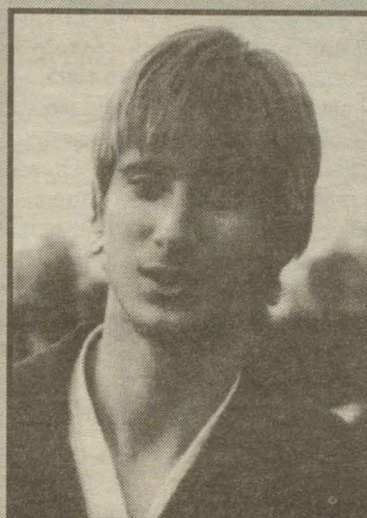
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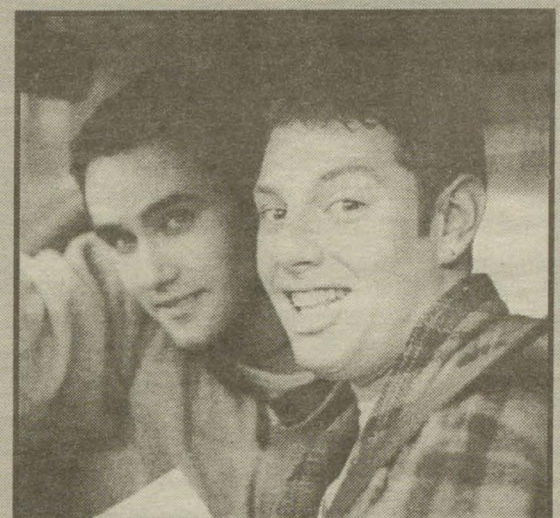
I'd go get drunk.
- Mark Riley, BSc, Physics & Engineering, Halifax NS



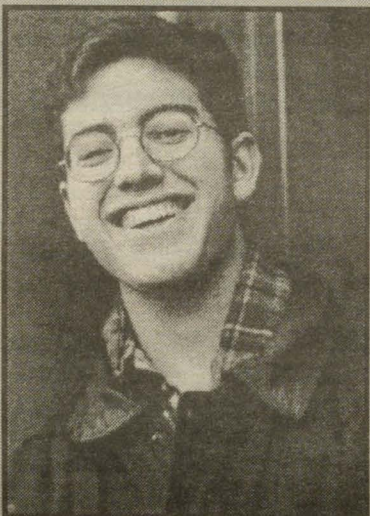
If the faculty went on strike, I would probably support the faculty.
- Leo Hill, BSc, Dartmouth NS



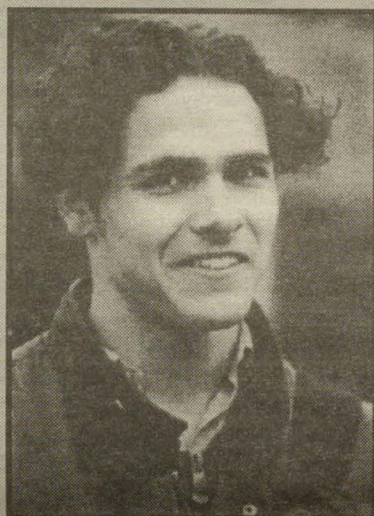
I would go to Tatamagouche and meditate for a week.
- Alex Day, Contemporary Studies/Spanish, Halifax NS



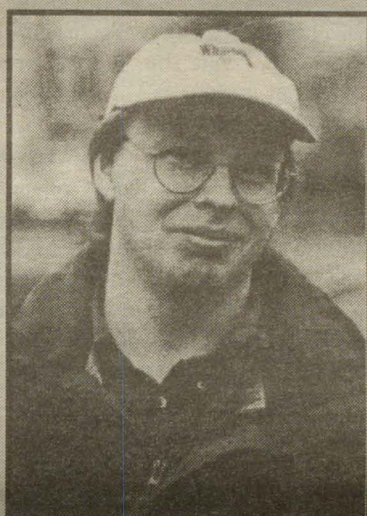
We'd go to Mexico.
- Sean McCabe, Psychology, Halifax NS
- David Rodger, Engineering, Halifax NS



I would really hope that they wouldn't go on strike in the first place. I think I'll just wait and see what they do. There's nothing you can do.
- Mark Malloy, Engineering, Halifax NS



I would like to support them because, if they're not going to strike then they have no bargaining position. At the same time, it would be nice for people who are graduating to actually get out of here. If there was some way to make arrangements for graduating students, like working on the weekends, then I would be for the strike.
- Paul Gordon, Computing Science, Halifax NS



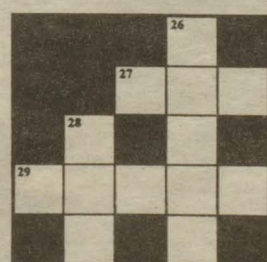
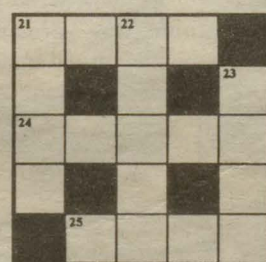
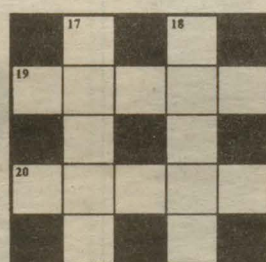
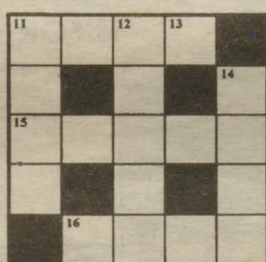
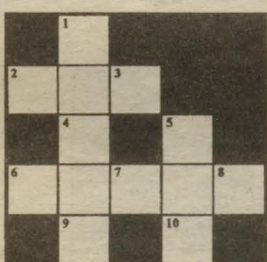
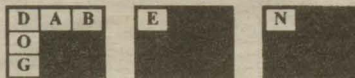
I've given it a lot of thought. I don't know if I would walk across the picket lines or not.
- Mark Slade, Dalhousie University Staff Member, Lower Sackville NS



We'd probably be complaining amongst ourselves... We are supposed to be graduating this year!
- Mika Cox, Nursing, Japan
- Debra Caldwell, Nursing, Halifax NS

3D Crossword Puzzle # 12 — by Eric Fielding

A 3D crossword grid has words across, down, and deep.
In the example DAB is across, DOG is down, and DEN is deep:



Across

- 2. Letters Before "MIT" Or "RING" (3)
- 6. Initial Performance (5)
- 11. What Puff Daddy Does (4)
- 15. Supernatural Lamp Dweller (5)
- 16. Added Bonus (4)

- 19. Put In An Appearance (5)
- 20. Throws A Party For (5)
- 21. Liquefy (4)
- 24. Oarsman (5)
- 25. Large Boats (4)
- 27. Dispute Between The Houses Of York And Lancaster (3)
- 29. The House Of York Likes Them White, Whereas The House

Of Lancaster Likes Them Red (5)

Down

- 1. Parts With (5)
- 5. A Young Fellow (3)
- 11. Hot Blood (4)
- 12. Correctional (5)
- 14. Broad Flat Plains On The Moon (4)
- 17. Pay The _____ (5)

- 18. Attachés (5)
- 21. Only (4)
- 22. Let Down (5)
- 23. Gets On Jack's Nerves (4)
- 26. Makes Jack Feel Better (5)
- 28. Jack-In-The-Box (3)

Deep

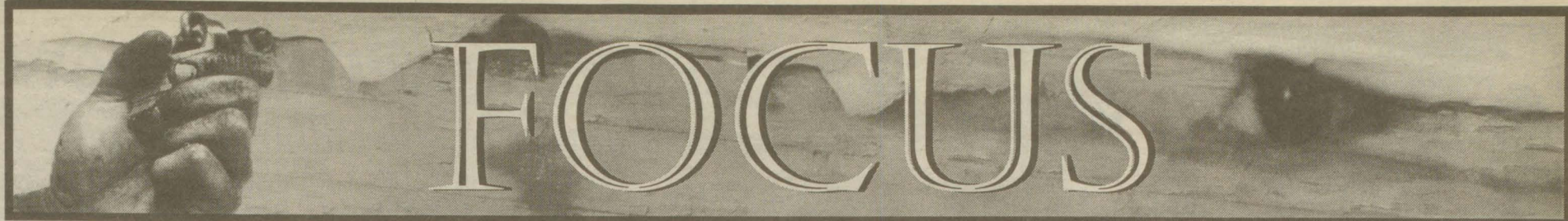
- 1. Cloak (4)

- 2. Possess (4)
- 3. Scatter More Seeds (5)
- 4. Stopping-Place (5)
- 5. Waits (5)
- 6. Postpone (5)
- 7. _____ Motel (5)
- 8. Trials And Tribulations (5)
- 9. Mist (5)
- 10. Juggles For Money (5)
- 13. Fill (4)
- 14. Move An Inch (4)

Answers To 3D Crossword Puzzle # 11:



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Spare change for the Women's Centre

BY TAMARA BOND

Students will once again be faced with a possible increase in the fees they pay to the university, but unlike recent tuition hikes, they will decide whether or not they want to pay the additional sum.

The Dalhousie Women's Centre is requesting a 35 cent increase from every student enrolled at Dalhousie. Currently, part-time and full-time students pay \$1 and \$2 respectively.

The proposed increase will take the form of a referendum question on this year's DSU election ballot. Voting will take place around campus from March 11-13.

The Women's Centre has been operating on the same budget for five years. And according to the centre's director, Patricia Thompson, "there are a lot of prices that have increased [while] funding hasn't increased."

She stresses that the requested funds are to help the centre maintain and improve its current services, and that the centre is in no way threatened with closure should students vote against the increased levy.

"Things will improve. Our resource library will be able to update some of the material it lacks — buy a couple of new videos, we haven't had a new video this year or last year.

We need new journals... [the old ones] are extremely dated," says Thompson.

Events such as the Take Back the Night March, Women's History Month and various workshops — all Women's Centre initiatives — would also be improved.

As a rule, the Women's Centre does not aggressively fundraise. Instead they offer everything for free excluding their annual variety show.

"We don't have the time [for fundraising]. When you only have one paid staff person, and you try to fundraise what happens is it takes away time from actually working here and it puts me out there. If I leave, the door



has to be shut and locked," explains Thompson.

And when the door is shut, the myriad resources of the centre can not be accessed. Although Thompson and the volunteers are not allowed to give advice or counselling to those who come to the office, they provide comprehensive referral services. They can also help students in research.

"Our assistance includes referrals to various agencies and professionals

in the surrounding Metro area, including physicians, sexual health practitioners, legal services, abuse support and political or cultural organizations," says Thompson.

Women go to the centre for a variety of reasons. Some inquire about sexually transmitted diseases, contraceptives or the options available to pregnant women, some want to know about eating disorders and others are simply looking for a confidant.

Men are also welcome at the Women's Centre.

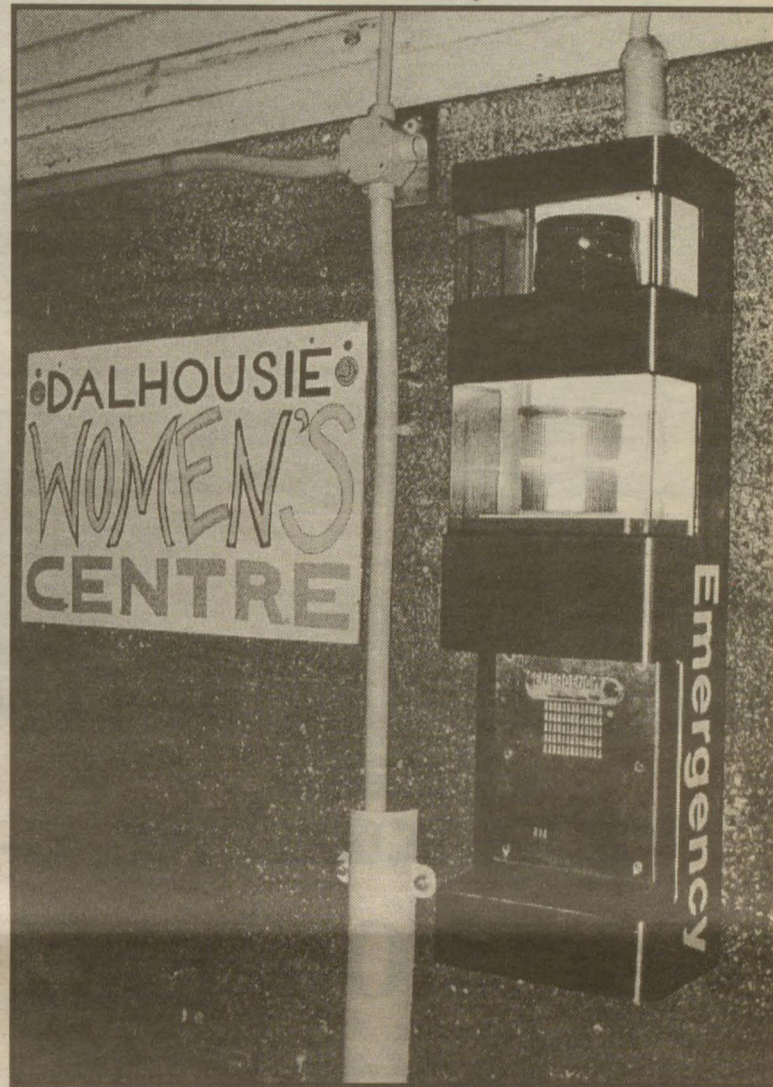
"Men use the resource library and they use our referral services. We receive a lot of calls from men — more so than [men] coming in — about referrals on AIDS, condoms, you know, where 'we heard ya have free condoms, is that true? Do I have to send my girlfriend to come get them?' or whatever," explains Thompson.

