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Dal targets aggressive religious recruiting

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

The Dalhousie Student Union and university chaplains' office have begun a campaign to warn students about aggressive religious groups on campus.

With the support of the student union, the chaplains' office has published a pamphlet and posted the campus with signs warning students to guard themselves against forceful religious recruiting techniques.

The pamphlets, entitled "Religious Groups at Dalhousie University: What to expect, What to accept, and What to avoid — making an informed decision", were in frosh packs and are available at the chaplains' office and the info desk of the Student Union Building (SUB).

The posters were hung throughout the campus.

In addition, there will be a section on aggressive religious recruitment in "Dal: The Book", the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) handbook.

Dalhousie chaplain Clement Mehlman says the campaign began when the chaplains' office and the student union began to hear com-

plaints about religious soliciting on campus.

"I became aware last fall of students who were placed in embarrassing moments because they had expressed interest in certain groups and then when they started having second thoughts they were being pressured to remain in those groups," he said.

"I was with one person who was at worship Sunday morning and [he] was getting phone calls as to why he hadn't gone to [worship at] another place."

Mehlman says that defining aggressive religious recruitment is difficult.

"It's really a matter of what is unwanted," he said, adding that if recruitment tactics are continued after it is made clear the subject is not interested, it can be considered aggressive behavior.

Brian Kellow, executive vice-president of the DSU, has also received complaints about soliciting on campus — centering around the Halifax-Dartmouth Church of Christ, a branch of the International Church of Christ. Kellow says these complaints are one reason the student union opted to support the pamphlet's publication.

"There is some relation to the International Church of Christ," he said of the pamphlets. "One of their members who came to talk to me said that there were young people here who had left home...it was a transition period in their life and an ideal time for [the students] to hear the word of God."

"If the students are being targeted then I think it's appropriate that we give them the tools to make educated choices," he added.

But Kellow also says the pamphlet and poster campaign are not aimed solely at the International Church of Christ.

"This isn't the only group we're concerned with. We just want to make sure that when students get involved in a religious group they're going in eyes open."

Kevin Robins, minister of the Halifax-Dartmouth Church of Christ, says he agrees with the idea of a pamphlet campaign.

"I don't have a problem with what the DSU is doing. I think people need to be aware, need to be wise in their relationship with God," he said. "I think the problem comes when others try to quench expression of belief."

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Are frats part of Dal? Sigma Chi not warned of Shruballs in February

BY SHELLEY ROBINSON

William Shruballs, then known as Ian Thor Green, was banned from the Dalhousie campus in late February.

Shruballs was arrested on June 22 in connection with several sexual assaults and charges of aggravated assault, unlawful confinement and attempting to strangle a woman.

Until his arrest on June 22, Shruballs lived in the Sigma Chi fraternity house.

Members of the Sigma Chi fraternity — two of whom interrupted the assault that led to Shruballs' arrest — have said they had no knowledge of Shruballs' activities.

The "Sigma Chi house", as it is known, is on South

St. right next to the university's Sociology department and

Physical Plant.

Whether an organization so close to campus, with Dal students as members and recruitment at frosh week events, is affiliated with Dalhousie is at the heart of questions about whether the university had a responsibility to inform the fraternity of Shruballs' ban.

The university says it didn't.

Chris Lydon, Sigma Chi president and a Dalhousie student, says that although Dal security couldn't have known about Shruballs' background, they should have contacted the fraternity.

"Obviously we would have liked to be warned," he said.

Christine Smith, a spokesperson for the university says the case was handled like any

other.

"There would be no reason to go and tell the neighbourhood," she said. "All this information on William Shruballs wasn't known."

Smith also says Sigma Chi, like all other fraternities, isn't affiliated with Dalhousie.

"If it's perceived that there is [an affiliation between the university and fraternities], then that perception is wrong," she said.

But Brian Kellow, executive vice-president of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) doesn't see the distinction so clearly.

"I think that any group that is affiliated with the university yet isn't affiliated in any official way, they kind of get to ride on the credibility of the university," he said.

Sigma Chi, and a number of other fraternities, also had booths set up at Welcome Fair — a frosh week recruitment event.

Sororities and fraternities were the only non-Dalhousie affiliated groups at the fair.

Kellow says having the groups there was a mistake, but one that has been a tradition

during frosh week.

"It's tacit approval, but it's unintentional," he says. "It gave the appearance that frats and sororities are endorsed."

So while Kellow acknowledges that the university may have had no legal responsibility, he isn't prepared to say they have no responsibility at all.

"If the university and if campus security...knew that there was a dangerous man on campus — I would hope that they would inform not only the Sigma Chi house but their students," he said.

Dalhousie Security would not comment on the case.

Eric McKee, vice-president student services, says that Dal's policy of not recognizing fraternities isn't unusual across Canada, and that monitoring students' off-campus lives is not the university's job.

"We respect [students'] right to choose where they live and to choose who they live with and to form organizations," he said.

"And I think there's some individual responsibility involved in that."



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Posters warn against religious aggression

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University chaplains were also concerned that the posters and pamphlets — intended as religious education — may scare students away from all religious groups.

"This [pamphlet] could make people vigilant and wary of any group. [Another brochure, 'Places of Worship and Prayer at and Near Dalhousie'], is meant to send students to tried and true places," Mehlman said.

The educational campaign is based on similar campaigns at the University of Toronto and Ryerson Polytechnic University.

The posters are from the University of Toronto, modified with stickers to say "Dal" over "U of T" in the final slogan "Aggressive religious recruiting is a reality at Dal."

In one case a poster depicts two women walking through a campus, overlaid with the words "So my best friend's not talking to me, my grades suck and things could not be worse, when I meet these really great people who invite me to what seems like a totally cool party and I'm thinkin' hey maybe my luck's about to change...think again". Another is splashed with the words: "Captive; gravitate; isolate; intimidate; segregate, alienate, dominate."

All the posters provide phone numbers to contact if, as the poster states, "you are feeling threatened or harassed by members of a religious group". These numbers include Dalhousie's security office, student union, International Student Centre and the chaplaincy office.

Like Dal, Ryerson has also had complaints about religious recruitment on campus. They place pamphlets in frosh packs every year.

The group that Ryerson says they've had the most complaints about is the Toronto Church of Christ, another branch of the International Church of Christ.

"They have tried to form a student group here on campus for several years, but I'll tell you, over my dead body," said Leatrice Spevack, Student Groups Coordinator at Ryerson. "We do not support groups we've had...complaints against."

"It's in part of our bylaws, as part of our student group policy. We [don't] recognize [the Toronto Church of Christ]."

Correction:

Last week, in Kaveri Gupta's article "Taxes push building into the red", The Gazette reported that the university "forgot to account for sales tax" in its estimates for the new ASSB. The Gazette apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

How can I identify the high-pressure groups?

Observe the group's responses to you and how you feel. If you can answer 'yes' to three or more of the following statements, you should seriously reconsider your involvement:

- The group seems to be perfect. Everyone agrees and follows all orders cheerfully.
- They claim to have "all the answers" to your problems.
- The group offers "instant friendship". They will not take "no" for an answer; invitations are impossible to refuse without feeling guilty and/or ungrateful.
- You are asked to recruit new members soon after joining.
- The group insists on total obedience to their leaders and discourages questions or doubts as signs of weak faith. You may be rejected or shunned if you persist with questions.
- Your parents and friends are described as being "unable to understand or help you" with religious matters.
- The group encourages you to put their meetings and activities before all other commitments, including studying.
- The group puts down your past religious, social, or political affiliation.

Why are these Groups allowed on campus?

Dalhousie University has a policy of freedom of speech and association which allows all students to form groups and meet on campus for any legal activity. As a result you may find such groups meeting on campus at places such as the Student Union Building. Giving a group space does not mean endorsing their beliefs, activities, or ways they operate.

This means that you need to protect yourself by asking questions and seeking advice from any of the many representatives of student services on the campus who are informed and are there to help you. Even if you have concerns about off campus groups, there are people on campus who will listen to your concerns.

Excerpted from "Religious Groups at Dalhousie University: What to expect, What to accept, and What to avoid — making an informed decision".

Ottawa directed RCMP to limit protests

BY DOUGLAS QUAN AND SARAH GALASHAN

VANCOUVER (CUP) — High-ranking government officials, including Prime Minister Jean Chretien, directed RCMP officers to limit the level of protests during last year's meeting of 15 Pacific Rim leaders because they didn't want to embarrass then-Indonesian president Suharto, leaked internal documents suggest.

And students involved in RCMP Public Complaints Commission hearings investigating police actions during the APEC Summit say political interference hasn't ended. They say the inquiry has been skewed in favour of the Mounties from the start — and some say they will boycott the proceedings when they officially begin Oct. 5.

At a press conference last Wednesday, complainants sat next to 38 stacks of empty boxes, representative, they said, of their inability to mount an effective complaint against the RCMP. The two boxes of documents they do have access to have been heavily edited, they added.

"Every attempt has been blocked to make this a just inquiry," said complainant Garth Mullins, who represents a group of 29 complainants.

The documents do suggest, however, that federal officials tried to placate In-

donesian delegates who were concerned demonstrators would embarrass Suharto.

Notes from a meeting between Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy and Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas indicate Alatas was worried a poster campaign conducted by the East Timorese Alert Network would embarrass Suharto. Suharto's military regime had occupied East Timor since the 1970s.

"If it caused concern to the Canadian government because agitation of these groups could not be controlled and the dignity of President [Suharto] was sullied, then [Suharto] would rather not come to Canada," Alatas said, according to the notes. In response, "the Minister [Axworthy] said he apologized for the poster campaign," the notes read.

It also appears government officials gave direct orders to the RCMP to limit the visibility of demonstrators and protest signs.

In hand-written notes, RCMP Supt. Wayne May wrote, "Security perimeter will need to be adjusted at UBC re: protesters. PM-specific wish that this is a retreat and leaders should not be distracted by demos, etc."

And in his hand-written notes, RCMP Inspector Perry Edwards cited comments from RCMP Supt. Trevor Thompsett regarding

students who were camped out on the APEC site at the University of British Columbia: "Trevor T. — PM 'wants the tenters out.'"

Another RCMP officer, Staff Sgt. Peter Montague, wrote to the APEC security office to say he had personally assured the Indonesian delegation that Suharto would not be embarrassed.

"I assured them that if there was a demonstration on a major motorcade route, we would take an alternate route to avoid potential embarrassment," he wrote.

At least one RCMP official expressed concerns about political interference in security operations, and wondered whether the RCMP had the authority to remove protest signs.

"Common sense tells us we do not want banners nor would the [Prime Minister's office]," Staff Sgt. Bill Dingwall wrote in an e-mail to Thompsett. "Having said that, banners are not a security issue. They are a political issue."

This week, Chretien defended the security measures taken at the APEC meeting and insisted they were done to protect students.

In his memo, Montague wrote that Indonesian delegates planned to carry weapons and had inquired about "what would happen to one of their [security officials] if he pulled his gun

and shot someone during the visit?"

But Craig Jones, a law student who was arrested during the summit, doesn't accept the government's argument that it was concerned for the safety of students. He says the documents suggest Ottawa conspired to subvert people's constitutional right to freedom of expression.

"These are strong words, perhaps the strongest I've ever said, but they are apt," Jones said.

However, Mullins says that unless changes are made to ensure a fair and balanced hearing, many complainants may boycott the hearings — even though some members have been subpoenaed to appear.

They've been restricted access to documents, and haven't been free to summon government officials — including the Prime Minister — for the hearings, they say.

Last week, the federal government also denied legal funding to the complainants. The RCMP officers involved in the hearings are represented by eight publicly-funded lawyers.

In explaining his decision, Solicitor General Andy Scott said, "These [RCMP] members may be subject to disciplinary measures as a result of the proceedings — complainants do not face similar potential consequences."

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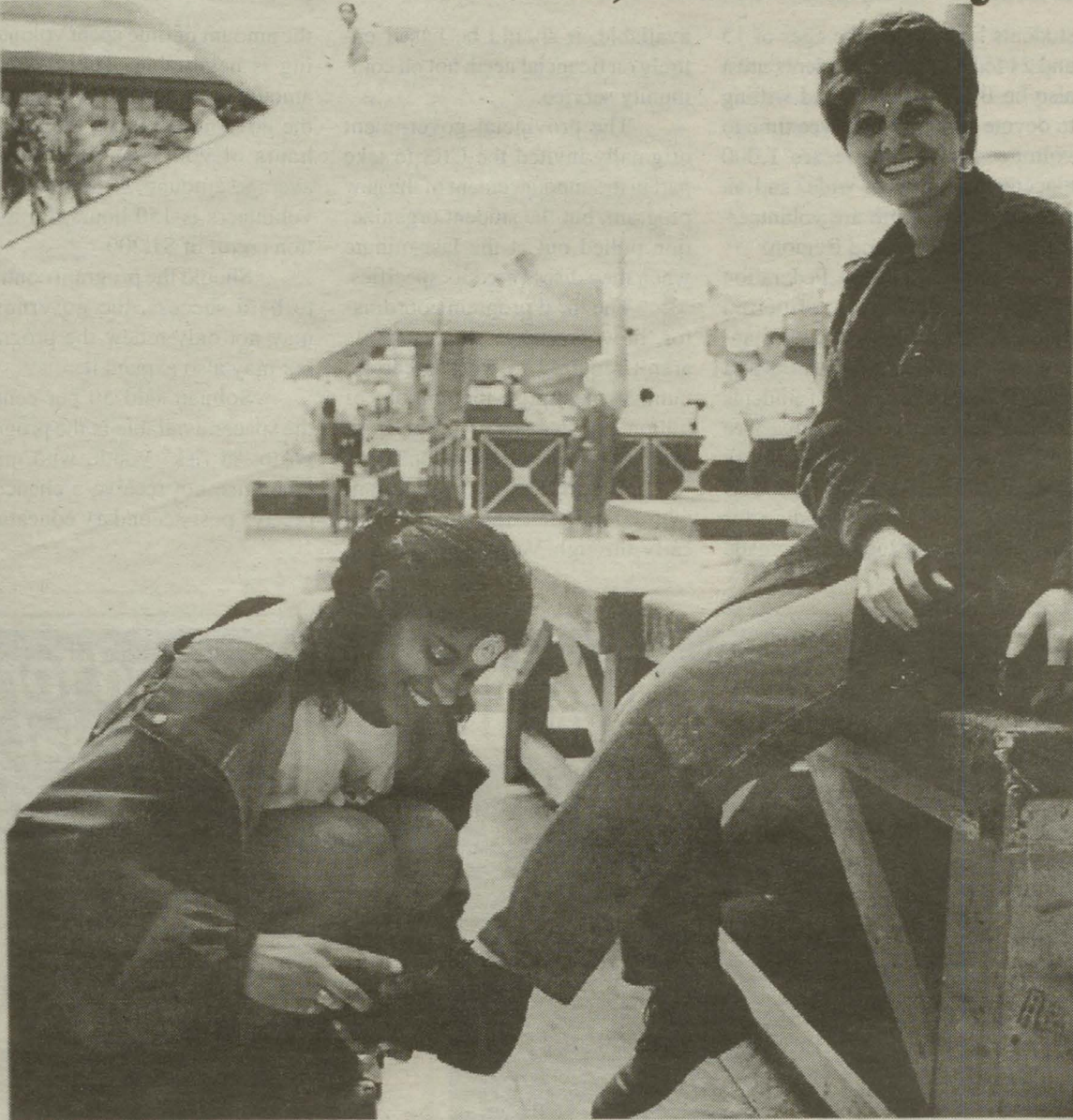
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Although that total is \$6,000 less than what was raised last year, DSU vp community affairs Dean Naugler is very happy with the effort of volunteers.

"Last year [Shinerama was held] on a really sunny day," Naugler said. "If it hadn't have been for the weather, we could have beaten last year."

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Students volunteer free time, get tuition in return

BY JULIET RICE

VICTORIA (CUP) — Once again, the British Columbia government is trying to demonstrate that it cares about its students, and this time, the result is a new program that means some students can trade volunteer work for tuition credit.

Announced in June, the program is already in full swing in Victoria. According to one student who's using it, the new initiative is already working.

"It's great," says Rodney Wilps, who volunteers at the Garth Holmer Society for credit through the new Youth Community Action

program. "I get volunteer experience, credit for tuition, and it looks great on a resume."

The new program, which is the most recent component of Youth Options B.C., was created to "provide B.C. young people with education, skills training, and work experience opportunities."

Employers say they're already benefiting from the program.

"It's such a great program—it has enabled us to undertake activities which we otherwise could not have done," said Sharon Sinclair, of the Garth Holmer Society.

The program requires that

students be between the ages of 15 and 24 to be eligible. Students must also be B.C. residents, and willing to devote some of their free time to volunteer work. There are 1,000 placements province-wide, and an estimated 170 youth are volunteering in the South Island Region.

But the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), who criticized the initiative when it was first announced, said the program doesn't provide equal access for all students because not everyone has the free time to volunteer for community projects. Maura Parte, the local CFS chair, also said if new funding for post-secondary education is made

available, it should be based entirely on financial need, not on community service.

The provincial government originally invited the CFS to take part in the announcement of the new program, but the student organization pulled out at the last minute when they discovered its specifics.

The local program coordinator, however, says that students aren't required to work a certain number of hours—the amount of tuition credit given is proportionate to the time a student donates.

According to Jay Solman, who coordinates the program locally through Volunteer Victoria,

the amount of time spent volunteering is negotiable. The maximum amount of tuition credit donated by the government is \$2,400, for 300 hours of volunteer time, but the average amount of time a student volunteers is 150 hours, for a tuition credit of \$1,200.

Should the program continue to be a success, the government may not only renew the program, but may also expand it.

Solman said 50 per cent of the spaces available in the program go to "at risk" youth, who might otherwise not receive a chance to receive post-secondary education.

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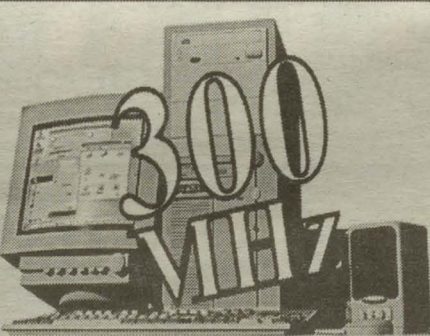
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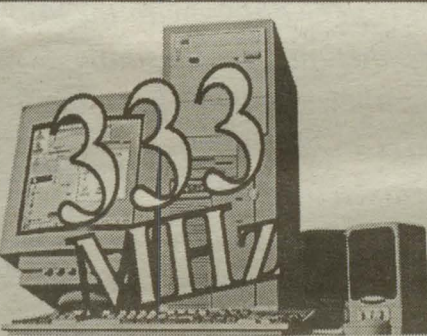
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Collapse of private college sparks debate

To what extent should private post-secondary institutions be regulated?

BY MICHAEL CONNORS
AND MARK TIPPLE

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Ambrose Hickey, a student at an aviation school owned by the Career Academy, was looking forward to completing his studies last month. The Aircraft Maintenance student says he only had five weeks left to go in his program when he was met with an unexpected setback — his school closed down.

"First it was just disbelief," Hickey said. "I mean, Friday morning we wrote a test, and then all of a sudden they say, 'Oh, by the way, your school is closed'."

Hickey was one of many students and employees at the Academy's 14 campuses in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Ontario who were displaced by the school's sudden August 14 collapse due to financial problems.

The closure of the 19-year-old college — one of Newfoundland's oldest and largest privately-run post-secondary training schools — was met with outrage from students who wondered how they'd be able to finish their studies.

Demanding a guarantee that they'd be able to complete their education, about 120 former Career Academy students, including Hickey, spent two weeks camped out on the front lawn of the Newfoundland provincial legislature.

In response, the government arranged for Newfoundland's 1,400 Career Academy students to finish their programs at other schools, while the Career Academy tried to find new

investors to take over the college.

Hickey, who was transferred to a public aviation

college system, Hickey adds.

"The main reason I went to a private college is because none of the other

Scotia, also owned by the Career Academy, has prompted the Nova Scotia government to regulate the

public college programs generally reported higher earnings than students who graduated from one- and two-year private college programs. Further, the report found that graduates of university masters' and diploma programs and three-year public college programs were more likely to find employment related to their field of study than graduates of shorter private and public college programs.

Last month, the Newfoundland provincial government decided to stop granting licences for new private colleges and launch a public review of Newfoundland's private post-secondary industry.

Dale Kirby, president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Students, says problems with private colleges are no surprise.

He says there's a lack of quality control in the private college system.

"I think that assurance is there in the public system, because it's publicly funded and there's public accountability," he said. "In the private industry, there's no legislation other than what government decides to legislate. And the [Newfoundland government] hasn't decided to legislate too tightly."

school in nearby Gander, says the saga has damaged people's confidence in privately-run colleges.