So many services and so few personnel makes those involved very busy.

"The phone is ringing and on the other end is a young woman who needs help finding a support group; a young man is coming through the door seeking assistance finding information to help him deal with family violence; a fax is being received asking if we have a schedule of events available outlining the Week of Reflection, and someone is sitting in the office needing to chat about the horrible day they have had because their student loan has not yet arrived.

"We are the only Women's Centre in the Metro area and therefore fill a need that is not met anywhere else."

The Dalhousie Women's Centre is open Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm, and is located behind the SUB, near the Security building, at the back of 1229 LeMarchant Street.



The blue light outside of the Women's Centre: necessary because they are hidden in the back of a building. (Photo by Danielle Boudreau)

Burma's constant struggle

BY STEFFI CONANT

"Until we have a system that guarantees rule of law and basic democratic institutions, no amount of aid or investment will benefit our people. Profits from business enterprises will merely go toward enriching a small, already very privileged elite."

The elite that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 1991 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, is referring to is the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC), Burma's ruling military regime. Burma has been governed under the gun since 1962. What followed was decades of extreme economic mismanagement and decline, as well as oppressive measures to keep the masses in check.

In 1988, the regime, formerly known as SLORC (State Law and Order Restoration Council), staged a brutal and violent crackdown against peaceful protesters. What began as a gathering of university students and Buddhist monks calling for social and economic reforms became a nationwide appeal for the return of basic rights and political freedom. The military responded by massacring as many as 10,000 women, men, and children — on the city streets, and later in hospitals, crematoriums,

torture rooms and prisons.

It was during this time of mass repression and violence, martial law, and general unrest that Aung San Suu Kyi emerged. Daughter of General Aung San who brought about Burma's independence from colonial rule, Suu Kyi, along with her political colleagues, founded the National League for Democracy (NLD).

In 1990, the SPDC, believing the party of their choice would win, held "free" elections. Though the NLD won by a landslide victory of 82%, the SPDC refused to transfer power. Suu Kyi was already under house arrest (and would be for six years) and thousands of NLD members were arrested, killed, or driven into exile.

There are currently over 150,000 refugees in Thailand and other neighbouring countries. They have been fleeing SPDC-sanctioned human rights abuses since 1985. The SPDC continues to be internationally condemned for these violations which include forced labour (no food, pay, or medicine), arbitrary arrests and executions, rape, torture, and forced relocation from and destruction of villages.

Tourist projects and infrastructure are largely built by forced labour. Also, thousands of civilians have been forcibly relocated to make

room for hotels and beautification projects. Presently, the oil companies Total (France) and Unocal (California), are constructing a gas pipeline with SPDC; oral testimonies from refugees reveal that villagers are routinely rounded up and threatened with torture or death if they do not comply with the regime's commands.

The Karen and Shan, two major ethnic nationalities in Burma, continue their armed struggle against the SPDC. The Karen have been fighting for autonomy and freedom from the oppressive rule for fifty years. Until recently, there were twenty armed groups demanding similar rights.

Not many of us in Canada know about what happened in Burma in 1988, and what tyranny and fear continues unabated today. Perhaps it is because there were few foreign diplomats and journalists in the country at the time to inform us.

Indeed, even as the SPDC still refuses to hand over power to the legitimate political party, even while Suu Kyi's movements and rights are severely restricted and thousands rot in infamous prisons for their political beliefs; even while civilians daily are facing flagrant violations of their human

dignity and rights, Burma's despots continue to be legitimized by international governing bodies and business ventures. All types of investment must go through or involve the military regime, thereby encouraging and entrenching SPDC's control.

The time to listen to Burma's people was yesterday. The legitimate leader Aung San Suu Kyi has repeatedly urged international leaders and representatives of multinational companies to divest from Burma.

All is not futile. There are ways in which we can help. Very simply, we have choices, unlike the people of Burma. We can choose to boycott Canadian companies who do business in Burma, we can choose not to buy "Made in Myanmar/Burma" clothing and we can choose not to visit Burma until it is ruled peacefully and legitimately. Please contact the Burma Support Network at Dalhousie University's Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group, to receive information about Burma and Canadian investment in the country. You are also welcomed to come out to a benefit this Saturday at the Bike Shop to support the struggle for freedom in Burma.

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A taste of something new

Malaysian students host a cultural banquet

BY MICHAEL LAYTON

While many students enjoy the luxury of a trip home during the spring break, there is one group of students at Dalhousie for whom such a voyage is not possible. Instead of travelling 14,512 kilometres to home, the Malaysian Student Association (MSA) brought a bit of their culture to Canada.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Malaysian students celebrated the recent end of Ramadan, the fasting month. With the holiday "hari raya Aidil Fitri" and the arrival of the Chinese New Year, Malaysian students were busy decorating the Dentistry lounge with bright, colourful drapes and cards. Also on display were pictures of their home country depicting the diverse land and seascape found in its 14 states.

Upon arrival, Malaysian and Canadian guests were greeted with warm, friendly handshakes from the hosts, who then brought their hands up to their chest as a sign that their greeting came from the heart.

After guests were welcomed, they were led to the banquet, a lavish and unique assortment of Malaysian delicacies which proved too tempting to resist. Everyone in attendance had the opportunity to sample popular Malaysian dishes such as satay, nasi lemak, rendang, roti canai, murtabak, laksa, rice and noodles.

The variety of flavours delighted everyone's taste buds. However, be forewarned that Malaysian cuisine is known for its abundance of spices.

Between courses, the Malaysian students, Canadian guests, and visiting government officials chatted the night away while authentic Malaysian music wafted in the background.

Many members of the MSA wore graceful robes. Women dressed in robes called kebaya while men donned baju melayu. To add to the beauty of the garments, they wore colourful headdresses called "tudung". These scarves have proven very useful as ear-warmers during Nova Scotia's chilly winter gales.

For many students, the evening was a reminder of their proud Malaysian heritage.

In 1993, Dalhousie formed a partnership with the Malaysian government which has resulted in the development of a small Malaysian community on campus. Dalhousie is currently home to over 60 future Malaysian doctors, dentists, and engineers.

The cultural differences between our countries, not to mention our Canadian winter, prove to be a challenge for arriving students. They must not only perfect their English while maintaining high grades, but adapt to life in a country very different from their own. Malaysia is a tropical

wonderland, with a hot and constantly humid climate. Thus, Malaysian students find Canada's weather rather harsh.

The native tongue of Malaysia is quite different from both French and English. This has prompted some students to change their names slightly. Nik Mazuan Nik Rosdy, for example, has decided to go by Nik', while Tuan Amirah Syed Abdul Hamid has adopted the nickname Amy.

Many Malaysian students can often be found playing badminton, soccer, or adhering to their intensive prayer schedule; which at times is difficult to integrate into our Western lifestyle. Many students, although enjoying their experience in Canada, are eager to return home this summer to visit their family. Some of these students have not seen their families in over three years.

The MSA and its members hope to grow and share their cultural background with other students at Dalhousie. The students of this society intend to return to Malaysia with medical, dental, and engineering educations. Once home, they hope their new degrees will help their country continue to develop.

Those who wish to learn more about Malaysia and the Malaysia Student Association and participate in upcoming events may send e-mail to MSA@is2.dal.ca.



Students from the Malaysian Student Association gathered in their traditional garb to celebrate their culture. (Photo by Michael Layton)

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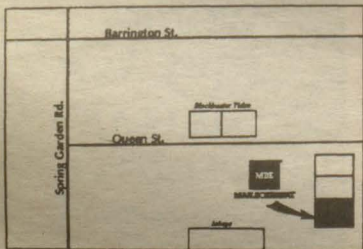
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Level Chan

1. a) Our expectations from education have become almost completely "future-oriented". Students want to get solid training which will prepare us for entrance into the workforce. For a large number of students, a university degree is just something that allows them to "get to the next step" with very little bearing on what you do after you get that first job. Other students want education to give them a sense of direction, an idea of "what I want to do/be". While the actual process differs from students to student, I think this is one of the most important things we want to get from our education.

b) I think students want the university to recognize and pay attention to their needs as students. This includes financial, academic and social needs. We want financial support for those who need it, we want quality education and helpful academic advising, and we want the university to provide us with things we can do outside of classes.

c) Everyone knows that our country is in debt and our financial is not fantastic. However, I think students still want governments to demonstrate some responsibility over education. We expect governments to show that they are willing to contribute to getting people quality education. This has become such an important issue that for the first time in a while, the federal government introduced some new spending for education in its recent budget. Now if only they would put more of this kind of attention on student loans...

2. Channels exist right now to promote change. I intend to use these channels, particularly the Board of Governors. With our 2 seats in the BOG, 3 seats in the senate and the DSU, there is a significant amount of lobbying power. More leverage (for example in the form of more seats) will not come until we start using the current channels more extensively. If elected, I plan to take full advantage of the position to get the opinions of students and present them to the people who make decisions.

3. To be honest, I'm looking for something new to do. After a couple of years of involvement in residence, I want to experience a different environment. The active atmosphere and the responsibilities of an "A" society have grown on me and I couldn't stand a year of doing nothing. So I hope to bring the skills that I have gained to another front and continue to "make a difference". In particular, I hope to improve

Board of Governors

communication between the BOG and students.

4. If I lose, I will find a society (probably the Philosophy society or the Dalhousie Arts Society) to get involved in. While I probably will get the opportunity to organize some activities, I also hope to get in a position where I can work with more students.

DSU EXPERIENCES EXECUTIVE OVERHAUL

If any students have been paying attention to the current Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) elections, they may have noticed that there is a new vice-president position. The VP Internal position is brand new, and according to DSU president Chris Adams, it will create more avenues for students to express their views.

The new position has resulted in an overhaul of the current system, and a re-shuffling of issue areas for the remaining vice-president positions.

"This new system will create more efficiency within the DSU," says Adams.

The new responsibilities of the DSU VPs breaks down like this:

The Executive VP will be responsible for the operation and management of the Student Union Building (SUB); the VP Community Affairs will be responsible for community affairs; the VP Internal will be responsible for communications and will oversee societies; and the VP Student Advocacy will be responsible for the duties previously held by the VP Academic/External — the position has merely undergone a name change.

This year, the VP Community Affairs has been responsible for community affairs and communications, while the VP Executive has been responsible for SUB operations and has overseen societies.

Q'S + A'S

1. What do you think students want from their:
 - a) education
 - b) university
 - c) federal and provincial governments
2. How will you get what students want?
3. Why do you want this job?
4. What will you do if you lose?

NOTE: None of the candidates' responses were edited by Gazette staff. All spelling or grammatical errors are those of the candidates.

Andrew Philopoulos

1. a) Students need an education in order to be competitive in the work force. Therefore I believe students want their education to be useful as well as enjoyable and interesting.

b) The University is the institution that provides the students their education. Students want quality from their University. Quality means qualified professors, smaller classroom sizes, proper resources (i.e. computers, labs), and a reasonable tuition.

c) Students want the support of their governments. Helping to reduce tuition, creating more tax breaks for students, controlling students debt and creating student jobs are all things students want from their governments.

2. The Board of Governors is the highest governing body of the University, and every year two students and the president of the DSU get to sit on the Board. I will get what the students want by participating actively on the board as well as within the DSU. By learning and understanding what the issues are, I feel I can help get the best possible solutions for the students and the University.

3. I would like to be a member of the Board of Governors for two reasons. First of all I would like to help make Dalhousie a better place for the students. Entering Dalhousie two years ago I found it difficult to become integrated with university culture while living at home. At the beginning of my second year I wanted to get more involved within Dalhousie and did by becoming the DSU representative and a very active member of the Engineering society. Part of my success within the engineering society and my second reason for wanting to become a member of the BOG is that I have the skills necessary to adequately represent the students. These skills include organization, communication and leadership which have been developed through my experiences with engineering, student affairs, my involvement of teaching lifesaving and first aid to teens and adults and through playing competitive soccer.

4. If I lose the election I plan on getting involved with student affairs at Daltech and possible running for one of the available positions. As well I would retain my association with the DSU, by getting involved in whatever capacity possible.

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Kelley Mackenzie – Student Advocacy

- 1. a) a career, affordability & an opportunity for growth.
- b) quality, acceptance, life-long friendships & respect.
- c) honesty, accountability & support.

We as students don't ask for a lot, but what do ask for should be taken seriously.

2. That's a great question, and it has to begin with understanding exactly what students need. The only way someone could effectively do this is by reaching out to the students through their societies, in their classes and around campus to find out their personal viewpoint on different issues. Dalhousie is a great community with a lot of diversity. Understanding what students want comes by communicating at the lowest levels. To get what students want it takes persistence, professionalism, and tact. The student population has a lot to offer government and the community just as they have a lot to offer us. Lobbying can be a great tool for the VP student Advocacy, but only works when we all take part. Apathy is no longer an option.

3. I'd like to think that I have a lot to offer this position. I have a lot of experience and tons of ideas. However, ideas are only worth the paper that they're written on unless they are put into action. I would love to be given the opportunity.