"If it can happen to our school after 20 years, what's to say it can't happen to a new school that's only open two years?" he said.

"I've been talking to a lot of people and [they] are not considering private colleges as a way to go. Right now there's no stability there as far as a lot of people are concerned."

On the other hand, there are problems with accessibility in the public col-

leges could offer what I wanted. Gander, Newfoundland could offer it, but there was a three-year waiting list and it's a three-year course," he said. "So that would have been six years, whereas I got in right away with [the Career Academy] and I should have been finished in 15 months."

But the closure of the Career Academy is just the latest in a series of incidents that have raised questions about private colleges in Newfoundland.

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Province raking in the bucks from student loan user fees

BY ANGELIA PACIENZA

TORONTO (CUP) — The Ontario government doesn't think there is anything wrong with charging user fees to needy students re-

questing help to fund their education, a ministry official says.

"It's like a whole lot of things in our modern lifestyle," said Danièle Gauvin, communications officer for the Ontario Ministry of Education, of the user-fees. "The

people who are actually using the service sometimes are asked to cover the cost of it rather than others who aren't using that particular service."

The provincial Tories were criticized last month when the Ontario Liberals learned that user fees charged to students borrowing money from the province totals more than \$800,000.

"It's like a slap in the face for students who are applying to the government for help to be able to go to school," says Lyn McLeod, a Liberal member of provincial parliament.

The information was contained in a report obtained through a Freedom of Information request filed by McLeod's office. The report shows that money collected from Ontario Student Assistance Program user fees is put into a general revenue fund.

A \$2 user fee on a 1-900 telephone number for information on student loans was implemented in November 1996 and has since collected nearly \$400,000 from students.

This month, the line will be operating at its busiest, as students find out about the status of their loans.

Another \$420,000 has been collected from a \$10 fee for students filing paper appli-

cations. But the ministry says it wouldn't be practical to do so.

"There's so many thousands of different individual fees in government that it would cost a lot to administer, to put back into its file," said Gauvin, adding the money earns interest in a general account and is used for various government expenditures.

Students who wish to avoid user charges are asked to file applications and check their status via the Internet.

After the release of the report, Johnson said students could use a 1-800 telephone line instead of the 1-900 line which charges them a \$2 fee. However, he later retracted his statement when the 1-800 number turned out to be out of service.

The toll free line was disconnected in December 1996 and replaced with the 24-hour service line.

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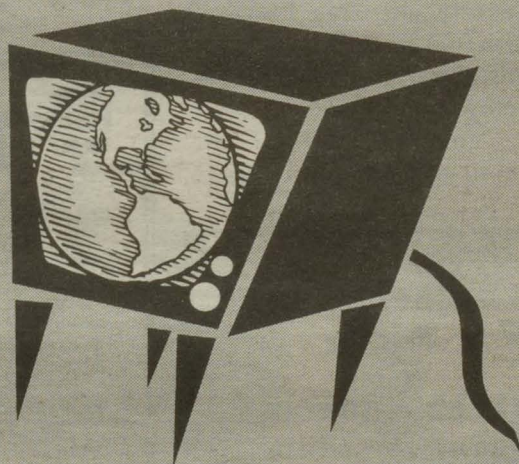
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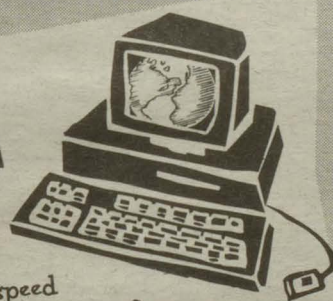
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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Dalhousie in deep with organic garbage

BY BRIANNE JOHNSTON AND ANDREW GILLIS

Banana peels, fallen leaves and all your leftovers — think twice before you toss them in the nearest trash can. The Municipality of Halifax has enacted a new by-law revamping the way it disposes of garbage.

As of November 30, citizens will no longer be able to dispose compost-able material at landfill sites, or in typical garbage cans. Instead, the municipality will provide citizens with green carts for the collection of organic material.

This action, combined with previous and future initiatives, will result in a 50 per cent reduction of waste in Nova Scotia by the year 2000.

Jim Bald of the Solid Wastes Department at the Halifax Regional Municipality says present efforts are geared towards residential areas. Although, businesses and institutions are temporarily exempted, they will be forced to comply with the by-law in the future. This means that Dalhousie University will have to act in accordance with

the new ban.

Mike Murphy, manager of Environmental Services at Dalhousie, said that he has already discussed options with Food Service representatives at Dal.

"We met last week with some Food Services representatives. We visited a food composting facilities at McDonald's and the Atlantic Superstore, who are presently involved with releasing their own waste,"

Murphy said. "The plan [at Dal] is to hit the large producers first — the cafeteria, the [Student Union Building] and the residences."

However, Murphy is not as optimistic about the feasibility of a composting program for the remainder of the Dal community.

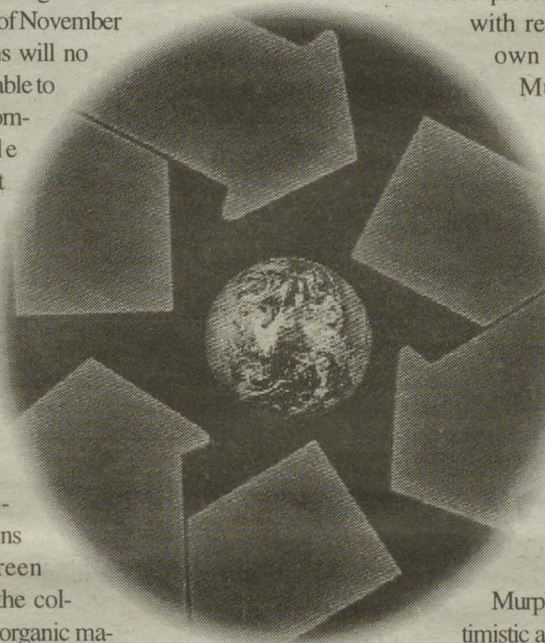
"It is difficult to control because there are so many buildings and so many lounges where anyone has the opportunity to throw an apple core [into the garbage]," Murphy said. "We also have to consider how easy [the containers] are to handle and dispose of."

But Bald says that there are economic incentives for businesses who compost organic materials.

"It now costs \$100 to dump mixed waste into landfills," he said.

"It only costs \$70 to compost organic materials."

Waste sent to a landfill site, from institutions and businesses, will be inspected routinely. If the amount of organic material in the waste exceeds 70 per cent, the waste will be brought to a composting site. Fees and charges will be applied as required. If a business is a recurring offender, the municipality will no longer accept its garbage.



Tips for Backyard Composting

-In summer months, try spraying small amounts of vinegar into your compost bin to keep the fruit-flies away.

-Carts are built to be kept outside.

-To ensure material is collected on collection day, be sure to have the cart out by 7:00 am.

Acceptable Materials for your new compost bin

Food Waste:

- Fruit and vegetable peelings
- Meat and fish (including shellfish)
- Dairy product
- Bread and pasta
- Bones

Yard Waste:

- Grass and leaves
- House and garden plant waste

Box Board:

- Cereal boxes
- Toilet paper rolls

Soiled and non-recyclable paper:

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Controversial drug under review in Canada

BY TRACY FRAUZEL

TORONTO (CUP) — Drink milk, love life? Maybe not for long.

A drug that has been associated with diseased cows and risks in human health in the United States is currently being reviewed by the federal government for use in Canada.

And the level of secrecy surrounding this investigation has sparked concerns that Health Canada is not capable of making an objective assessment of the recombinant Bovine Growth Hor-

mone (rBGH) that is manufactured by the Monsanto Company based in St. Louis.

The Bovine Growth Hormone, a naturally occurring hormone produced by the pituitary gland of cows, is responsible for growth, metabolism and milk production. When given extra doses of the growth hormone, cows may produce up to 30 per cent more milk.

Controversy in the United States centres around the lack of testing done before the drug was approved for use on dairy farms.

The drug was pushed through the Federal Drug Administration. Only 90 days of research were conducted and there was no rigorous testing for long term effects, including carcinogenic and reproductive tests.

In Canada, the drug has been under review by officials at Health Canada since 1989. Former employees point to mismanagement within the department as the reason for the prolonged study. They believe the review has failed and the allowance of the drug would put the health of Canadians at risk.

Charles Knight was a Florida farmer when he encountered Monsanto's drug, Posalac. This artificial copy of the naturally produced Bovine Growth Hormone is the reason Knight says he retired from the dairy business.

"The first month was miraculous in terms of production, but then we started having health problems with the cows, including mastitis," said Knight.

Mastitis is a painful infection of the cow's udder, and the resulting puss can contaminate milk. Furthermore, the antibiotics that are used to treat the infections may end up in the milk supply.

Monsanto does list increased occurrences of mastitis as a possible side effect on the drug's warning label, along with an increase in cystic ovaries, uterus disorders, digestive disorders and

lesions. But Monsanto doesn't claim responsibility for these problems, which cripple cows and make them unsafe for milk production.

Adele Pelland, a public affairs representative for Monsanto, says this is a legal requirement.

"It's like any kind of label, it has to list possible side effects that could happen. Some of these may eventually be taken off the label if [researchers] find that [the drug] is not causing that," Pelland said.

Knight complained about the side effects to the company, but he says Monsanto didn't help him.

"I called up Monsanto and they said it was my problem, they blamed my management."

He believes the Posalac drug is directly accountable for the mastitis and other side effects his cows have experienced.

"The rBGH kicks the cow into high speed, causing excessive milk production, and that is why you have these stress-related problems with it," Knight explains.

Knight's cows eventually became immune to the antibiotics and he discovered that many of

them could not be used for milk production anymore.

"My veterinarian finally said, 'If you don't quit using rBGH, I can't help you'," Knight said.

"It was like they were addicted to it, then they just stopped producing."

In addition to the crippling effects of the drug on cows, Knight is also concerned about the incidental health risks to humans. The cows were being given antibiotics to combat diseases induced by the use of rBGH. Trace amounts of these antibiotics could show up in the milk supply and would then end up on kitchen tables across the country. According to an independent study by Dr. Samuel S. Epstein, published in the *International Journal of Health Services*, these small doses could effect human immune systems over time.

Other farmers are not deterred by the risks. For them, this is a profitable business. But because of the growing controversy surrounding the drug's use in the U.S., most of the farmers using Posalac will not openly admit it.