4. I might work for a year, go back to school, begin my Master's and stay involved, sell t-shirts on a beach with a drink in my hand and my diploma hung up in my grass hut! Even if I "lose," I can't lose, it's a big world out there, the possibilities are endless.

Jeff Myers – Student Advocacy

1. a) We want the knowledge necessary to excel in the world, something which is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain in this era of inadequate funding of post secondary education. We want an academically, socially, culturally and politically enriching environment to learn in. But mostly, we want the degree which confirms that we went to and graduated from one of the best schools in the country.

b) We want a quality education and the knowledge that we picked the right university. We also want to be kept informed about things like faculty disputes, and the DSU's response to them. Also, I think we all want to feel confident that the University is always acting in the best interests of the students and not those of politics and patronage, profits and losses.

c) We want adequate funding of post-secondary education to

avoid enormous loans, watered down education, and skyrocketing tuition. I know I personally would like to see a grant system be put into place to compliment the loan program. This would make it easier to pay back student loans more quickly, avoiding superfluous interest payments.

2. By beginning to pressure government at the provincial level with Nova Scotia's other universities. We have a short but distinct window of opportunity right now as a provincial election is about to happen and student issues have taken centre stage and will remain there for a short time after the election. I intend to build on this opportunity by organizing a coalition of Nova Scotia University Student Unions. There is also enormous potential to get our future students, who are now in high school, involved in the process. Lobbying will be important, but so will protesting. We must prevent universities from becoming elitist because of high tuition and the only way to do that is to work together and to work now.

3. Because I have the experience and the ideas to provide students with effective representation both here at Dalhousie/Daltech and externally. Having been a DSU Councillor and Dalhousie Senator for nearly a year now, I have a firm grasp on the issues which are affecting students. Knowing the "ins-and-outs" of Dalhousie Administration and the DSU is essential to doing the job.

4. I'm graduating in May with my BA and I am intending to go on to Law School in the field of Environmental Law, this year or next depending upon the election results! The environment has always been a great interest of mine and luckily, Dalhousie offers one of the best of such programs in North America.

Ted Chiasson & Brian Kellow – President / Executive VP

1. a) We believe students want an extraordinary experience and a topnotch education that will develop them intellectually and personally. We also believe that students want their education to give them practical skills and valuable connections for their transition from school to the workforce.

b) Students want their University administration to assure them that programs begun in first year are around in third year. They want their University to assure them that their tuition affords them access to the courses, labs, materials and facilities necessary for the completion of a marketable degree.

c) We believe that students want the government to be accountable for the promises they make on the campaign trail (i.e. the promise of a Nova Scotia tuition freeze). Students want both levels of government to address escalating tuition and student debt immediately. We believe the Governments of Nova Scotia and Canada should pursue tuition reduction programs to deal with student debt, such as income-based payment plans and tax credits. We think students also want the Provincial and Federal Governments to seriously address the disproportionate amount of youth unemployment and underemployment.

2. We will take legal action to guarantee our right to participate in

Student Advocacy

ATTITUDES ON CAMPUS

BY JOHN CULLEN

The legitimacy of student politics has been a hotly contested issue for years. Do student unions represent their students' interests? Does this whole election bonanza mean anything to the average student?

If one looks at the statistics for last year's voter turn-out, the answer would appear to be a resounding "no". Twenty per cent of Dalhousie students voted in the election. This may seem like a paltry figure, but Stacey Purcell, chief returning officer for this year's election, doesn't think so.

"[Voter turnout] has been increasing. There's better awareness on campus and [a] better electoral system. 20 per cent is pretty average at most universities across Canada."

Although the numbers may be increasing, some students like Natasha Pardy, a fourth-year French major, feel the DSU itself is important, but poorly advertized.

"[Student government] represents us. They're kind of like our voice on campus. There's obviously no chance here for every student to have a voice, so we have to have someone make sure everything is running smoothly like with societies and everything. If we didn't have them, I think societies would be completely ignored and there would be nothing here for students except classes.

"But the elections are next week — who knows about it? There's not a lot of publicity."

Purcell is aware of this, and is trying to inform more students about the election while making the voting procedure easier for a larger percentage of Dalhousie's population. One of her initiatives will enable students to vote via the Internet.

"There's a large number of students working in co-op programs so if they're not going to be on campus at the time, they still have the ability to vote. On our webpage, we're going to post candidates' speeches from the forums — if they provide them — so that students can educate themselves."

But for some students, these initiatives won't kill apathy or lack of information.

"I won't vote, because I don't know who's running, and I'm not really involved with what goes on with student politics," says James Gilbert, a third-year history major.

Another common argument is summed up by graduating theatre student, Alex Burroughs.

"I don't think the DSU represents me that well, but that's also my fault because I'm not getting too involved in what it's doing. Although at the same time it pisses me off because we do pay fees, right? So I should be getting my money's worth." she said. "I think they need to figure out a way to be more 'in your face', or at least bring up issues which are relevant to everyone.

"[Right now] it's just like regular politics. It's all scattered, you don't know who to vote for, and it depends on who makes a good speech or who doesn't. It seems like a bit of a scam, but all politics are like that."

Lack of faith in politics aside, other graduating students are not interested in their union.

"I'm planning to graduate this year, so I'm not particularly concerned with [the election] as I won't be here for their term," said Chris Kent, another potential theatre grad.

Despite low turn-outs in recent years and the low visibility, Purcell feels it is the student who should inform themselves about their government.

"You have to be proactive. You have to keep your eyes open."

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all current and future contract negotiations. We will continue to use lobbying groups like CASA to lobby federally as well as applying pressure by protest if necessary. We will work with all Nova Scotia students, through their student unions or associations to wield real power in the Provincial Legislature. On campus we will work to create more student jobs and provide support for all aspects of student life (e.g. academic support through concise course evaluations, society support through increasing space available in SUB and resources available outside, student support through pharmacy plan and upgrading student lounges).

3. Chiasson: I want this job because I have been here long enough as the DSU Treasurer to see the problems inherent in the current system and need the students endorsement to address them.

Kellow: I truly believe I have the drive and experience to improve the Student Union Building and bring our students, groups and associations better facilities, service and support.

Together, we form a team that can bring a wide range of skills and attributes to the Students Union executive. Despite our different approaches to problem solving, we compliment one another's abilities and have the drive necessary to push the limits of student government.

4. Chiasson: I will pack my belongings into a Volkswagen van, journey to Whistler and room with Ross Rebagliatti. Once there I will snowboard, rock climb and contemplate where I went wrong. Failing that, I may study computer science.

Kellow: I will continue to talk publicly about the problem of student debt. Besides that, I will raise a crew of forty men and sail around the Horn, bringing back rare and exotic spices. Yarr!!

**Shawn Christie & Kyle McMullin—
President / Executive VP team**

1. a) We feel that students want an education that will prepare them for the work world and put them in a position to get the job they want.

b) We feel that students want a University that has a good reputation while still being fun and offering them a quality education for their money. We feel that extra-curricular activities are an important part of the University experience and that the D.S.U. has the ideal resources to create more activities with campus wide participation.

c) We feel that students want funding from the Federal and

Provincial Governments to go to Universities and student loans so that they can enter the work force in as good of a financial shape as possible.

2. We will get what students want by working with the University to help find ways to keep the costs down without sacrificing quality. We will contact our Government representatives and stress the importance of education in this information age. We will encourage residence, societies and sports teams to take part in campus wide activities. By encouraging their respective representative (i.e. President, Captain, etc.) to help us organize campus wide events we expect good results. Individuals will be informed through advertising by Campus medium as well as announcements at the Grawood and University residences.

3. Presidential Candidate: I would like this job because I would like the opportunity to improve school spirit and to offer memorable campus wide events for current and future Dalhousie Students before I graduate. In short I would

like to leave Dalhousie a better University than it was when I got here. Even the best University can be made better! I feel that the leadership experience I have accumulated throughout my academic career will help me run a well-organized Student Union, which has an open ear and offers support and activities to each and every student. I have been fortunate enough to have experience representing highly respected organizations and institutions in the past. I feel this would be invaluable to the D.S.U. President's role as spokesperson of the students.

Vice-President Candidate: I would like the opportunity of being Vice President of the D.S.U. because I have experience Chairing Committees and the experience of being in charge of maintaining a building and keeping it occupied. The role of Vice-President includes Chairing Committees as well as being responsible for the overall operation of the Student Union Building so I feel my past experience would be useful. I am also proud to be a Dalhousie Student and would like the opportunity to help my University. I am organized and hard working and would love the opportunity to work for you the Dalhousie Students. I have also known Shawn Christie since the beginning of the school year and would be honored to have to opportunity to work with him in managing the Student Union. As a team I feel we could make a real difference to the University and help to offer you an incredible University experience.

4. We would congratulate our opponents.

**President /
Executive VP**

**Erin Trail & Gordon Hannah –
President / Executive VP team**

1. a) It is our belief that students simply seek the benefits that are supposed to come with a university education. Some of the most obvious demands from students include such things as eventual employment in the field of study, opportunity to further one's education, as well as opportunity within the academic community to be exposed to the necessary skills needed later in seeking employment.

b) The most obvious expectation of a university is accessibility. Not only does accessibility cover the means of getting to campus it also entails the financial ability to complete a degree. The opportunity to participate in the infrastructure of the university and the safety provided by an academically enlightened environment. Students want a university that they can feel a part of, a university which provides not only a degree but a university experience.

c) Every student, as well as every voting citizen, expects the government to recognize the issues that pertain to their life as important in the political forum. Students want their government to work to ensure that a high quality university education remains in reach of qualified students regardless of financial status.

2. To ensure that students' expectations with regard to education are met, we are determined to maintain and further the level of student representation on the committees which help decide the academic future of the various programs offered at Dalhousie. We are also dedicated to ensure that the academic reputation of Dal remains competitive with respect to faculty and quality of education. We are currently working to negotiate deals that would help cut student expenses which could serve to relieve some of the financial burden placed on the average student. By reaching out to a broader range of students, we hope to have a more diverse voice within the DSU.

It is our hope that by creating a strong voice within the university community, the government will be forced to recognize student issues as important mandates. Only by being heard can we hope to solve such obvious student problems as tuition increases, student loans, and quality of education.

3. During the past three years, we both have been very involved with the administration and of greater significance, the students. Based on these experiences, we have gained a unique perspective on many aspects of university life. It is our hope that the opportunity to be a part of the DSU team will allow us to further contribute to the needs of students from all three campuses.

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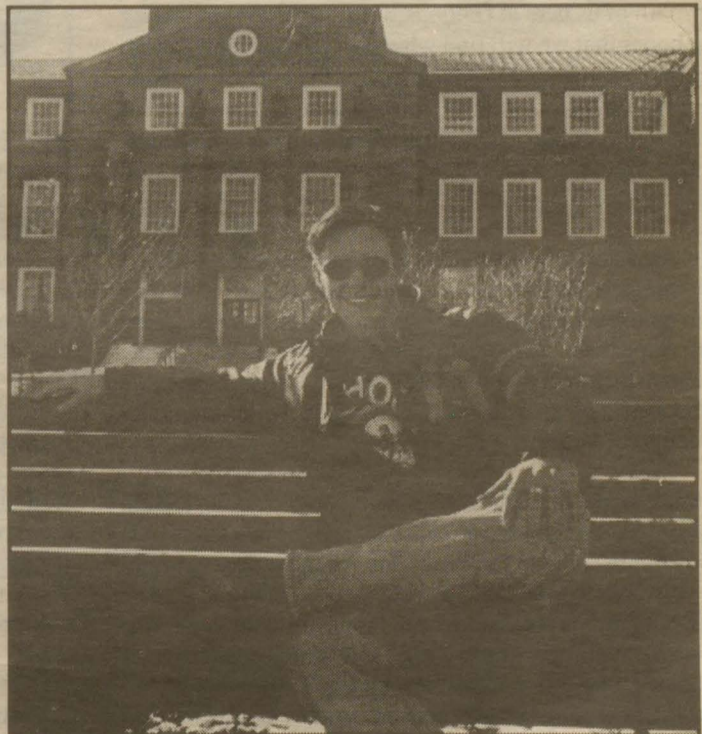
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4. One of the main reasons we chose this year to run for the DSU is because we are both very near in completing our undergraduate careers at Dalhousie. This factor would, if elected, allow us to concentrate on the duties of President and VP Executive, while carrying a relatively small course load. However, if we were not elected to these positions, we both choose to complete our degrees and pursue the opportunities which come with a Dalhousie education.

Marie Abi Daoud – Senate

1. I believe that students want and deserve a high quality education with professors that are good lecturers, not intimidating, and an education at a reasonable cost. We want a university with excellent study conditions and a friendly atmosphere. That

means smaller classes, a university accountable for their education, affordability, accessibility to all students of different

backgrounds and foremost, a career after we graduate with our degree. Also, we want more funding for research, bursaries, grants, scholarships, and loans from our provincial and federal governments. Less debt at the end of our education helps in the process of a better life.

2. Running as a nominee for student representative on senate, I will make sure that your views are voiced on the senate. I will listen to what you are saying and make sure that your best interests are portrayed to the university. To reach goals we need dedication and perseverance. I will make sure that the university administrators and faculty hear us.

3. I want to be student senate representative because I believe it is important to know what is happening at our university and I want your best interests to be voiced. There are a lot of student issues to be addressed to administration and faculty at Dalhousie. I want to make sure that with the cooperation of the executive and Board of Governors representatives, we can work as a functional group to achieve more for student issues at our university.

4. If I am not elected as a student representative, of course I will be very disappointed. However, I will still try to get involved within university life through other avenues. Also, I will share my opinions and concerns with the DSU executive and senate representatives.

Mark Galley and Aryn Lalji did not submit answers.

Robin Mace – VP Internal

1. a) I know one thing for sure, students want their money's worth! All of us here at Dalhousie have paid a lot of money in the hopes that we will find whatever it is we came looking for. Some of us need this education for the careers we hope to pursue, some of us came to university to learn more about ourselves. Education is not only about acquiring knowledge, it's also about becoming a well-rounded person and exploring your potential.

b) No one likes to come to university and feel like they are just a number. Students do not want to feel as though they are being used for their money. First and foremost students desire respect and appreciation. University should provide students with a social and intellectual environment suitable for the personal growth most of us gain while attending university.

c) I think students want to be remembered by our federal and provincial governments. And not just for what they may or may not become in the future but for what they are right now. It's fine to talk about young people being Canada's future but don't forget that we put money into the economy, and we are members of the work force and, just as much as any other group. I think students want to feel as though our government is looking out for them. If they don't, we may just have to raise our voices a little higher.

2. Learning what the students want is the first step to finding out how I can help them. Working closely with the DSU Council representatives and society representatives will provide valuable feedback from the student body. Traditionally a society roundtable is held once a year. I would like to have representatives from all the DSU societies and societies from across the city meet once a month to share ideas and learn from each others' experiences. If all of the student groups in the community work together toward the

goals they have in common so much more could be accomplished.

3. I just have to say I love being on Council. It's so exciting and fun to know that the hard work you put in has the potential to touch so many people. Before this new position was created there was no one position so tailored to my interests, but here it is, V. P. Internal. The DSU can be a fine oiled machine at times but it does have its problems, advertising is one of those problems. The DSU provides so many great services, financed by your Student Union fees, but if students don't know about all these wonderful services than the DSU has not completed its job. Provide top quality advertising along with these services and every student gets more for their money.

4. No matter what happens I want to stay involved with the

4. The same thing I'm doing right now. Being involved. Doing everything I can do to make Dal a better place for everyone. Title or no title, the job is the same: to make everyone at Dal more informed about what they may be missing.

Feras Al-Banna did not submit answers.

April MacQueen – Community Affairs

1. a) What do students want from their education? The satisfaction that after three of four years of university, their diploma is more than just a piece of paper that costs \$20,000. As well, that their diploma and years at university will guarantee them placement in the work force, other than an entry level job.

b) What do students want from their university? A well rounded education that includes classroom knowledge and social activities. Our first, and main, reason for coming to university is to gain the knowledge necessary to further us in life. However, we would all burn out before the end of our degrees without the social aspect of university. Education is not only classroom knowledge, but social knowledge.

c) What do students want from the Federal and Provincial governments? More funding to the university in order to cut down the cost of their education. As well, for those who are on student aid/assistance, a more forgiving pay-back program with lower interest rates.

2. As Vice President Community Affairs, my position would deal more with the social aspect of university and the well rounding of students. To get what students want, I am going to increase school spirit through warm up parties before varsity games and having more hype during varsity events; increase student involvement with societies and clubs; and have Dalhousie/DalTech be more visible in Metro.

3. I want the job of Vice President Community Affairs because I don't want to be just another face in the crowd. I also want to spread this attitude to other students through Community Affairs events.

4. If I lose, I will continue to be active on campus, including the Community Affairs committee, and I would apply for the position of the Assistant of Community Affairs to work even more closely with the VP Community Affairs. I would possibly run for the position again the following year.

Dean Naugler – Community Affairs

1. Although these issues don't fall under my portfolio as VP Community Affairs in a direct way, I realize that they are very important to us. I think that students want a chance at a successful future from their education. From the university, I feel that students want fair tuition, smaller classes with focus on quality of education, and more involvement in campus life. From our Federal and Provincial governments, I think students want more support, which will make furthering our education easier and less stressful.

2. With my experience on the Community Affairs Committee, I have seen what this job requires. I've worked with many of the DSU people in planning and promoting events and activities at Dal. I'm very open to new ideas and love to try new things! The VP Community Affairs is here to organize the events and fund-raisers that Dal students want to see on campus. All I need is for people to get involved and approach me with their ideas so we can make this coming year the best one ever at Dal!!

3. I want this job because I love raising money for charities! I've already done a lot of fundraising at Dal, and there is so much more that I want to do! I love meeting new people and getting everyone involved, and I am so psyched to do this job!!!

4. Nothing special, but if I win I'm going skydiving for my first time!

VP Internal

DSU Council. You don't have to be on the DSU Council to be involved. The need for volunteers is endless! Community Affairs committee, Academic/External committee, Judicial Board, Frosh Week, Communications committee, Sub-Operations committee as well as several Senate committees are just a few of the many ways that students can help out. My job this year as Council Secretary did not have as obvious constituency as many of the other positions but I did have one; it was the entire student body. It is every Councillor's duty to ensure that the DSU Council acts responsibly and to its fullest potential. If I am not elected for the position of V. P. Internal you can be sure I will be doing everything in my power to make sure the DSU stays accountable to you no matter where that station may take me.

Nick Murphy – VP Internal

1. I believe that students want a well rounded education. This includes an educational opportunity provided not only in the classroom and from text books but a chance to interact with the people around us in a unique learning environment. Students want a University that can provide them with a chance to excel academically while learning more about themselves and others. A great deal of this learning takes place outside of the classroom. Dalhousie must provide an atmosphere where we have the opportunity to interact with new and different people all the time. This social component of learning is a big part of what the DSU should strive to provide. The government comes into play in our lives by deciding how accessible this educational experience will

be to us. By helping to keep universities affordable while maintaining high standards, the government will have given us what we need to pursue our educational goals.

2. I think that before this question can be answered it is important to find out what students really want by working directly with the societies that represent them. Societies at Dalhousie, unlike the DSU, have a more personal feel to them because of their smaller size and more familiar faces. By working with societies, we would be able to bring the DSU much closer to that personal feeling and therefore be able to provide students with the services and events they want.

3. Plain and simple, I love Dal. I sit on the DSU council, I'm the social coordinator for the Undergraduate Neuroscience Society, I was a frosh leader and I sit on numerous DSU committees. I really want to make other people love Dal as much as I do. In order for this to happen, I think people have to get involved! They have to know about all the great stuff going on at Dal and they have to be excited about it. They also have to feel welcome and feel like this is a place where they belong and want to come. I believe that I can make people excited and make people feel like they belong. I want every student to see the Dal that I love. I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing.

Community Affairs



ARTS & CULTURE

THE GREAT BOWLING BOOTY

A mindless rant by a counter-bitch

*Everybody go bowling tonight,
everybody wang chung tonight*

BY PHIL "THE PIN
MONKEY" LEWIS

When was the last time you've worn shoes that were used by thousands of other people?

The bowling alley is a mecca of stinky feet and over-weight athletes. Bowling attracts all kinds of people because it is competitive, cheap and easy. Bowling is the egalitarian's sport.

The sport can be rather competitive when you practice enough to enter the big leagues. After several years of league bowling I have just recently joined the mixed pro league. *The Daily News* prints the names of the top bowlers from the pro leagues each week. I was fortunate enough to be at the top of my game in only my first week in the league! Needless to say, I'm pretty popular with the guys and ladies in the bar.

The stereotypical bowler is a white male in his thirties trying to cling to his childhood by playing the only sport that won't put him in traction. These bowlers are not as common as believed, but they do exist. All of the leagues have at least a few members that take the sport far too seriously.

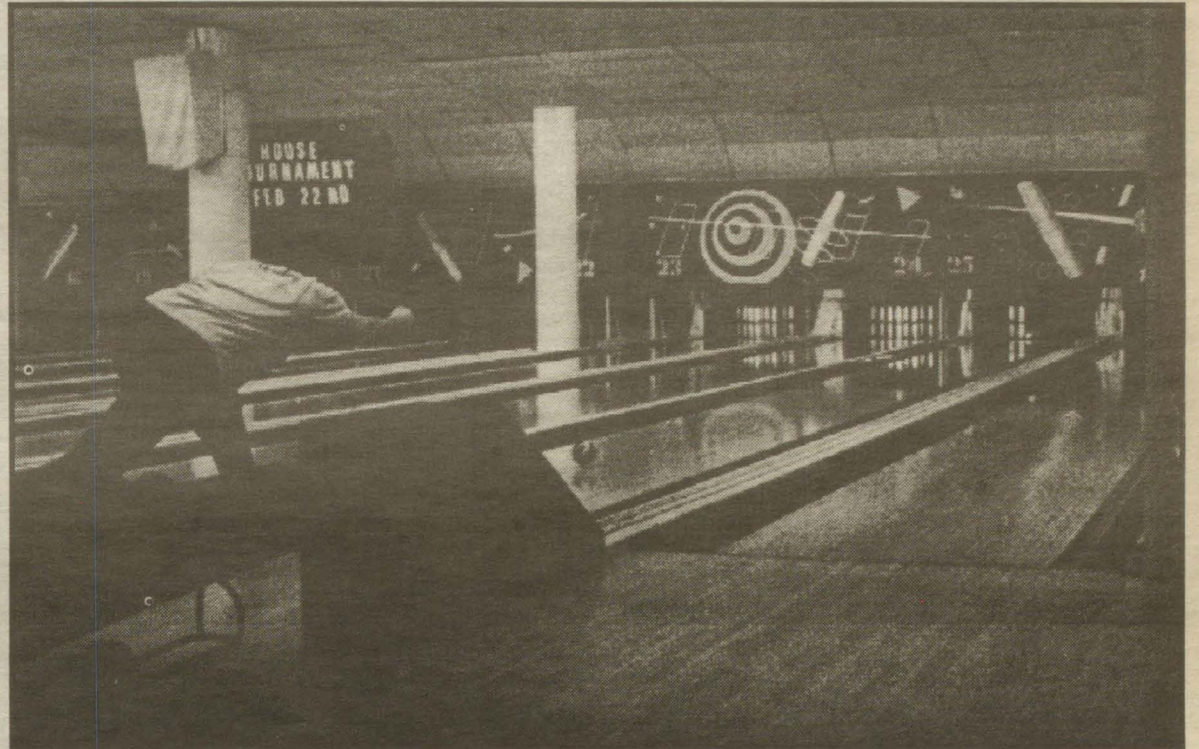
It is no coincidence that many

of the bowlers in the pro leagues have at one point or another worked at a bowling alley or spent a lot of time at one. This is a sport for true athletes. It takes skills that have to be honed and refined with hours and hours of practice.

Obviously, it is just a matter of time before the sport enters the Olympics. On the other hand, people bowl in the summer as well as the winter. Therefore, the only problem is that the International Olympic Committee is just having a hard time deciding which Olympics to introduce it to. Honest.

The bowling alley is a prime spot for those looking for a good job. While the pay is comparable to Nike workers in Indonesia, it is a job with low stress and a lot of fun. After three long years I am on the verge of being promoted from the position commonly referred to as "counter-bitch". The next step is the prestigious position of mechanic. Currently, I am somewhere in between, where I have the workload of the mechanic but the title and pay of the "counter-bitch". I like to refer to myself as a "mechana-bitch".

A wide variety of clientele frequent bowling alleys. Among these are families looking for some



BOWLING: good fun for the whole family. (Photo by Ryan Lash).

quality time. It is one of the few sports that can be done inexpensively as a quality family event. The bowling alley is a popular spot for kids' birthday parties.

Common customers are VLT players that can be seen at any licensed establishment. Without these patrons many of the local bowling alleys would not be able to stay open during the summer

months. On the other hand, there are some VLT players that play tiny, insignificant bets from open to close, for no other reason than to piss the staff off.

Bowling alleys are commonly used as places to take dates. Why take a hot date to the movies when you can take her to the alley? This past week I witnessed many guys showing off for their girlfriends by making that all impressive strike,

just so they could grope them afterwards.

Some customers fall under the headline from the movie *Clerks*: "Just because we serve doesn't mean we like you." However, I am probably just venting and should get a good haircut and get a real job. I highly recommend that everyone visit their local alley and enjoy the euphoria that is the bowling experience.

Bowling in Vegas

Leaguers dream of candlepin glitterati and warm embraces

BY GREG MCFARLANE

There are places in this world where mere mortals should not go, lines that should not be crossed. On Sunday night I had the dubious honour of accompanying a photographer into a bowling alley loaded with leaguers ready to show off their *King Pin* bravado. Woody Harrelson would be proud.

But underneath the seamy layers of spandex and polyester stood men and women poised before the foul line, cautious not to lob the ball. They were standing in a dingy rut in Halifax, their feet endangered by shoes worn by God-knows-who else. It was frightful.

But in their minds they were in Vegas, and Elvis was watching from the front row. The bowling world championships were on the line, and they had the hopes of every trucker living east of Moncton riding on their backs.

One man, whom we will call "Ed", stood before the lane, looking down at the great candlepins. He knew his next shot was big, and he was beginning to crack under the pressure. Sweat was running down

his neck, and coupled with his polyester shirt, was making him itchy. He reached around his back and scratched the itch away, all the while focussing intently on his goal.