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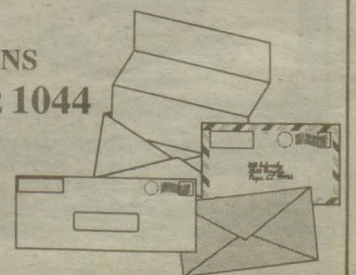
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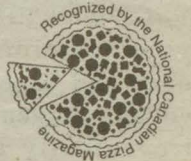
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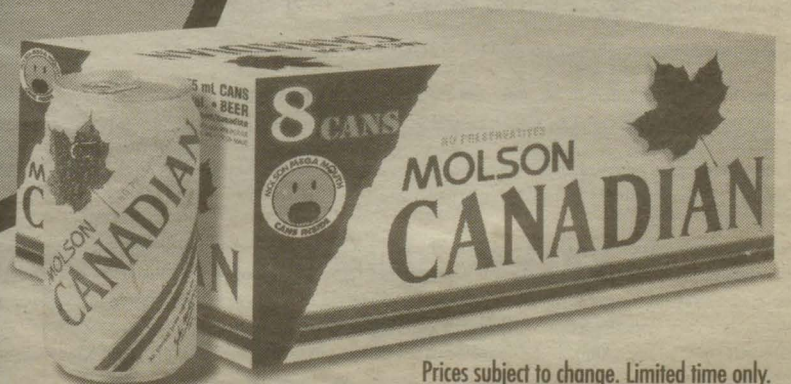
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Slowly, you learn to always travel with a friend — if there's no one to walk with you, you don't go. You memorize well lit walkways and the locations of telephones and blue lights in case of an emergency.

And eventually the fear becomes such a part of your life it makes you feel safe, because you think you know exactly what to do about it.

Until, one day, you turn on the news and an American fugitive has been arrested in Halifax. He was living in the Sigma Chi fraternity house, just down the street from the Student Union Building. You may have seen him everyday.

Imagine this man, convicted of manslaughter, sexual abuse, sodomy and unlawful treatment of a minor, sitting beside you in the cafeteria, or behind you in line at the bank machine. What might he have been thinking? Imagine all the times you were following all the rules and naively thought you were safe. He could have been standing

right beside you. A few years ago, a friend of mine was taking an evening class, and I remember her talking about a guy in her class who would sit as close to her as possible and then follow her home. Naturally, this frightened her. Eventually she worked it out with some guys in her resi-

dence that there would always be someone to walk her home. While we all sympathized with her concerns, I remember telling her she probably had nothing to

won't leave. Possibly, the guy following my friend was harmless. And, sure, most men on campus are harmless. The problem is, how do we trust that now? How do I, when I meet someone new, trust that he is who he claims to be, and not someone dangerous? I can no longer say to myself, "things like that just don't happen here," because all of a sudden they did.

This past summer, a woman was raped one block away from my apartment, on a route I routinely walked alone. I thought this was a safe place. I was wrong.

Now I feel like I was also wrong to feel safe on campus. Yes, there are blue lights and emergency phones and Tiger Patrol, and these can all help me avoid an emergency. What they can't do is stop me from forming a friendship with someone who isn't who he says he is. I can run to a blue light if someone is chasing me across campus, but a blue light can't stop me from giving my phone number to some guy I think I can trust, but really can't.

I was just settling in to a feeling of comfort on campus. I thought I was safe, thought I knew who I could trust. That's all gone to hell. I don't want to fear men for the rest of my life, but I'm beginning to wonder if I have a choice in the matter. How do I ignore what is going on around me?

NATALIE MACLELLAN

Editorial



CUP GRAPHIC: Curt/Carillon 1997

worry about and that he was probably just some freak with a crush who would never do anything to hurt her.

Now I have to wonder. Would he have hurt her if he had the chance? Who was he? Two years ago, the thought that a fugitive was hiding on campus would never have crossed my mind. Now it

Letters

Misrepresentation of facts

To the editor,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the misinformation in the opening sentence of the article "Taxes push building into the red" (The Gazette, September 10, 1998).

As you know, both vice president Mason and I were interviewed by your reporter, Kaveri Gupta, and we took pains to provide her with a clear statement of facts about the project. In particular, we made it clear that the university did not forget "to account for sales tax." It is most regrettable, therefore, that, while Ms. Gupta's article is substantially factually correct, the opening sentence cannot but leave your readers with a totally false impression. In fact, I understand this sentence did not appear in the copy submitted by Ms. Gupta but, for reasons best known to them, was added by your editorial staff.

While I recognize the editor's role in "shaping" articles (e.g. — to meet the demands of space, syntax, etc.), I submit it should never be exercised at the expense of the facts. Your acknowledgement of this cardinal rule, and a correction, in the next edition of The Gazette would be much appre-

ciated. Sincerely,

Bill Lord
Director, Facilities Management
Dalhousie University

Transcription errors

To the editor,

Several errors and omissions appeared in my opinion piece of September 10, "Persons with disabilities patronized at Dal". Those errors, addressed as follows, occurred during transcription by Gazette staff.

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error: some compensatory effects can still be taken...

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Yours truly,

MARY MACDONALD

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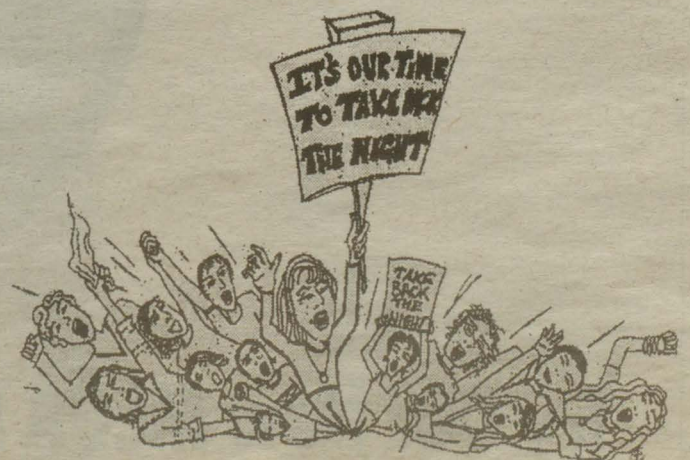
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No more wimpy chips: the trouble with strikes

Anyone who has read my opinion pieces over the last three years will know that I am not a big fan of strikes. Its not that the employees don't deserve what they are asking for, that has to be decided on a case by case basis, but no one group should have the power to arbitrarily inconvenience hundreds of thousands of people.

In general I feel that greater effort should be put into avoiding strikes. Binding arbitration should be used more often, particularly when the organization in question is likely to disrupt a great number of lives, i.e. the Post Office.

Now, having said that, once a strike occurs and has been concluded there truly is a responsibility of both the employees and the employers to apologize to the con-

sumer, and let them know that it is business as usual. A company or group of employees that does not do that is taking the consumer for granted and really have no business in any consumer oriented occupation.

Point in case. There have been two widespread and halting strikes in the last three months that have really affected Haligonians. One is the Air Canada pilots strike and the other is the Metro Transit strike. Both strikes affected hundreds of thousands of people, and both were transportation oriented providing a basis for comparison.

Now I must confess that I have initial sympathy for the Air Canada pilots, mainly because they are highly trained and skilled individuals who operate immensely

complicated pieces of machinery. They took pay cuts and lost parity to assist the once troubled airline to get its books in order. Now that Air Canada is in the black they felt that they should be paid in range of their american counterparts, fair enough. But what really got me was that when the strike ended the pilots showed genuine sorrow and regret for the inconvenience they had caused, swish - two points.

All that aside, what really struck me was how the two companies and sets of employees responded to the aftermath of the strike.

The day the strike ended Metro Transit increased fares. Not a good start. Being a frequent rider of Metro Transit, I did not see any particular effort to make the driv-

ers more friendly or open to the riders. Strike Two.

However, the piece de resistance came yesterday. I had just received off the bus with a particularly surly driver and was waiting to cross the street. The driver pulled away from the stop, in the same lane, and stopped at the red light eight feet away. A little old lady ran to catch the bus, waving her Metropass. She got to the door in plenty of time, the light wasn't even close to changing. She was out of breath and looked like she was about to have a stroke. She knocked on the door and showed her pass. The driver looked straight at her, grinned and slowly shook his head. The light changed and the bus pulled away with a very distressed elderly person standing on the corner. Strike

three, yer out, asshole; I only wished I had received his name.

Air Canada, on the other hand will be offering reduced fares for the next month and a half, and will generally be kissing your ass in the hopes you will fly Air Canada again. I refuse to judge that airline too harshly. It has taken ten years for Air Canada to switch from a cushy crown corporation who could lose money hand over fist without anyone caring, to a competitive aggressive player in an already overcrowded industry.

Maybe if Metro Transit became a public company with shareholders, they might give a ship about their clientele.

DAN CLARK

The impeachable President

What a relief to Americans everywhere. I'm glad that the investigation is over. Which one? You mean you didn't hear that Osama bin Laden has been arrested in Afghanistan?

Of course not, we're all too busy being distracted by sex. The report emerging from the independent counsel Ken Starr has charged Bill Clinton with eleven impeachable offenses, including perjury and witness tampering. While they might not seem like a tremendous malfeasance, they are crimes which circumvent the constitution Clinton vowed to uphold.

His legal problems stem from his attempts to cover up his affair in his Paula Jones deposition, not from the affair itself. We should ask ourselves if he should. After all, if we can fire a blonde bomber pilot for adultery, and then lying about it, why not our commander-in-chief?

The American public appears to be supporting their president. A CNN/Time poll has Clinton at roughly 60% approval (Sept. 5). The mood coming out of the States now is that they would have forgiven his extramarital transgressions, but not lying about it. Even his August 17th televised address was criticized for its "legalese" text, not to mention that he accused Ken Starr of prolonging the investigation. But if Clinton had come forward in the first place, the investigation wouldn't have dragged this further seven months.

The adultery has also distracted everyone from the more serious charges that the president faces. There is still the issue of illegal campaign contributions, which has Clinton accepting Chinese donations and then granting China satellite export licences. There's also the infamous Whitewater land deal,

Filegate, Travelgate, Troopergate, and any other 'gate you can think of.

It's interesting that people choose to compare the Lewinsky affair to the Watergate break-in, because the cases are more similar than impeachment proceedings. Richard Nixon was also charged with lying to the public about the Watergate affair after he stated publicly he did not know about it and

to fall into, I remember as early as November of last year how he was being criticized on every network for his "caretaker" President attitude, with shots of him golfing with all his lawyer buddies.

Oh sure, he has no qualms about accepting credit for other peoples' accomplishments. Why, look at campaign finance reform (credit to Sen. John McCain), taking on Big Tobacco (again, McCain), a balanced budget in five years (Republican Congress, while he was saying it could be done in seven to nine years), and peace in Ireland (I won't even touch that).

He does, however, have a knack for apologizing, but apologizing now is too late. Clinton must resign now, although even only two years of Al Gore will be bitter medicine to swallow. (Even he has an impending counsel investigation into his fundraising methods.) A president should embody only the highest standards of human decency and law-abiding. But wait, aren't I in on Hillary's "vast right-wing conspiracy"? Ask the *New York Times* and the *Washington*

Post, both traditionally leftist newspapers and both editorializing that he should resign.

I'm sorry, Mr. President. I was never a really big fan of any of your policies, and I even defended you a couple of times, but you have finally truly let me down. "The President serves no purpose completing his term. He should do the honourable thing and resign." The quote was from 1974 regarding Nixon, and was made by William Jefferson Clinton himself.

ALAN LEBLANC

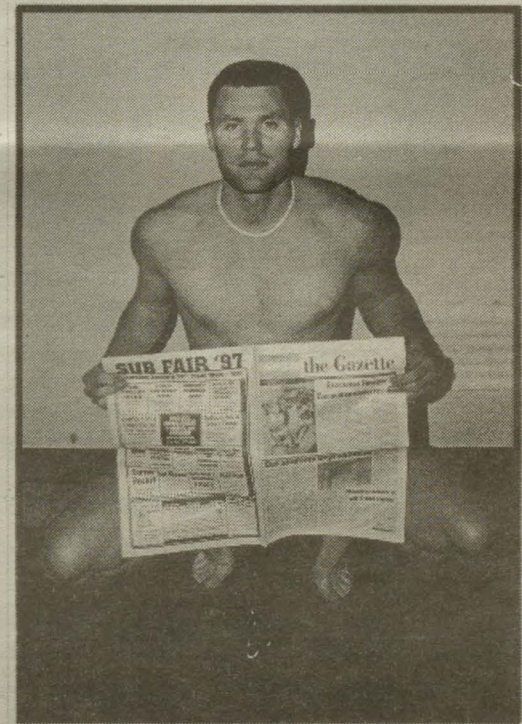


only asked for an investigation.

It turned out he did know, and asked certain witnesses to lie about what exactly happened. Tapes had him organizing the cover-up. Even at that time, the American public was dubious as to whether or not these were impeachable offenses. However, since the scandal was so embarrassing to the U.S. on the world stage, Nixon did the honourable thing and resigned.

Clinton's defenders have been praising him for his fine term of office despite these posits of indiscretion. They've been citing his bold accomplishments. To illustrate the memory lapse Americans seem

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Is Democracy hogwash at Dalhousie?

People power, mob-rule, funny farm, do we have a democratic university? Recently, I picked up a September 11, 1998 letter addressed to DSU President Ted Chiasson from the *Alliance for a Democratic Dalhousie*. Essentially, the *Alliance* cites an undemocratic administrative process as the underlying cause of the community problems at Dalhousie. It asks the DSU to support an inquiry to:

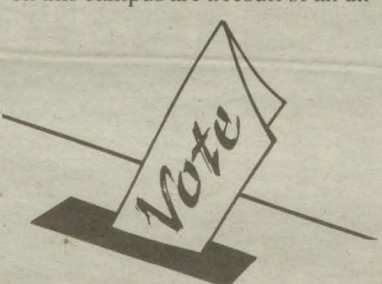
"help identify and recommend renewal strategies that will strengthen and promote more open and constructive relations among various sectors of the university; consider if Dalhousie's approaches to, and structures of, administration and governance as well as the legislation that governs Dalhousie university meets the standards of best practice within the Canadian university community; make recommendations designed to improve Dalhousie's ways of developing, implementing and monitoring financial policies and priorities and

overall levels of openness and transparency in financial decision making".

After I read this letter I questioned whether the writers took into account the constitutional structure of government at Dalhousie University. In my opinion, democracy is already entrenched in our two institutional governing structures. The first is the Board of Governors and it is the legal and financial caretaker of the university. It contains 15 public figures appointed by the *elected* Provincial Government as well as 3 Senate, 3 Alumni, and 3 DSU representatives. The second is the Senate and it is the academic regulator for the university. It consists of 48 *elected* Faculty representatives, 19 Administration Ex-Officio representatives, and 5 DSU members. Unless I have my facts wrong, it is inaccurate to assert that Dalhousie has an undemocratic governing system. The institutional structure here provides elected representation for the various commu-

nity groups on the campus and for the provincial government that financially supports it.

Now, please do not take my criticism of the *Alliance* to mean I do not believe there are community problems at Dalhousie. There are plenty, but I believe the problems on this campus are a result of an un-



healthy debate within the democracy, not the democracy itself. I state this because there appears to be no other reasoned policy alternatives for our representatives to discuss at the Board and Senate. The president and senior administration seem to be the only leaders in this field while the rest of the

community plays the role of a unified reactionary. Fortunately, we can avoid this if the university community starts producing solid alternative options about current university governance. This is especially relevant to university budget policy.

Presently, president Traves appears to be the only university caretaker who extensively researches the university budget. He has a Budget Advisory Committee to help him make educated decisions on the use of financial resources available to the university. This committee contains administration, faculty, and student representatives and it entertains input from the Dalhousie community. In its history, I have only come across one incident of alternative budget policy. The 1995 DSU Board of Governors submitted several alternative options for the BAC regarding tuition announcements, student assistance, and program differential fees.

If this is the case, we must ask

ourselves if we are utilizing the full potential of our democratic institutions? How can the Board of Governors, Senators, DSU, DFA, or any other community group complain about democracy if they do not use it? Instead of investigating whether Dalhousie is democratic or not I urge the *Alliance for a Democratic Dalhousie* to focus on logical administrative and budget policy alternatives for this university. If their efforts encounter obstruction from anyone they should exercise their legal rights in the court of law. Our campus is democratic and it needs a healthy civil debate, not name calling, bickering and rhetoric. It's time for the Senate, DSU, DFA, and alumni to supply their own budget advisory committees with ample resources to meet their mandate. Then we can experience the true benefits of living in a democratic political system.

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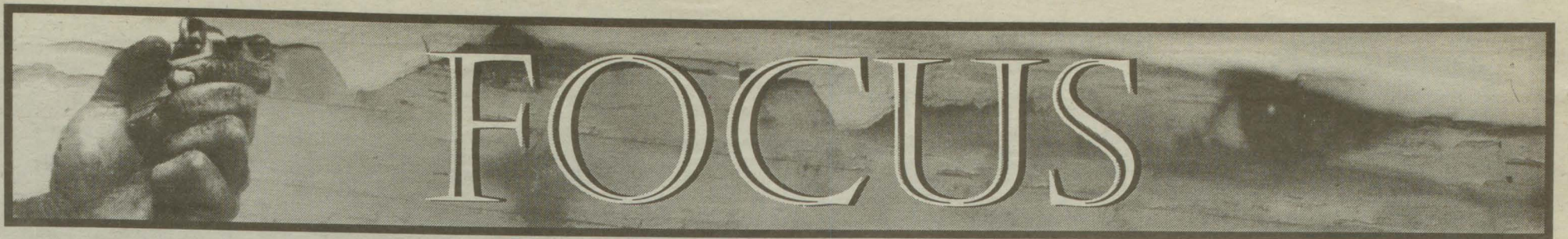
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Basic English in southeast Asia

BY AARON BLEASDALE

A university degree just isn't what it used to be. In the 1960s, perspective employers were scrambling to snatch up any graduates they could get their hands on, but times are different now. Back then, Canada was in the midst of an economic boom that would last for almost 30 years. Employers couldn't find enough people to fill all the new positions that were constantly becoming available.

Today, however, this surge of growth has petered out, and so has the demand for new people in the workforce. Now a university graduate, instead of a life of comfort and security, will more than likely leave university with a huge debt and

in one of these countries. In Taiwan for example, it is standard to make between \$20-25 Canadian per hour. The Asian currency crisis has taken its toll, but right now, whose currency isn't dropping? One can easily save \$1000 a month and, if one works harder, as much as \$3000 — and all by using one of your most basic skills.

The kind of work provided varies from place to place. Many teachers end up in a classroom teaching people from all walks of life. Whether they are business people, students, hobbyists or children, everyone is learning English. It is possible to work in a privately owned night school, or in local high schools and universities, or even to do one-on-one sessions.

For most, teaching English isn't a career, and some even find it boring. But it sure beats the old standbys of flipping burgers and waiting tables.

There are some hazards to beware of, though.

First and foremost, it is essential that you not sign a contract from home. Many are lured into terrible teaching contracts by the promise of a free plane ticket and accommodations.

Well, the tickets and accommodations are usually legitimate, but they in no way offset the advantage of being able to shop around to many different schools. Once you enter a country under contract with a school, they have a lot of control over you and have the ability to overwork you and treat you poorly.

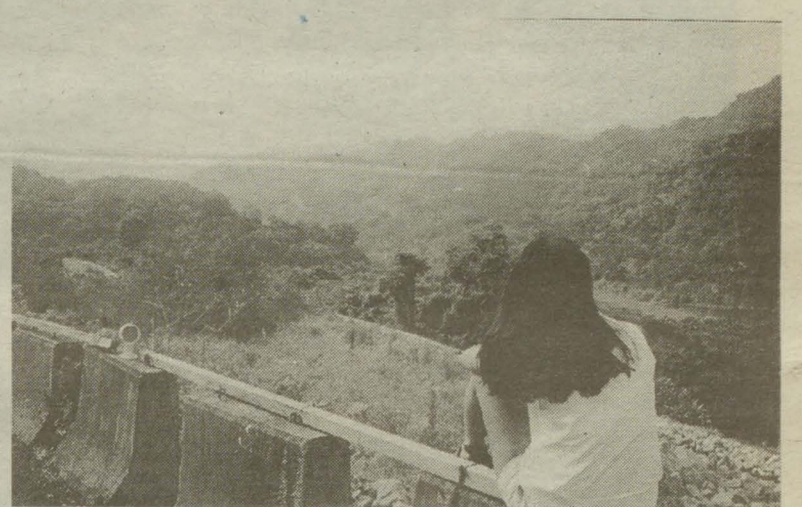
Get a loan if need be, but if you are planning on teaching overseas, enter the country without having already signed a contract. You'll no doubt find better arrangements once there.

Another important thing to remember is to get a visitor's visa for the country you intend to work in *before you leave Canada*. If you arrive at customs without one, you will usually only be given two weeks to a month before you have to leave the country, which is not enough time to find a job and get the paperwork needed to give you a paper's visa, which you will need to stay in the country. Another

possibility is getting a student visa which allows you to stay in the country so long as you are studying at an officially recognized post-secondary institution — but you will have to enroll before you leave Canada.