With a final breath Ed stepped towards the foul line, lunged forward, and brought the ball up above his left shoulder. In one thunderous action he swiftly brought the ball down, sending it towards the pins. The power in his follow-through nearly knocked him off his feet.

He stood, watching the ball curve its way down the lane. The spin that Ed forced on the ball brought it dangerously close to the left gutter, the bane of this grand ol' game. Ed writhed his body to the right, as if trying to lead the ball with him. The ball complied, and the embedded and glazed over silver sequins inside of it let off a shining glimmer as it proceeded towards the centre-pin.

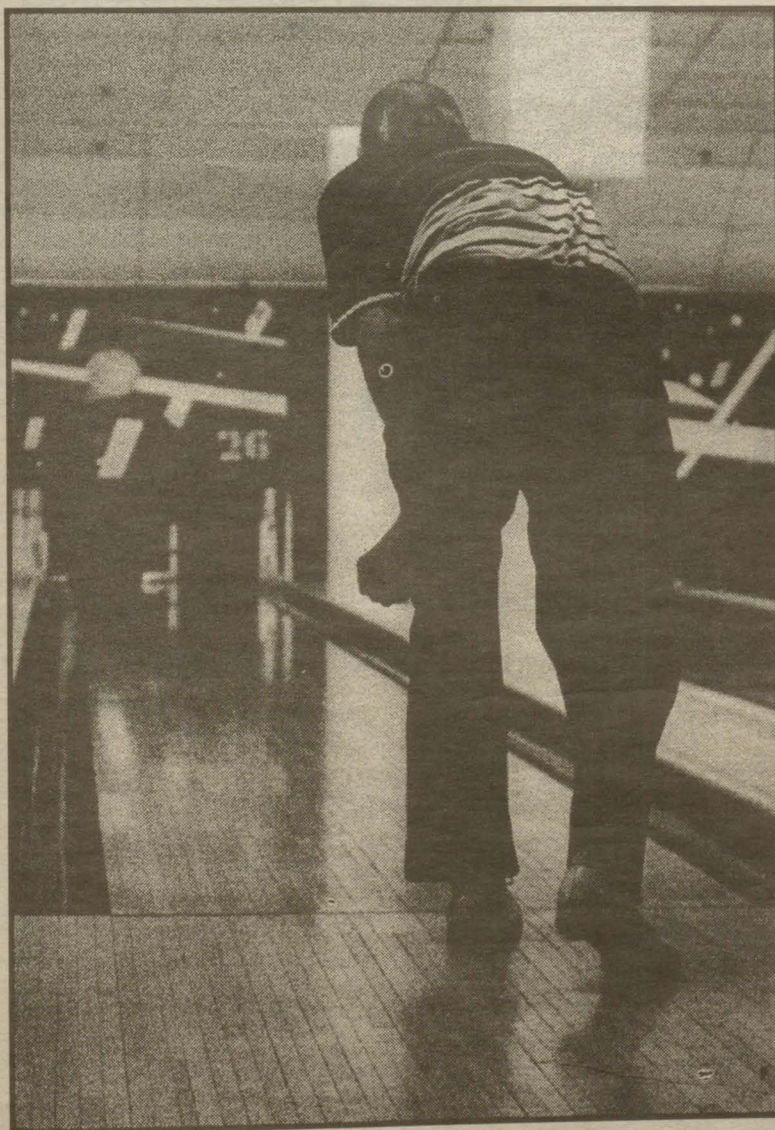
The audience stood in silence. The only noises one could detect in this shrine were the sounds of Ed's ball rolling down the hardwood lane and the sound of a VLT machine paying out in the background.

Everyone in the place knew what was on the line. If Ed nailed a strike here, he would be champion of the world. Everyone knows the clout that champion bowlers have. Free games wherever you go, free truck rides from riggers, an endorsement deal for those little wrist braces. Yep, that's the good life.

The world was watching like we all watched Brendan Shanahan face Dominik Hasek in that fateful hockey shootout at the Olympics. But this wasn't hockey — this was *bowling*.

Some held their breath. Some covered their eyes. Some buried their heads in their laps. Not Ed, though. He stared at those pins like they were the demons inside him. The ball crashed through, sending all ten pins flying in the air. A yelp of elation escaped Ed, and the whole place went berserk. Wayne Newton ran on to the floor, embraced Ed and squealed in his ear. Confetti was flying, little kids were jumping up and down, and the noise level caused damage to my ear drums that still remains today.

No, bowling is not just a pastime, but a way of life.



Ed twists his hips to the left, urging the last pin down. Wayne Newton soon jumped up and gave him a giant hug. (Photo by Ryan Lash)



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Marquee to open next week

BY MARK REYNOLDS

Alternative music aficionados in Halifax have reason to rejoice this month. The long awaited replacement for the Birdland Cabaret, the Marquee Club, will officially open its doors on March 11.

The bar will offer the alternative atmosphere and local music content that had been offered by the Birdland, and the cabaret hours so sorely missed by the old club's clientele.

The Marquee Club will open on Gottingen Street in the space formerly occupied by the Derby bar.

"We've pretty much got the first month booked," said Greg Clark, who was behind the Birdland, and will be the general manager at the new club. The new club will be owned by Victor Syperek and David Henry, who also own the Economy Shoe Shop.

Along with booking local alternative talent, Clark said the Marquee will also feature out-of-town acts, as well as different musical genres.

"We'll maybe bring up celtic acts, reggae, blues...primarily alternative, though," said Clark.

And while the new location is

relatively out of the downtown bar scene, Clark is confident that patrons will have no problems with the location.

"Lots of college people live in

"People say there's been a lull on the local scene...when I was updating my band list, I came up with sixty or seventy alternative acts in Halifax"

the area," he said. "People will find that it's worth the trek."

Clark said the interior of the club is very comfortable, with excellent sight lines for watching the stage. He feels that area of town is also ripe for a boom, as rent is low, and the Spring Garden Road area is saturated with bars.

Though many see the lauded Halifax scene as dying off in recent years, Clark feels confident that his

club still has plenty to offer music fans.

"People say there's been a lull on the local scene...when I was updating my band list, I came up with sixty or seventy alternative acts in Halifax," he said.

Indeed, for the opening on Mar. 11, there are six bands on the bill, including Shine Factory, Soaking Up Jagged and Neuseiland, a new project of Charles Austin from the now defunct Superfriendz. Thursday will feature the Mark Green Blues Band, the Urban Surf Kings, Madhat, and the Snapdragons.

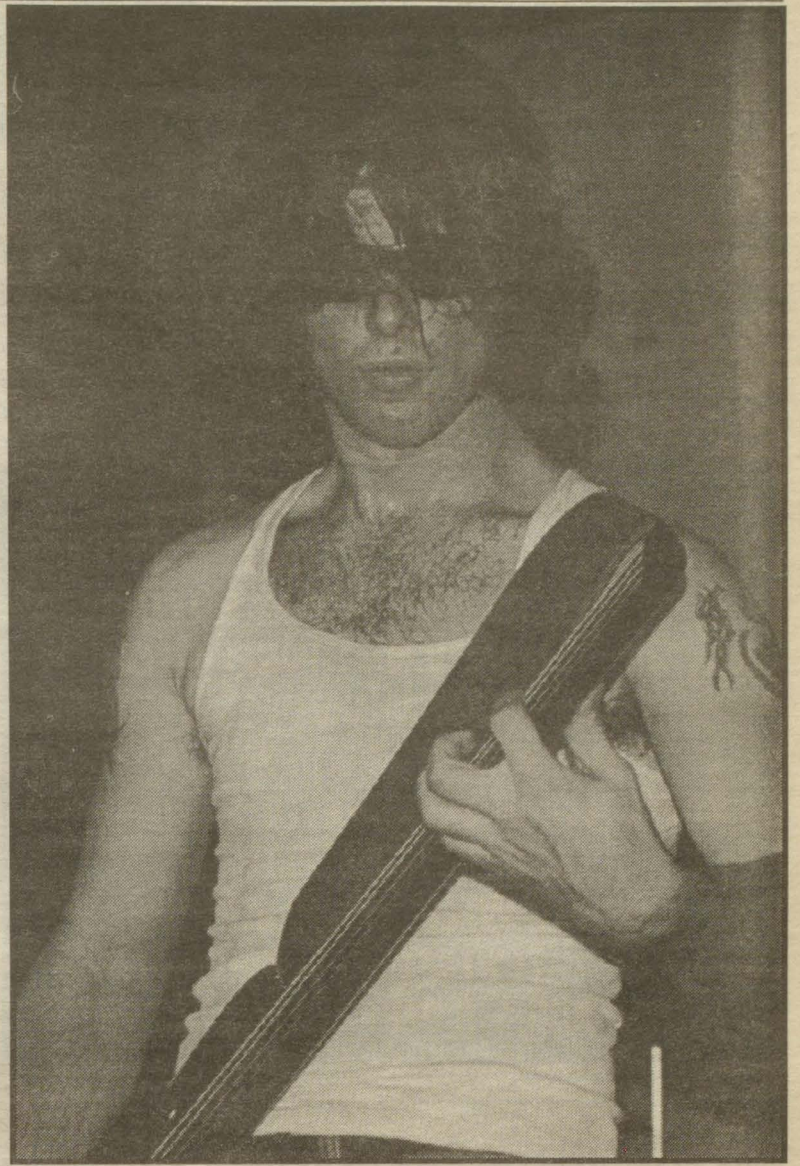
Swing king Johnny Favourite is scheduled to play later this month, as are Cool Blue Halo, Ron Sexsmith and Knifey Moloko.

There will be a benefit for the MAI Alert March 13 that will feature another five bands, including Five Foot Nine.

Clark said that Ben Harper may also appear on the Marquee's stage.

The Marquee will also boast a games room later on. It will have video games and pool tables for those not interested in the bands.

All show times will be earlier in the new club to allow more new acts to get stage time. The first band will start at 9pm on both Thursday and Friday nights.



Now that the new Marquee club is open, this cool guy can expect a lot more gigs in Halifax. (Photo by Danielle Boudreau)

REVIEWS OF BANDS YOU KNOW AND TRUST

32 Miles From Memphis

The Royal Crowns
Horseshoe Recordings

Yeehaw, Cletus! Hillbilly rock is back with a vengeance...sort of.

The Royal Crowns add a fake sophistication to their brand of trashy country rock, and in the process make a record that isn't overly easy to listen to.

If you like this CD you'll find yourself in company with the Dukes of Hazzard (Uncle Jesse, Daisy and Roscoe P. Coltrane to boot), but its cheesy twangs and semi-infectious rhythms will be sure to find a niche with somebody as the fad of the week.

You'll get sick of this album, and wonder why you bought it in the first place (that is, if you knew it existed), and return to whatever caught your fancy beforehand. I

don't see square dancing and hoedowns becoming tradition here at Dalhousie (or at any other location where widescale demographics habituate), and so I don't predict great sales for this album.

In a related topic, a big-name record company has failed to pick up the recording rights to the Royal Crowns...I wonder why?

GREG MCFARLANE

The Daddy of Them All

Space Monkeys
Universal

Composed of eleven tracks delivered in a consistent Liam Gallagher-esque whine, *The Daddy of Them All* attempts to merge rock and pop with the ever-pervasive styles of electronica.

I welcome this album, and for one reason. For years we've watched the world of hip-hop steal rock's greatest

songs and turn them into hits again for a different market (Puff Daddy?). Now, the Space Monkeys turn this trend around. On some songs, they sample tracks by the Wu-Tang Clan and DJ Shadow.

I don't even have to like the music here (I'm actually rather ambivalent), I just like what it represents.

A definite shift in music is evident, where guitars are taking a back seat to every geek with a computer (The Chemical Brothers?). The Space Monkeys are brash enough to rip

these entertainers off, even parodying the scene in the track "Acid House Killed Rock n' Roll," where heavy beats collide with huge, crunching guitars.

I don't believe that this CD was supposed to be a statement of any sort because the Space Monkeys do consider themselves a rock/electronica band; but they stumbled onto something, whether they wanted to or not.

GREG MCFARLANE

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BY RYAN LASH

Remember those high school parties you went to where your friends' bands played teenage angst garage rock all night? Well, that seems to be the state of music here in Halifax these days.

Case in point, the show at Dio Mio Feb. 27 featuring everyone's new favourite band that features

a record producer, Nine Pound Weakling, and Neusieland, Halifax's newest band featuring not so new musicians.

For a \$4 cover charge fans got to enjoy the music of openers Nine Pound Weakling for a whole fifteen minutes before they decided that they didn't feel like playing anymore. After a quick set change, Neusieland took over

where the Nine Pound rock stars left off. Neusieland may be a new band (this was their second show), but the members have been around for awhile. The band is formed by past and present musicians from Thrush Hermit, the Inbreds and the Superfriendz.

Considering the make up of the band, it's not surprising that they have that all-too-familiar Halifax indie rock sound. But hey, that seems to keep people happy so it can't be a bad thing, right?

If you do like that sort of thing, be sure to catch these rock stars before they disappear again because apparently they've already lost one member and they claim that by the time they get to their fifth show they'll be "down to a foot"...or something like that. I guess you had to be there.



Neusieland plays a gig at Dio Mio. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

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Bar band invades the Metro Centre stage

BY MARK REYNOLDS

If you've ever walked into the Tickle Trunk on a Friday night you've probably seen them. Big Fish, one of the undiscovered gems of the Halifax music scene, a proto-typical bar band, is one of the city's hardest working acts.