Schools are increasingly seeking teachers with university degrees. It is quite possible to find work without one — but if you have one, bring it along. An Education degree is a plus, but not a necessity. The demand for teachers is so high that it takes a while to adjust to being in an environment where you have the power to dictate your own terms to the market. Unlike Canada, it's very much an employees market for English teachers in southeast Asia.

If Canada isn't offering you very much right now, leave. There



The mountains of Taiwan, one of the many sights seen in Aaron's overseas travel. Photo by Aaron Bleasdale.

are greener pastures. There are places where your skills will be appreciated. It's a great way to travel and if you've got a debt, why

stick around not paying it off?
Aaron Bleasdale is a Dalhousie graduate teaching English in southeast Asia.



Sunshiny faces from a morning kindergarden class. Photo by Aaron Bleasdale.

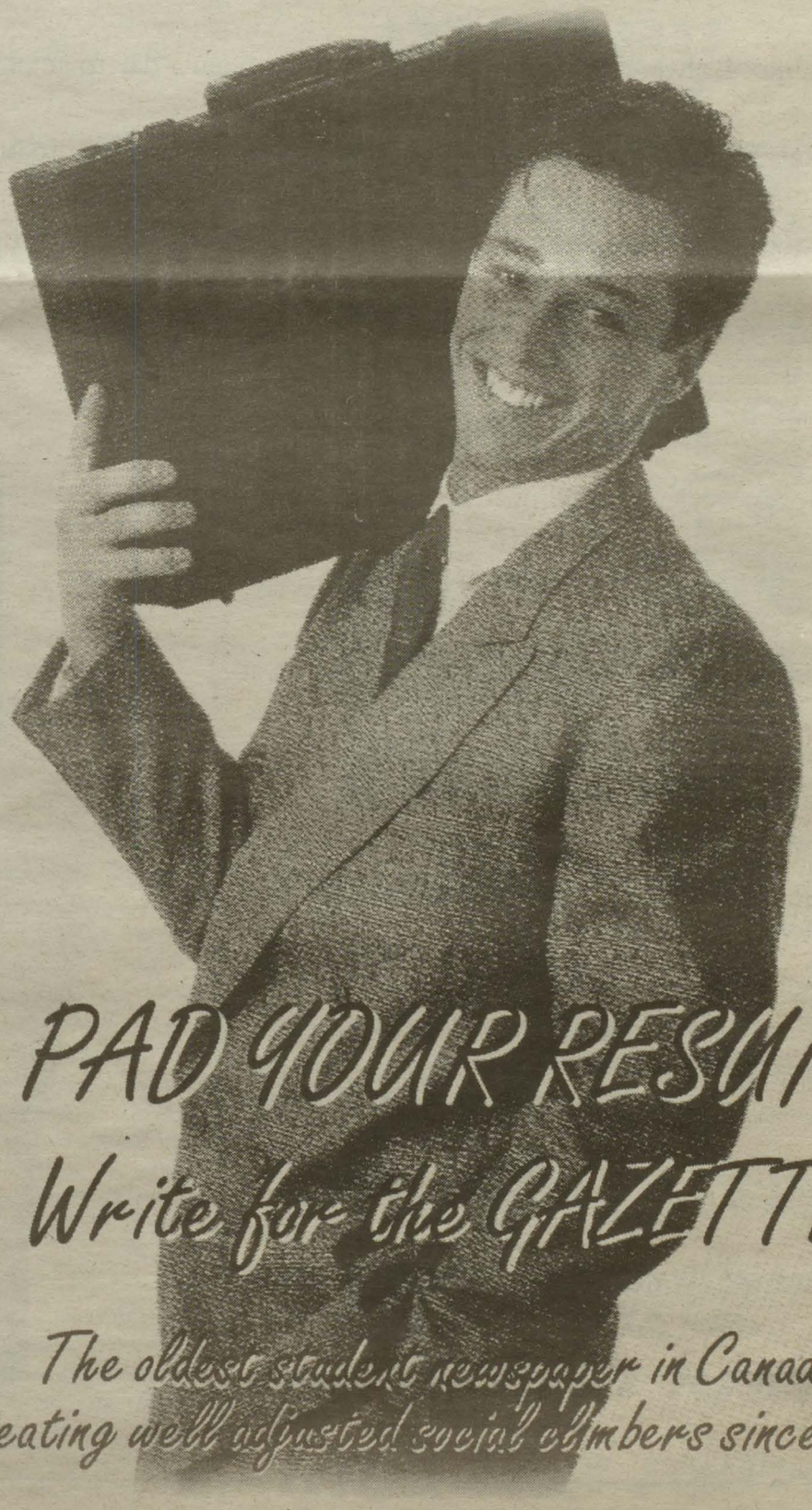
possibly only a minimum wage job with which to pay it off.

Increasingly, young Canadians are deciding to give up the job search altogether. Some are weathering the storm by staying in school longer, others are just hanging out.

Yet there are those who aren't simply opting out of the labour pool — they're opting out of the country. Surprisingly, they are drawing on a skill that most of us take completely for granted: English.

Speaking English is a highly marketable skill in the world today. There are more people who speak English as either a first or second language than there are people who speak Mandarin Chinese. And the number of speakers is constantly growing, as is the demand for teachers, particularly in southeast Asia.

Many young Canadians, most of whom are university graduates, are living and working in countries such as Japan, South Korea, and Taiwan. It is possible to make quite a lot of money teaching



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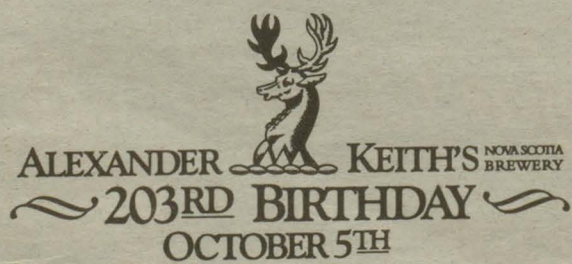
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Things I could never have thought possible

The reconstruction of Cambodia

BY LISA LACHANCE

"The most tragic thing is that..."

So begins the simple inscription at the Genocidal Museum, otherwise known as the "killing fields", 5 kilometres outside Phnom Penh, Cambodia. I was travelling through the country during the Khmer New Year, an event that is held each April

Because of the holiday period and the Khmer people's openness, I had the opportunity to participate in many traditional customs during my time there. I woke up at 5:12am one morning to the sound of the celebratory gunfire. Although this gunfire is outlawed, it continues to ring in the new year. Monks and citizens alike doused me with water in the streets and markets. It is a traditional act that is believed to bring luck in the new year — to both the thrower and the person being drenched.

But my mind kept slipping back to questions about Cambodia's past. In May 1975, the Khmer Rouge, under the leadership of Pol Pot, took control of the country and renamed it "Kampuchea". The state, religion, family and all social ties were abolished. The cities were emptied in the two weeks following Pol Pot's victory and everyone was driven to the countryside, creating a classless, agrarian society.

Millions died, directly through purges, torture and mass killings; and indirectly they died from overwork, malnutrition and disease.

In 1978, the Vietnamese entered the country to assist the citizens and by 1980 the international community was involved in the long, painful reconstruction of Cambodia.

I have never met a Cambodian friend who had not lost a family member during Pol Pot's reign. I watched the people who were raised in Pol Pot's work camps try to create a place in society. I marvelled at the small

number of old faces seen on the streets — in 1980 more than half of the population was under 40.

It was raining in Cambodia this April — an anomaly as

a former high school in an average neighbourhood. At first glance it simply looks like any two-storey high school. The Vietnamese army that found the prison after the regime's demise preserved the tools of torture they found. The graphic photographs they took left me feeling as though blood still seeped from the walls. I didn't want to breathe deeply for fear of smelling it.

As I gazed at the thousands of pictures of victims that line the walls, CNN camera crews arrived to supplement their coverage of Pol Pot's death. Khmer press did not provide coverage of his death for three days following the initial CNN report. I tried to tell Khmer friends of his death, but they did not believe me. They wanted to see the death reported by their own Khmer sources — the reason being that so many times in the past his death had been reported and had been untrue.

If it was true, the implications were vast and Cambodians didn't want to be disappointed again. After the Khmer press finally confirmed his death and pictures of the body appeared, Cambodians were quiet in their reaction, mostly because people felt that a peaceful death was too good for him. They would have liked him to suffer as their friends and family did.

My continuing interest in Cambodia's past, present and future led me to the "killing fields". Located 5 km outside of Phnom Penh, it is essentially an unearthed mass grave. The field's discovery, as well as that of other mass graves around Cambodia, helped to shed light on the Khmer Rouge's brutality.

I won't try to adequately assess the current rioting in Cambodia. However, this is a nation that has rebuilt itself

with both outside help and interference. From being stateless and structureless, towns, neighbour-

hoods and families have and justice. Working together on a national level and combining these ideas is the next step.



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John D. Fitzgerald, 3rd year Mathematics, Annapolis Valley, NS



"It hasn't really affected my personal opinion. I've only been here for the last week."

Julia Publicover, 1st year, Moncton, NB



"It's kind of scary. You have to be careful who you trust."

Karen Robertshaw, 2nd year Commerce, Halifax, NS



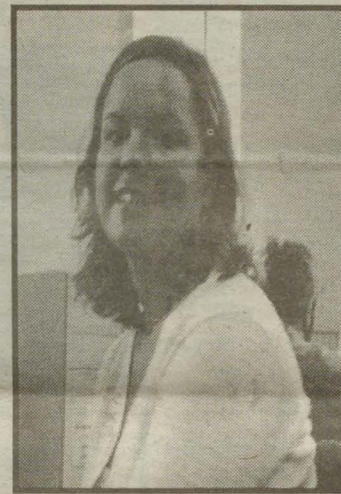
"It made me think the first day, but not much after that. Being from Toronto, there's a lot of weird people."

Kimberly MacKinnon, 4th Year French and Philosophy, Toronto, ON



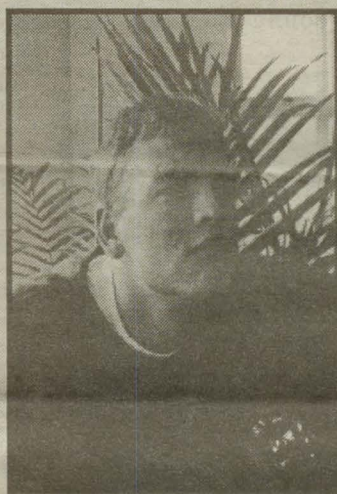
"I'm not really involved too much with campus in general. It would strike me as kind of odd that it wasn't secured in the first place. The safety on campus obviously needs to be reviewed in such a way that this type of thing doesn't happen. Generally my view is that Dal is a safe campus."

Robin Linley, 2nd year Law, Ontario



"It makes me more aware that there are people out there you can't trust. It's the kind of thing you think would happen in the States, but not at Dal."

Jennifer Matthews, 4th year Commerce, Springhill, NS



"I don't really know much about the Shrubsall inquiry."

Eric Siebert, 2nd Year Commerce, London, ON



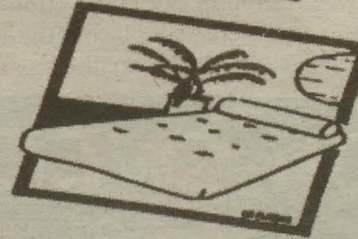
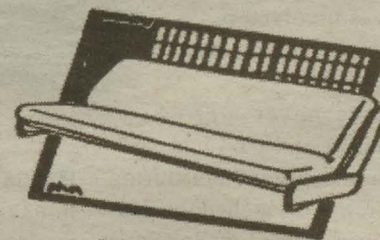
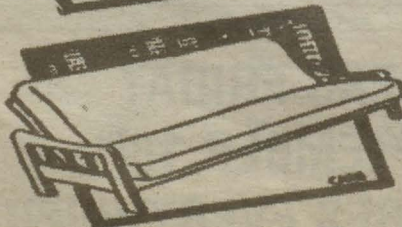
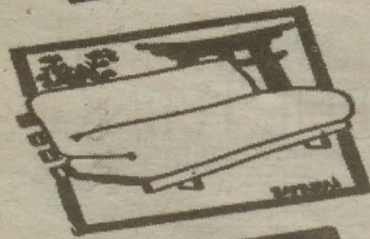
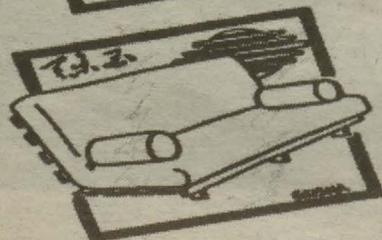
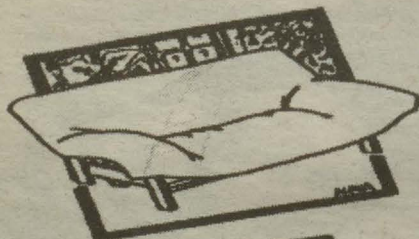
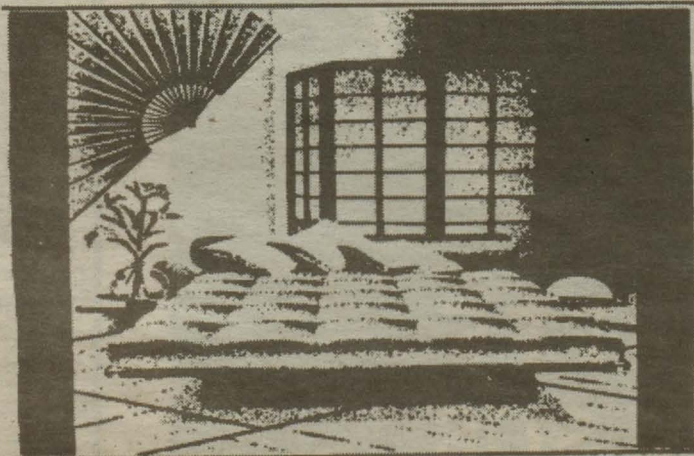
"It hasn't. I always knew it wasn't really safe to be on campus. You just have to watch out...think before you act, know people really well before you hang out with them. It's obvious that safety is horrible, it's obvious no matter what lengths we go to there's always going to be crazies and psychopaths out there. So be careful, be smart. Use your head."

Maya Alapin, 2nd year, Halifax, NS

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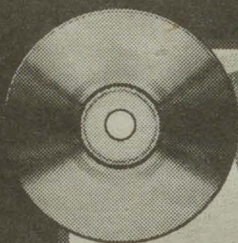
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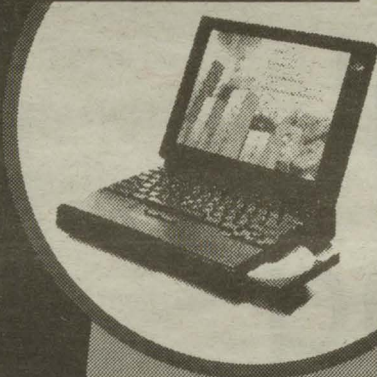
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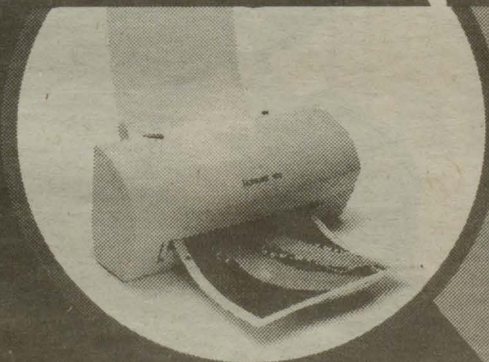


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Sea of rain invades Great Big Picnic

Sounds of Great Big Sea, others pour over Citadel

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

Saturday's rain and cold couldn't dampen the spirits of those on Citadel Hill for last weekend's Great Big Picnic. Concertgoers huddled under blankets, tarps and make-shift raincoats, but they didn't leave after bad weather, and they waited for Great Big Sea.

As Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle elegantly put it "What odds? it's only a bit of rain."

The Great Big Picnic is Great Big Sea's attempt to create Atlantic Canada's biggest kitchen party. They had the music, they had the beer, and they had the people. They had everything but the kitchen sink. It's just too bad

Ennis Sisters opening the show with fitting verve and energy. The crowd was greeted happily by some recognized favourites of the local maritime trio.

Bran Van 3000 played a phenomenally fun but short set. The Bran Van crew filled up the stage and energized all those in the front rows. Anyone near the speakers I'm sure had their fillings rattled out by the bass in the speakers and the groove in their sneakers. Bran Van's music was refreshingly different from the other members of the picnic's line up.

Next, Irish band the Chieftains added to the kitchen party atmosphere with some good ol' Celtic tunes. They were joined on stage by Cape Breton's Barra MacNeils at the end of their set for a rendition of the Barra's "Rattlin' Roaring Willie." The step dancers during the Chieftains' set added a special air of privilege and class to the show.

Then the Philosopher Kings jazzed things up and the concert twisted away from the celtic/folky side. With a hopping set and energy that reached right up the hill, these guys were definitely among the evening's best entertainers.

Next came the Watchmen, who put on a good show but were not quite as upbeat as the rest of the performers. Watchmen fans seemed more than happy with the set, but I couldn't help but wonder if the group really fit in with the rest of the line-up.

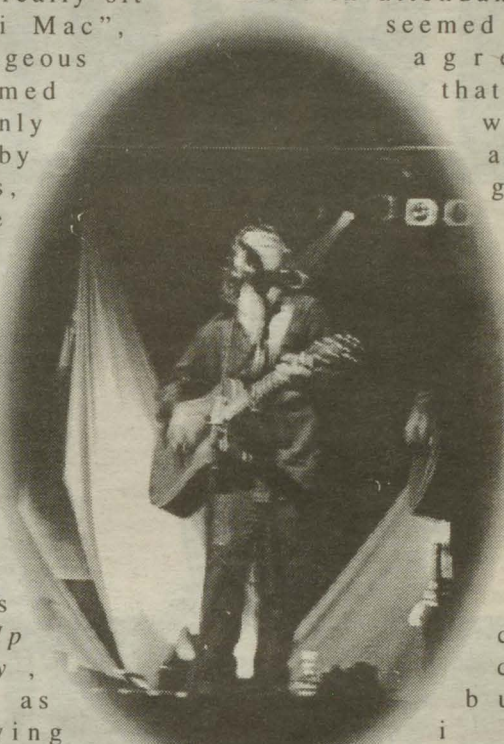
Colin James and the Little Big Band followed with a swinging set, but it almost didn't get going. After only three songs they were forced to break due to technical difficulties, but after a 15 minute delay, they were able to finish their set. During the technical difficulties it was

feet. Who can really sit through "Mari Mac", anyway? Courageous students swarmed to the stage only to be crushed by the crowds, while the more conservative stayed at their chairs on the hill — but everyone was dancing.

Playing favourites from *Up and Play*, as well as previewing new songs from their upcoming CD (to be released in the summer of 1999), Great Big Sea kept the crowd hopping for an hour-and-a-half. Then, joined by the Chieftains and Ashley MacIsaac, they came on for a final climactic encore, which they accepted on behalf of all the bands there.

Most in attendance seemed to agree that it was a great

concert, but it lacked the cohesiveness needed to keep everyone interested for an entire day. It could have been the weather, the long breaks between acts, or the musical range in the lineup, but in the end I didn't feel they created the kitchen party atmosphere they were aiming for. It was more like seeing a bunch of little concerts all day long, without having to hop venues.



they didn't have the kitchen ceiling.

With the Ennis Sisters, The Chieftains and Great Big Sea headlining and surprise appearances by the Barra MacNeils and Ashley MacIsaac, the Picnic could easily have been mistaken as a tour for the recently released *Fire In The Kitchen* album. But with the addition of bands like Bran Van 3000, the Philosopher Kings, and Colin James and his Little Big Band, there was a definite twist added to the traditional Atlantic Canadian fare.