Toiling far from the media glare that Halifax's alternative and celtic groups bask in, Big Fish have managed to carve out a satisfactory niche for themselves. Either through the two or three shows they play each week, or through word of mouth, they are gaining fans, as their regularly packed shows at the Tickle Trunk prove.

Fitting perhaps then that I walked into their rehearsal while they were working out "Never Going To Break My Stride". The band was putting the finishing touches on their last show at the Trunk before their biggest gig to date: opening the Metro Centre's twentieth anniversary party.

Their rehearsals are as relaxed as their stage show suggests. Sarah Stevenson and Jake Crawford are working on harmonies, while Dale Letcher and Andy Gallant are working on chord changes, a mere three hours before the first set is scheduled. The rehearsal is often interrupted by jokes and laughter. Clearly, they've done this umpteen times, it's still fun for them. Watching them, it would be easy to believe you're watching a small kitchen party in progress.

Part of the band's appeal lies in this relaxed approach, and part of it lies in the diversity of their performance. Letcher plays guitar and harmonica. Gallant plays bass, drums and trumpet. Stevenson plays percussion and tin whistle. Crawford plays the bodran, percussion, and tin whistle. They all sing, either solo or in very tight, four-part harmony. They also all play the kazoo.

They've managed to learn these diverse parts for the over one hundred songs that make up their repertoire. The variety of musical skills in the group, combined with the sheer number of songs available to them, means that their weekly shows stay fresh — for them and for the audience.

Letcher formed the band about a year ago. He had been performing with Crawford at open mike nights, and they would sometimes be joined by Stevenson. After taking a hiatus for a summer they re-formed, and were soon joined by Gallant.

"We put an ad in the Saint Mary's paper looking for a bassist. We didn't know we'd get drums and trumpet too," said Letcher.

Big Fish work out their songs collectively. With four vocalists to choose from, they experiment with who is best equipped to handle vocal duties for any given song.

"It's trial and error...if it still sounds bad, then we'll just chuck it," said Gallant.

Though most of the band's songs consist of lighter party tunes, there is no particular genre of music they focus on.

"We have diverse

interests...we like to recreate songs," said Letcher. "We take songs from the seventies and eighties and 'celti-fy' them."

"We try to please the crowd, that's what's important," added Stevenson.

So far the band has been pleasing crowds all over the Maritimes. In addition to the regular Friday night gig, they've toured all over Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

"It's better money than a part time job, and it's a lot more fun too," said Gallant to general agreement.

The band will have a tape out by the summer, and hopes to start playing some larger festivals.

When the band took the Tickle Trunk stage later that night, there were about one hundred people in the bar. The band seemed familiar to many in the crowd, and many called out for their favourite songs.

The performance started with "What I Like". The audience applauds, but is hardly bowled over. By the second song, I notice the table next to me playing the game of *Life* while singing along to "Margaritaville". By the third song two women were on the floor dancing with wild abandon, expressing the Irish in them to Spirit of the West's "Old Sod".

Over the course of the forty five minute set, the crowd builds to the point that the dance floor has expanded into the table area.

At some point during the show they decide to utterly ignore the set list they've prepared, and Gallant pulls out his trumpet for their signature song, Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline".

The band finishes their first of three fifteen-song sets. I decide to go home and catch them tomorrow at the Metro Centre.

How does a bar band get a gig at the Metro Centre anyway?

"They approached us," said Letcher. "We sang 'Oh Canada' for a hockey game and played intermissions there."

Big Fish weren't concerned about their show making the leap to the much larger venue.

"Some stuff will translate better than others," said Gallant, saying that they just won't play songs that don't work.

Are they excited?

"I'll probably puke just before going on," said Stevenson.

The next day at 4:30pm, the band is back on stage, but the differences from yesterday are astounding. The Metro Centre floor is covered with tables for the revellers expected that night. The spotlights dance around the set-up crew. One bump on Letcher's guitar causes a bang that echoes three times in the cavernous hall.

The whole band looks hyped, a far cry from the relaxed rehearsal yesterday. Crawford is literally jumping around the stage, and he can't seem to stop tapping on his bodran.

They do a quick run-through of "Blister In The Sun", where Gallant plays a snare drum instead of bass. They decide that it makes the song sound too thin, and drop it from the set. Flexibility is definitely one of



Big Fish performs their regular gig at the Tickle Trunk. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

their strengths.

Back in their dressing room, Letcher sits down in one of the chairs provided for the band. I ask what the band plans to do in their future.

"Right here...this is beyond my expectations," he said. The band enjoys what they're doing already.

"That's the best time, when people are dancing right in front of us," said Gallant.

At 8:30, when the band is scheduled to go on, it doesn't look that they'll be getting anyone dancing. Although most of the tables are filled, the stands are not. There is also a huge open space on the floor, enough to intimidate even the most extroverted dancers.

Big Fish are the opening act for the night, and they start with "Farewell to Nova Scotia", an odd choice to kick off the evening, but they get a good response, if somewhat muted.

By the third song, both the band and the audience has warmed up. Crawford launches into a completely over the top "Day-O" and the growing crowd is singing and clapping.

The band, somewhat nervous before, is starting to relax.

"Hey wow, a smoke machine!" cracks Crawford. "Either that or the stage is on fire. We'll be fish *flambé*."

Sarah and Jake are starting to dance on-stage, a luxury they never have while performing on the Tickle Trunk's postage stamp. They are soon joined by a few, then many brave souls on the floor.

It occurs to me that Big Fish didn't need to change their regular bar show for the Metro Centre at all. Through the course of their show, they turned the Metro Centre into their own bar. They joke with each other and with the dancers, who are throwing their coats onto the stage for safekeeping. Despite the size, this doesn't feel like an arena show.

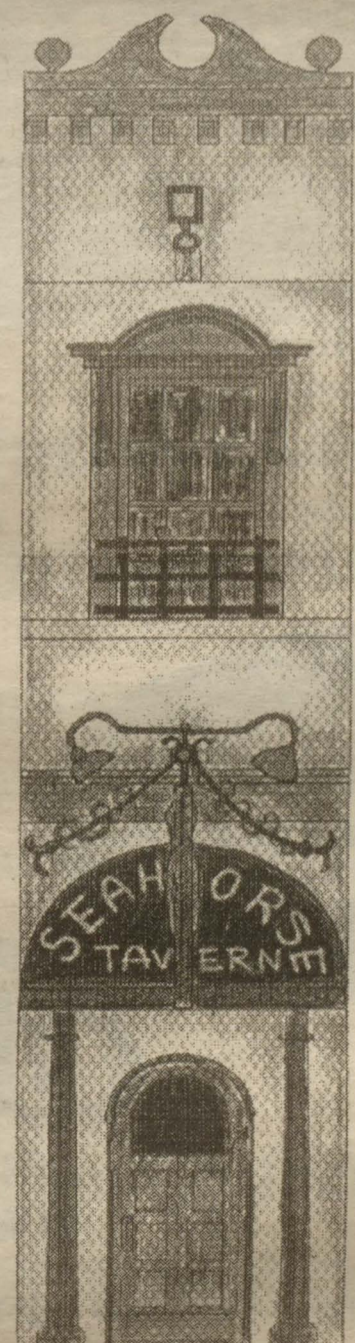
They launch into a fan favourite, "Mrs. Robinson", which changes into "I Want Your Sex" in one of the band's

trademark mid-song shifts. I realize that this practice is almost subversive, even deconstructive. There are no sacred musical cows; all music is shown to have the same roots. Big Fish show

that no matter what our musical tastes, it is all one, a musical Nirvana. Or maybe it's just all for a good time.

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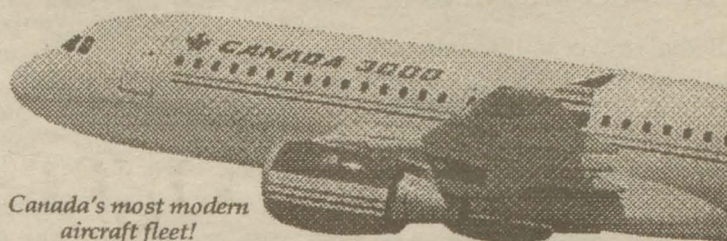
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Dalhousie Tigers capture 18th AUAA crown

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BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie men's volleyball team captured their 18th AUAA crown in 19 years under the reign of head coach Al Scott last month to make their 19th consecutive appearance at the CIAU Tournament. The Tigers, entering the finals with an 8-2 conference record, won the title in commanding style, sweeping the best-of-three AUAA Championships over the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds 2-0.

Dal, who had struggled against UNB in the regular season, trounced their rivals 3-0 in the opening match by game scores of 15-6, 15-8, 15-9. Top performances for Dal came from Jason Trepanier who had 18 kills and 11 digs while teammate Terry Martin had 16 kills, 10 digs and 4 blocks. Tiger middle blocker Bobby Stevens chipped in 8 digs, 4 blocks and 2 service aces in the win as Jeff Byrne responded with 12 kills and 9 digs for UNB.

A more focused Reds team showed up the next day but still came out flat against Dal's superb blocking and aggressive offense. The Tigers dumped UNB 15-9, 15-10 and 15-7, much to the delight of the 300 fans that showed up at Dalplex. Martin and John Hobin had 19 kills each while Trepanier added 17 kills.

"It was our first goal obviously," said setter Dave Cox who played in the first match. "We were pretty excited. We worked pretty hard in the month leading up to the AUAA's and it paid off."

"We really came together as a team," added Stevens who has seen increased court time since Christmas. "It wasn't anything technical or tactical, but everyone just showed up to play and that was great."

This makes it the third year in a row that Dal defeated UNB in six games at the AUAA Championships. Despite UNB's lacklustre performance in the final, their showing during the regular season indicates a much more competitive league for next year. UNB's head coach Mark Thibault was voted AUAA Coach of the Year for steering his team to their strongest performance in recent memory. Martin, a member of the National Team, shared league MVP honours with the Reds' Darcy Harris. Dal co-captain John Hobin accumulated 31 kills, 29 digs and 13 blocks in the series, was named playoff MVP and was the AUAA nominee for the CIAU TSN Award for academic achievement, athletic skills and citizenship. Dal's Chris Wolfenden was overlooked for Rookie of the Year, which went to Memorial's Kevin Garnier. The Seahawks finished the season winless at 0-10. Wolfenden was recognised for a spot on the AUAA All-Star team along with Trepanier and Hobin. The Reds' Byrne and Scott Munro rounded out the selection.

Dal — who were nationally ranked sixth for most of the season and were as high as second in late November — were dropped a notch to seventh entering the national championships, a common occurrence for the Atlantic Conference champs each year. Bronze medalists in '93-'94 and '94-'95, the Tigers had hoped to improve on their CIAU silver from last season at these Championships hosted by the University of Calgary's Jack Simpson Gymnasium for the third consecutive year. The Tigers' dream of a gold medal was dashed by a 3-1 first-round loss to the second-seeded Saskatchewan Huskies. Saskatchewan, making their third CIAU appearance in four years, finally got past the Tigers who beat them in all-important opening matches in 1995 and 1997. The Huskies earned a 15-12, 10-15, 15-8 and 15-10 victory over Dal.

Martin, who was named a First Team All-Canadian the night before, recorded a team high 35 kills while Trepanier had 23 kills, 14 digs and 5 blocks for the Tigers. Hobin contributed 12 kills and 10 digs in the effort. The Huskies' win made up for their dismal last-place result from last year as their Player of the Match Scott Schutz had 22 kills and Aaron Canfield had 23 digs in the win.

"We played pretty well in the first

match," said Cox. "Saskatchewan was a really tough team to beat but we brought our 'B' game. It was disappointing but we managed to bounce back."

Dal regrouped for the consolation semifinals where they ended the Vert et Or's season by downing the third-ranked Sherbrooke 17-15, 15-11 and 15-11. Player of the Match honours went to Cox who set up Martin for 33 kills. This was Dal's second victory over Sherbrooke in their last seven encounters this season. With the win, the Tigers avenged a gold medal loss to Sherbrooke at the Dal Classic.

Dal won the consolation finals for the second time in three years by blanking the eighth-seed, University of Western Ontario, with game scores of 15-6, 15-11 and 15-5. The Mustangs edged fourth-ranked Laval 3-2 to make the consolation final. Hobin was named Player of the Match, leading his team with 8 kills, 12 digs and 4 blocks over Western's Maron Habash who had 13 kills and 7 digs in the effort.

"In games two and three we played well. It was nice to finish the year with two good wins like that," said Cox.

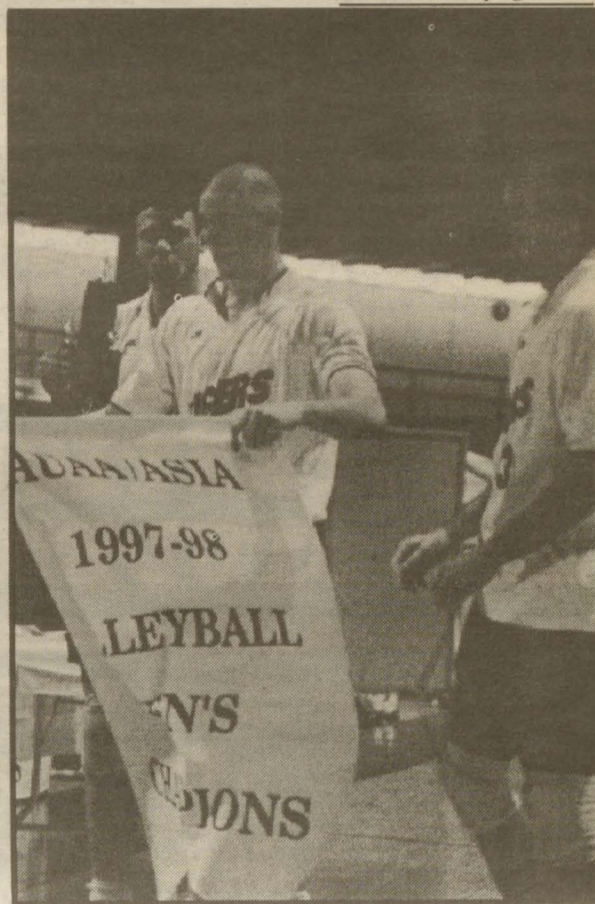
The powerful Canada West Conference swept the medal awards as the top-seeded Winnipeg Wesmen confirmed their first-place ranking

with a 3-0 win over the Huskies in the final — their first national title since 1987. Defending champs, the Alberta Golden Bears, who came in as wildcards in fifth-place, captured the bronze over the sixth-ranked Toronto Varsity Blues with a 3-1 victory. Laval and Sherbrooke, both from the Quebec league, finished winless for seventh place. Sherbrooke, who had garnered top Coach, top Rookie, and Player of the Year honours, was expected to have a better showing at the Nationals.

Martin was in fine form after a two-month hiatus recovering from ankle injuries, and totalled 80 kills in three matches. He was named to the Tournament All-Star Team which included

Ian Taylor (Winnipeg), Murray Grapentine (Alberta), Derek Nicholl (Alberta), Chris Ulmer (Saskatchewan) and Jeff Chung (Toronto). Heath MacLeod of

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Veterans John Hobin, Terry Martin and Jason Trepanier show off their championship banner.

DWC off to Nationals at Brock

BY GAZETTE STAFF

On Wednesday March 4, the Dalhousie Wrestling Club (DWC) began the long drive to the 1998 CIAU Wrestling Championships at Brock University, St. Catherines, Ontario. The tournament will take place March 5-7.

The club qualified four wrestlers at the AUAA Wrestling Championships at UNB on Feb. 14. In the past two seasons, the club has only qualified one wrestler per year, so this year's

performance is a good sign that wrestling is building a strong hold at Dal.

According to the latest CIAU rankings released, AUAA champion at 52kg Logan Ward is ranked seventh. Both Gavin Tweedie and Scott Malcolm who are AUAA silver medallists at 72 and 82kg, are currently ranked eighth. Scott Aldridge is Dal's other AUAA champion at 90kg and is ranked fifth.

Also competing for Dal will be Andrew Moebus, the AUAA bronze

medallist. As only the top two competitors from each weight category are eligible for CIAUs, he was not initially expected to compete. However, Memorial's AUAA silver medallist was injured during practise last week, and Moebus will be the second AUAA representative. He will be seeded eighth going into the competition.

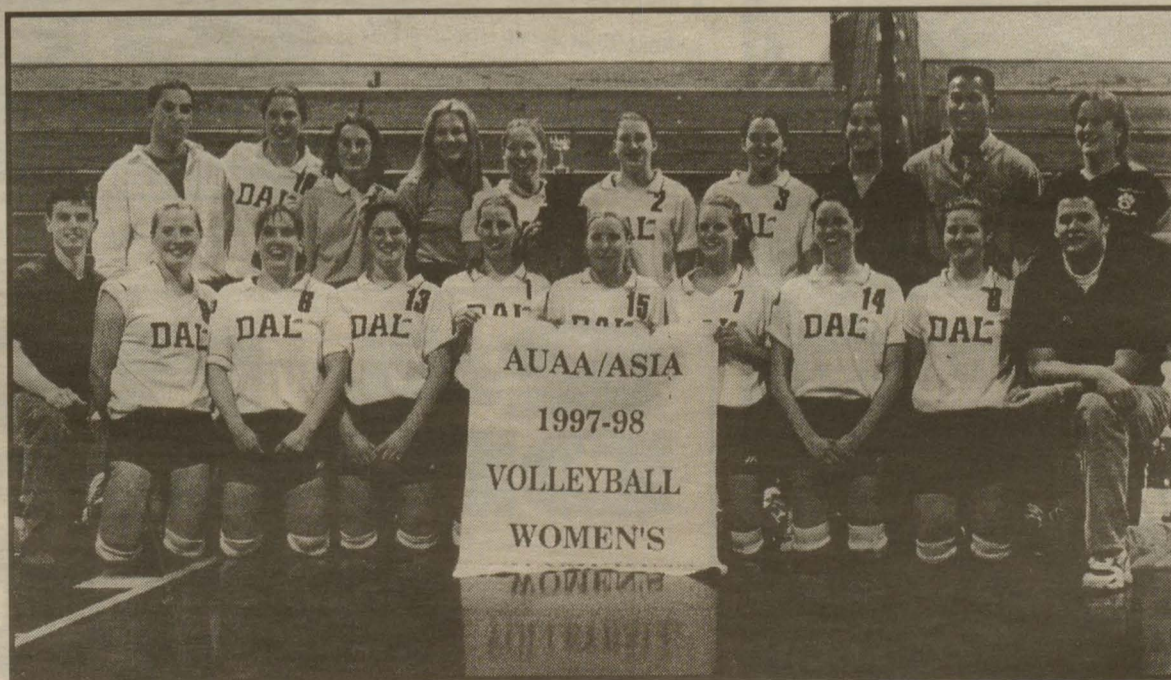
Head coach Aldridge is very optimistic about this year's squad.

"This truly is the best bunch of guys I have had to date and I would like to see all of us place in the top

four," he said. "I want to show the CIAU and Dal that wrestling is here to stay."

On a side note, the DWC would like to thank all the sponsors who have donated much needed funds for this CIAU trip. Since the creation of their Dalhousie Wrestler newsletter, the response has been overwhelming.

"I would like to personally thank the anonymous wrestling alumnus who left the envelope at the Dalplex," said Aldridge. "The DWC will make sure that the money is well spent."



The Women's Volleyball Tigers captured the AUAA title on February 22 at the Dalplex. Please see next week's issue for the story in its entirety. (Photo courtesy Dalplex)

Volleyball

Men's basketball Tigers continue to slide

BY SUMANT KUMAR AND MATT FELTHAM

After study break defeats to cross-town rivals the Saint Mary's Huskies, and the UNB Varsity Reds, the Tigers were hoping to rebound on Sunday afternoon. However, yet another brilliant effort by All-Canadian guard Brian Parker went for nothing as the men's basketball team lost yet another — this time to the UCCB Capers by a score of 79-76.

It was a choppy game from the start with a number of fouls being called on both teams, including a couple of phantom ones on Tiger guard Darryl Baptiste which sent him to the bench after only five minutes with three fouls. Despite the strong play of Parker, the Tigers were unable to get the upper hand in the first half, and went into the halftime with only a three-point lead.

The second half was much like the first, with too many fouls being called. In fact, three Tigers eventually

fouled out: Mike Sabol, Dale Jackson, and Baptiste who played less than ten minutes in total. This much physical play often leads to emotions running high, and this was clearly evident with about ten minutes left when Dale Jackson committed a hard foul on Caper forward, Dave Phillip. This led to Phillip shoving Jackson, which brought more players into the fray, as well as Caper coach Greg Jockims running onto the court to restore order. When the situation was put under control, only two technical fouls were called, and the Capers were not awarded any foul shots, despite Phillips' obvious lay-up attempt. It was this kind of terrible officiating that not only ruined the game for the players but also for the 700 fans in attendance.

When play resumed, the Tigers were able to grab a six-point lead as Tremayne Howe nailed two consecutive three-pointers. However Dal was not able to maintain the lead due to mental errors and strong

defense by the Capers. With less than a minute to play and the Tigers clinging to a two-point lead, Caper freshman L.J. Evans calmly stroked a three-point shot to give UCCB a 77-76 lead. After another Dalhousie miss, the Tigers fouled Caper guard Kirt Mombourquette, who hit both his foul shots to give the visiting team a three-point lead. Dalhousie then proceeded and missed a tying shot, so they fouled Evans who could have iced the game with just one foul shot and 13 seconds remaining. However the freshman shooting guard choked on both attempts, leading to a Dal time-out to set up one last attempt. However, mental errors once again hurt the Tigers, as the play was broken up from the start, which led to Tiger center David Mullally missing the shot that should have gone to Parker or Howe, giving the Capers the 79-76 victory. Kirt Mombourquette led UCCB with 19 points while Brian Parker led the Tigers with 32.

Notes: Brian Parker was honored before the game for reaching the 1000-point mark in the league, accomplishing this in only 49 games...Tiger forward, Paul Williscroft, missed the last five games due to pneumonia, but warmed up Sunday, and should play in the coming week...The Tigers are now in seventh place but could move to sixth if they win their last two games...In an interesting note from SMU in late January, the Huskies brought in a guard from Chicago to bolster the team. After one month he has already left the program. Was SMU's rigorous academic program just too much?...Dal's final home game is this coming Sunday versus St.FX at 2pm. It will be played at Dalplex and not at the Metro Centre as previously announced. It will be Parker's final home game and he will be honored before play starts for his contribution to Dalhousie athletics.

As always, the numerous "knowledgeable" basketball fans in Ontario are still claiming that Parker

is NOT worthy of the Mike Moser Award, given to the nation's top player. They are still touting their man, Titus Channer, which has made him the favorite for the award. However, in all this Channer-mania, they never chose to compare stats. This may be why:

PLAYER NAME	pts/g		
	fg%	3pt%	ft%
BRIAN PARKER	49%	36.1%	85.4%
	5.5	4.08	5.45
TITUS CHANNER	43%	30%	82%
	4.07	2.6	4.3

As one can clearly see, Parker is better in every statistical category but scoring — which is neck and neck — and, with Dal having two games left, he should top Channer in scoring as well.

Men's V-ball wins consolation finals

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Winnipeg was named Tournament MVP.

It was a rather disappointing finish to an otherwise exceptional season for the Tigers' who had high hopes entering nationals with a strong season behind them. They collected hardware in every tournament this year, including a bronze at Waterloo, gold at Sherbrooke in their second-ever out of province tournament victory, silver at the Dal Classic and, most recently, a bronze at Laval.

Dalhousie will retain a strong team for next season, despite losing three-time AUAA All-Star Hobin, a

fifth-year engineering student from Halifax, who played out his eligibility with five AUAA titles, two CIAU bronze and one CIAU silver. Other possible losses are the leadership of fourth-year veteran standouts Martin and Trepanier, and second-year leftside hitter Mike Vasseur to graduation. Their shoes will be filled by middle Scott Bishop, leftside hitter Matt Hartlen and third-year players such as middles Peter Thurlow and Stevens, who have shown their capabilities this season. The Tigers will be assisted by rookies Wolfenden and Ryan Andrews who both had an impressive first season. The play-making department will have no shortages as solid setting duties will be shared by Cox, Peter Exall and Sasho MacKenzie.

"I'm disappointed that it's over," said Cox. "It was fun to have an opportunity to play with the older guys who are leaving."

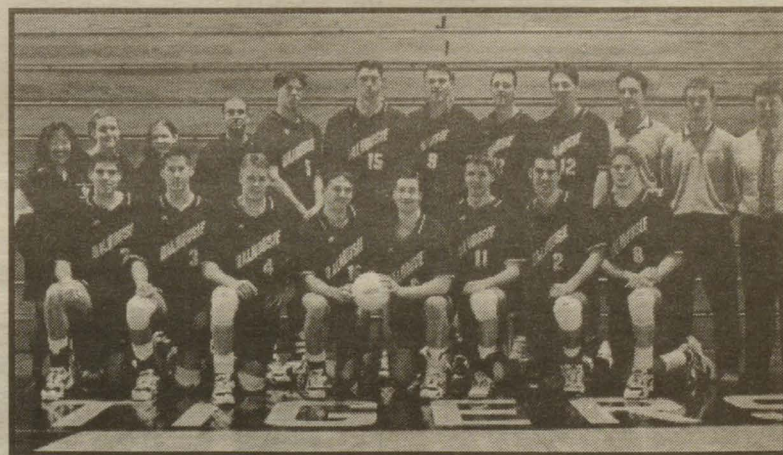
"It was kind of a bumpy season overall. We had some high points and low points but overall it was a great season."

"We lost a couple of key players last year but we gelled quickly as a team, especially after Christmas," noted Stevens. "It is unfortunate to see Hobin done now, but it was a great year for all of us."

Congratulations to the Dal team for all their accomplishments this year, for continuing the Tiger tradition of excellence and for being outstanding ambassadors for Dalhousie.

CIAU Final Standings

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Acadia puts hockey banner out of reach for Dal

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

Another year, another heartache. The Acadia Axemen eliminated the hockey Tigers from the AUAA playoffs for the seventh consecutive year last Friday. Acadia beat Dal 4-0 in the series opener on Wednesday and 2-1 on Friday to sweep the Tigers 2-0 in the division semifinals.

"It just wasn't meant to be," says senior forward Mark Alexander. "We came up against a hot goaltender and we just couldn't score. It was a good ending to a rollercoaster year — everyone gave everything they had."

"I would've liked to get past Acadia this year, my last year — we've lost to them every year in the four years that I've been at Dalhousie."

That sentiment was reflected by a few of Dal's senior players. This was supposed to be Dal's year, and Dal easily had the best team, at least on paper.

"It's rather obvious that our lack of scoring was our achilles heel all season," says assistant coach Kim Houston. "[The team's loss] was not necessarily from a lack of effort."

"A great team effort — a successful failure, I guess. I'm disappointed just in the outcome, not in the way that we played. We outshot them every time," adds Tiger veteran Pat Russell. "I think we deserved to win the series."

Dal overcame a number of obstacles on the way to playoffs. Specifically, Houston notes the loss of senior forward Marc Warner in the season's final game due to "that vicious knee injury" and the return of goaltender Neil Savary to the starting line-up. Warner suffered significant damage to his left knee during Acadia's Feb. 22 visit to Memorial Arena, following a dubious check by Mike O'Leary. Review of the game tape resulted in a two-game suspension for the Axeman winger. Savary overcame a back injury which had sidelined him for several weeks to get back in the game.

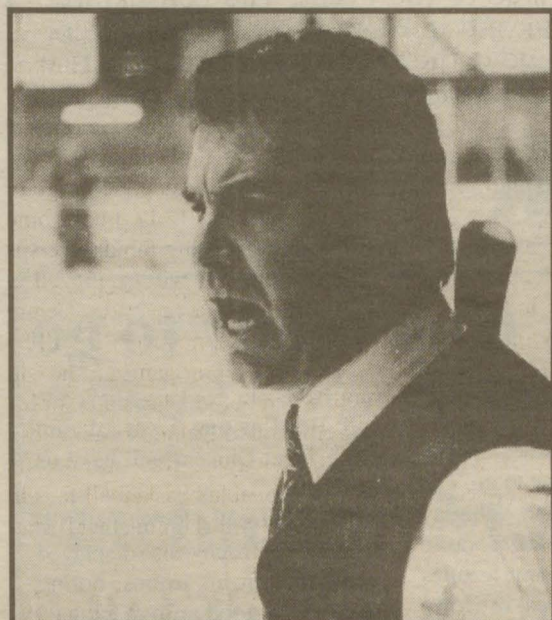
"Neil came off his injury and performed well up to expectations,"

notes Houston.

At Acadia Arena, the Tigers came out stronger in the first period, exhibiting solid defense both in their own end and in the neutral zone, yet the frame remained scoreless. The second period went much the same way, with the Tigers backchecking and forechecking effectively to keep Acadia from scoring, until building tension and

on their team, the residence and Tiger Pride fans who had previously made their presence known were noticeably absent. So much for the home advantage.

"Last year we got past X because of the crowd support," notes Alexander. "This year you could've heard a pin drop when the Acadia fans weren't yelling."



Head Coach Darrell Young. (Photo by Ryan Lash)

In fact, Alexander and Jody Shelley, obviously frustrated at the Tigers' silent crowd, even attempted to wake the Dal fans up as they prompted them with a few chants. Their efforts, for the most part, went unrewarded as any burst of energy was shortlived.

"It was great to hear chants for the Dalhousie hockey team, even though they faced tough competition from the Acadia crowd," adds senior defenceman Richard Ujvary,

frustration caused both teams to run into mild penalty trouble. Acadia captain Paul Doherty was eventually able to beat goaltender Savary on the power play as he went top shelf from the face-off circle at 18:53.

Doherty put away a slapshot from the blueline on Savary's glove side early on in the third to increase the home team's advantage. The Tigers continued to press the Axemen, outshooting them 17-13, yet were unable to put a shot past Trevor Amundrud. Josh St. Louis and Brian Covent added two more goals for the Axemen.

"The coaching staff was proud of the players' efforts," says Houston. "We got into penalty trouble and that sapped us of our energy up at Acadia."

Things should have been a little better at Memorial Arena on Friday, at least in terms of fan support. Yet, while half of Wolfville showed up to cheer

somewhat diplomatically.

Dal hockey came to play and outshot, outplayed and outchanced the Axemen yet were once again kept at bay by Amundrud. The Tigers combined the defence exhibited during the series-opener with strong offense, outshooting Acadia an impressive 41-17.

Jeff Mercer put the Axemen on the board at 8:40 of the second frame and scored again at 2:02 of the third. Though Dal dominated the final period and outshot the visiting team 16-4, Amundrud's winning streak carried through. Dal captain Dave Haynes finally managed to put his team on the board as he put a rebound into the net with just 31 seconds left in the game. The Tigers' momentum could have resulted in another goal yet the Acadia blueline managed to clear the puck a couple of times to once more put the

Kelly Division title out of sight for Dal.

"I think Amundrud beat us. Everyone played their hearts out but we just couldn't score," says Russell, adding, "You can't put the onus on Darrell."

"The last game of the playoffs wasn't very fair to us," says Ujvary. "I think that we should've come out better out of that game but this is sport and you have to deal with it. It's pretty hard to take especially to have lost for my last four years to the same team."

This year's team had faced consistency problems throughout the season, despite a fairly strong start. They eventually finished in third place of the Kelly Division with a disappointing 11-16-1 record which failed to reflect the strength of the team.

"I think out of my four years here, this'll be the team that I remember most because we struggled all year," says Russell.

"We were pretty proud of the way our team came together in the end. We

obviously played with a lot of pride and passion," notes head coach Darrell Young.

"When all is said and done, we didn't leave anything to doubt. We played two very solid games — it was the first time all year that we did that back-to-back."

"Every one of them can hold their head up high," says Houston, adding that it is an unfortunate end to the university career of those players who are graduating this year.

With 13 players still in their freshman or sophomore years, a solid core can be expected to return to the team next season.

"The guys who played key roles for us are all eligible to return next year and that's very positive. Hopefully they'll learn from a little experience," says Young.

"You can't keep saying that it might happen next year. [Former Tiger] Kevin Meisner said that to us in our first year — that you can't wait until your last year [to win]," concludes Alexander.

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Chad Kalmakoff	10-10-20
Jody Shelley	6-11-17
Craig Whynot	5-9-14
Trevor Doyle	2-8-10
Marc Warner	5-3-8
Luke Naylor	3-4-7
Mark Alexander	4-2-6
Richard Ujvary	0-6-6
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CARRIE-LYNNE FAIR
BASKETBALL

Carrie-Lynne averaged 7 rebounds per game in three games this week. With her hustle and work ethic, she led the Tigers by example. It is this type of determination that will be necessary if the girls are going to be successful at this weekend's AUSA Championships at UPEI. Carrie-Lynne is a first-year Arts student from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.



TERRY MARTIN
VOLLEYBALL

Terry was selected as a First Team All-Canadian at the CIAU Men's Volleyball Championships in Calgary. He also recorded 80 kills in three tournament matches to lead the Tigers to victory on the consolation side of the event. The consolation victory was the second in three years for the Tigers who finished second in the nation last year. Terry is a fourth-year Science student from Burlington, Ontario.

of the Week

Upcoming events

MEN'S BASKETBALL
 Mar.5 Dal@ACA 8pm
 Mar.8 SFX@Dal 1pm
 Mar.13 AUAAs@Metro Centre
 Mar.14 AUAAs@Metro Centre
 Mar.15 AUAAs@Metro Centre
 Mar.20 CIAUs@Metro Centre
 Mar.21 CIAUs@Metro Centre
 Mar.22 CIAUs@Metro Centre

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Charity Cup ready to go

BY TIM JARDINE

The Annual IWK Grace Charity Cup hockey game is set to go. The game will take place this Saturday March 7 from 8-10pm at Dalhousie Memorial Arena. The game features a carefully selected team of Howe Hall All-Stars who will face off with the stars of the "past", Howe Hall Alumni All-Stars.

Residence co-ordinator and alumni captain Charles Maxner exhibited a quiet confidence, possibly stemming from last year's 7-1 alumni victory, yet stated "we'll be missing some key players, so we

may have our backs against the wall. But I'm sure Trent [alumni coach Trent Dicken] will have us ready to go."

The coach of the Howe Hall All-Stars, Dave Brophy, also displayed confidence in his troops, noting "We have a good crop of skaters, coupled with some good defence and some great goaltending. The whole team is ready to skate and have a good time for a great charity."

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Thursday, March 5

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Economic Justice, a working group of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the SUB. All are welcome. For location call 494-6662.

People for Animal Welfare will meet at 4pm in the SUB. Call 494-6662 for more info and location.

The Dal Spanish Society meets at 4pm in the Spanish Department, LeMarchant St. All students of Spanish are welcome to attend.

School of Resource & Environmental Studies Seminar Series — James Drescher of the Ecoforestry School in the Maritimes at Windhorse Farm will be lecturing on "Spirituality & Science in the Development of Sustainable Forestry Practices", from 4-5pm in room #41 at 1332 Robie St.

Theatrum Mundi: The 1997 Marion McCain Atlantic Art Exhibition, at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. Several artists and the curator will be present. The Dal Art Gallery is located in the Dal Arts Centre, below the Cohn. It is open from Tues-Sun from 11am-4pm. Admission is free. For more info call 494-2403.

Friday, March 6

Women's Health Collective will meet at 3:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 494-6662.

"High Resolution Laser Spectroscopic Studies of Cobalt Containing Diatomic Molecules", Professor Allan Adam of the UNB department of chemistry will be lecturing at 1:30pm in the Chemistry Building, room 226.

Saturday, March 7

Dal Magic Association meets from 12-6pm in room 318, SUB. Everyone welcome. For more info call Steve at 494-3407.

Monte Carlo Night — Phi Delta Theta will be hosting the

event in support of Multiple Sclerosis. Events start at 8pm in the SUB. For more info call 494-0597.

Annual Howe Hall-IWK Charity Hockey Game will take place from 8-10pm in the Dalhousie Memorial Arena. Admission is \$2 and all proceeds go to the IWK Grace Hospital. For more info call 492-1361.

International Women's Day — "Living the revolutions: Women's Approaches for Change". An event showcasing local women's talent and ideas on a diversity of women's issue in a variety of formats, including music, poetry, dance, lectures, visual and performance art. The event will be held in the O.E. Smith Auditorium of the IWK Grace Health Centre (5850-5980 University Ave.) from 12am-6pm. Sign language interpretation will be provided. For more info call 494-1137 or 494-2432.

Burma Benefit at the Bike Shop Cafe (2099 Gottingen Street). The event will feature Rebecca West, Five Foot Nine, Buck 65, and the Spectre Rays. Event starts at 8:30pm, tickets are \$5 at the door. Money raised will go to Burmese Refugees. The event is organized by the Burma Support Network, a working group of NSPIRG. For more info call 494-0881.

Sunday, March 8

Sunday Mass — The Dal Roman Catholic Chaplaincy celebrates Mass every Sunday at 11:30am in room 307, SUB. All are welcome to join us in a youthful, modern liturgy that reflects university life and experiences. For more info call 494-2287.

Brown Bag Workshop, the Dal Roman Catholic Society will be hosting the workshop in the different forms of prayer. This week's discussion will focus on meditation and contemplation. Workshop begins at 12:30pm in room 307, SUB. For more info call 494-2287.

Monday, March 9

The Bluenose Chess Club will meet at 7pm, room 307, SUB. E-

mail jafraser@is2.dal.ca for more info.

Humans Against Homophobia will be meeting at 6pm, room 316, SUB. People of all sexual orientation and all walks of life are welcome.

Tuesday, March 10

Women's Health Issues, a collective of NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm at the Dalhousie Women's Centre. For more info call 492-6662.

Eco-Action, a working group of the NSPIRG, will meet at 5:30pm in the 2nd floor lounge, SUB. All are welcome. Call 494-6662 for more info.

Wednesday, March 11

Taoist Tai Chi will be held by the Ward 5 Centre at 1:30pm. There is a \$2 drop-in fee. To register call Susan Nordin at 454-7003.

Burma Support Network, a working group of NSPIRG, holds regular meetings at 5:30pm in the second floor lounge, SUB. For more info call 494-6662.

Andrei Rublev a film by Andre Tarkovsky, parts 3 and 4 will be showing at the Dalhousie Art Gallery at 12:30pm and 8:00pm. The Dal Art Gallery is located at the Dal Arts Centre, below the Cohn. The Centre is opened Tuesday through Sunday from 11am-4pm. Admission is free. For more info call 494-2403.

General Announcements

Peers Against Sexual Assault is a student-run peer education group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and educate students and faculty about the prevention of sexual harassment. For more info call 494-1137.

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Make a New Year's Resolution to make a change — come to the Student Volunteer Bureau and find out how you can make a difference in your community. The SVB is located in Room 452 of the SUB. For more info call 494-1561 or e-mail svb@is.dal.ca.

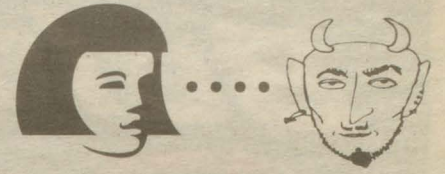
Be a Volunteer! Talents to share? Time on your hands? Meet new people and enjoy new experiences by volunteering at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. For more info call 473-5420.

Learn how to relax and think more clearly during exams. A program will be held at the Counselling Centre, 4th floor, SUB. This four-session program will include physical relaxation, mental coping and exam writing techniques. For further info information call 494-2081.

Wanted: a Chief Returning

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