The Picnic got rolling at around 3pm with Newfoundland's

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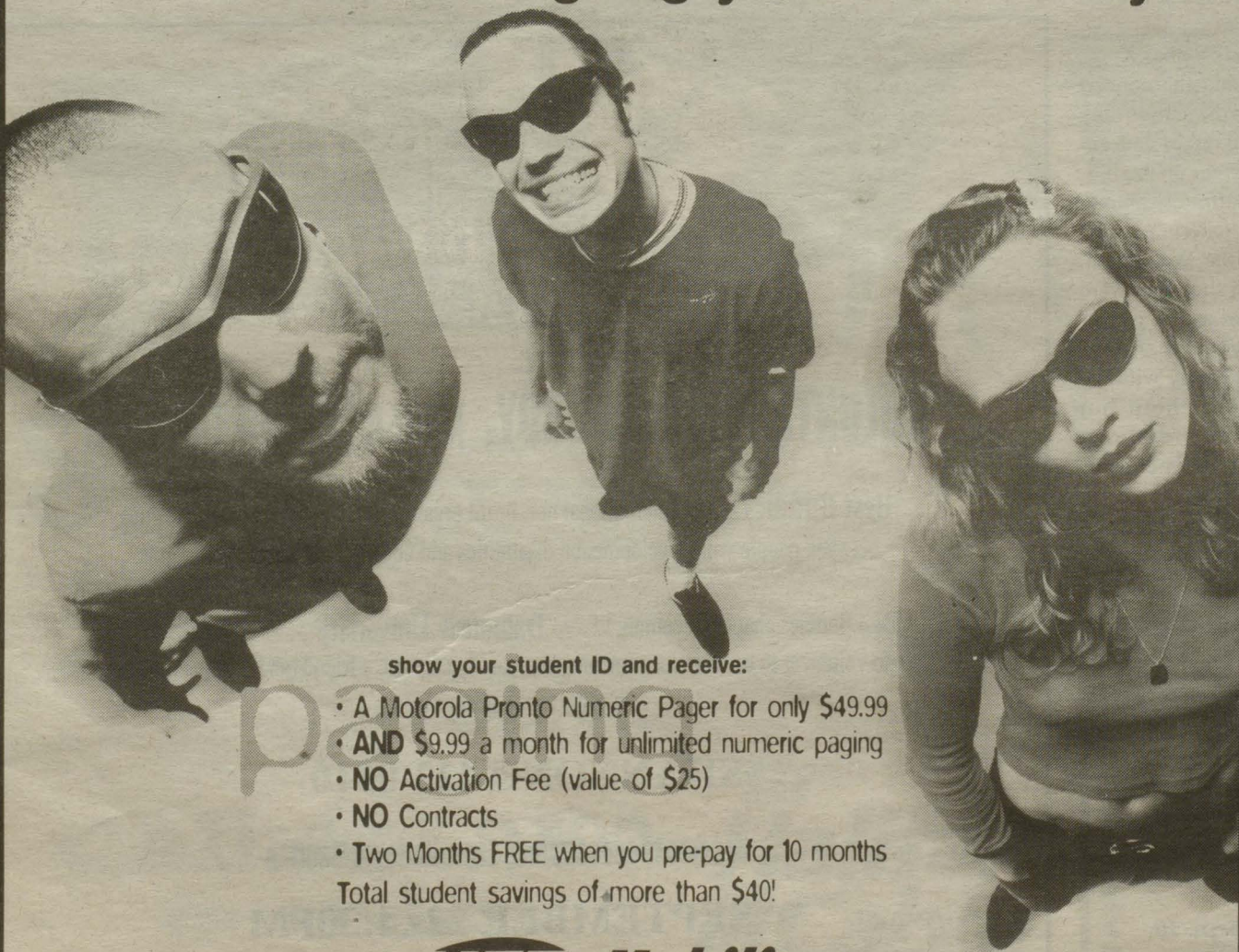
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Chantal Kreviazuk: intimate and zany

BY PHIL E. LEWIS

While talking with Chantal Kreviazuk before her show at the McInnes Room last week, I'll admit I was a little star struck. Kreviazuk may not be the biggest name in the music industry, but I'm a fan.

"The last couple of years I've worked really hard," said Kreviazuk, "and it makes me feel good that I can go into a show and hold my own now."

The show started with a short set from Emm Gryner, a folksy artist from Toronto. The set may not have been the best choice for an opening. Rather than warming up the crowd, she was mostly treated like background music...a sign of things to come.

Kreviazuk came out on stage around 10:45pm. She was greeted by a crowd populated for the most part by drunken frosh. The crowd seemed to only want one song, "Leaving on a Jet Plane", a tune from the *Armageddon* soundtrack, and Kreviazuk's new signature.

"I've had audiences that really want one song but I've never experienced it like this before," Kreviazuk said after the concert.

The performance was a lighthearted affair with a lot of interaction between the artist and the audience. In the latter part of the show, a man with a kick-ass impression of *South Park's* Eric Cartman got her attention and was told to come on stage. The crowd was then treated to a comparison of Kreviazuk's Cartman impression with the audience member's.

While the interaction and comedy bits were entertaining, they

did not allow enough time for her music. The comedic break seemed to come out of frustration brought on by the small crowd's obvious interest in drinking instead of Kreviazuk's singing.

Kreviazuk performed at Acadia before arriving at the McInnes Room, but left before that show was over. Rumours began floating around the SUB that she was in what could best be described as a really bitchy mood. Kreviazuk said that she had left the Acadia show because of the actions of a few.

"I wasn't upset with the crowd," said Kreviazuk. "I was upset with the extra people that just came to drink. They weren't really paying attention to the music and thought they would just come to be part of the crowd. I don't take well to a situation where it feels like I am the background music. Every show is different. It depends on what I expect from the crowd. It can depend on how the day was. If I had a good day I'll have a good show but maybe I won't because I don't want to work. It just depends."

Kreviazuk tried to explain what many of her songs were about, but the audience just wasn't interested. She tried to explain the story behind a new song but there were a few loud obnoxious voices telling her to shut up and play "Jet Airplane." This is a clear case of a few ruining it for the many. She tried to ignore them for as long as possible but eventually gave in and played the song earlier than planned.

Kreviazuk said that her song ideas come from either making a conscious effort to write a song or they just dawn on her.

"I remembered an experience from childhood," said Kreviazuk. "A woman behaved in a very strange way to me when I was a child. I didn't understand it then. As an adult I understand and I think she is

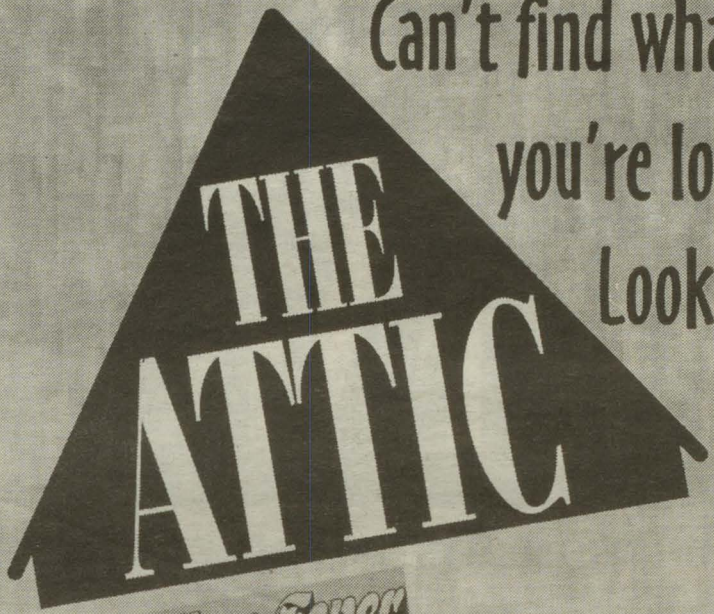
just a completely warped sicko. I think I am going to write a song about it."

Kreviazuk's album *Under these Rocks and Stones* has had a string of small radio hits that has given the album some longevity. She thinks her sleeper success may be a good sign of things to come.


"I don't feel that there was any overnight sensation to it at all," said Kreviazuk, "and that makes me feel confident that there is a potential career for me."

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Halifax in the mood to be turned on

Different stages, styles to rock the Halifax On Music Festival

BY GREG MCFARLANE

With over 60 artists and 15 stages, the Halifax On Music Festival is gearing up for its most ambitious year ever. The festival is held between September 25th and

While On Music and its predecessor, the Halifax Pop Explosion, have always been known for showcasing unknown and up-and-coming artists, this year's festival has gone beyond that by varying the styles of music being played. With bands like Piggy, the Urban Surf

Kings, Ciao Bella and rappers Choclair and Kardinal Offishal, the festival is expanding its audience.

"Halifax On Music wants to represent where Canadian Music is at as a whole. To include hip hop, electronica and genres like that is important, and bands like Choclair,

Kardinal Offishal and Stinkin' Rich are leading the way," said Melissa Buote, who is helping to organize the festival from her Proper Productions office. Buote

also said that the reception the Rascalz received during last year's grand finale performance prompted organizers to expand its hip hop roster.

And while the festival still attracts bands from afar, such as headliners the Rheostatics, it is heavily anchored by Halifax musicians. But the list of musicians goes beyond the typical cast of indie-pop and grunge 'Halifax' bands.

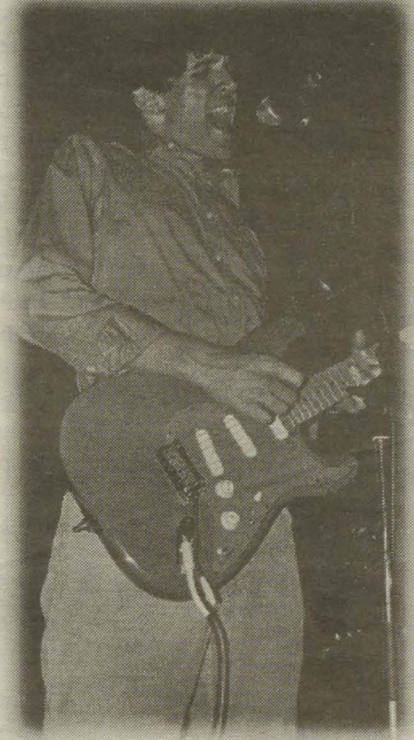
Much of the diversity found within the festival originates

from within the city.

"(This year), there's almost twice as many artists," said Buote. "We've managed to help the people from in town.

"There aren't as many bands in Halifax that are wielding national appeal, so it is important to make sure people know we still have a kick-ass scene here."

Other bands at the festival include Hamilton's Tristan Psionic, Ottawa's Punchbuggy, New York's Mooney Suzuki and Winnipeg's b'ehl.



Joel Plaskett, an HOM performer. Photo by Danielle Boudreau.

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Men are from Mars, women are from Venus And Sue Johansen is from Winnipeg — two views on a sex guru

**SUE JOHANSEN:
JEDI MASTER**

BY KARAN SHETTY

Sue Johansen is the Yoda of sex. While she may not be able to do anything as cool as the Jedi mind trick, she can tell you way too much about the clitoris and the penis. But how did Sue become this omniscient sex guru who can hold the attention of a packed McInnes Room for more than two hours?

It all started in a high school birth control clinic in Winnipeg where Sue worked as a registered nurse. Evidently Sue felt she had some sort of calling for dispensing sex advice and decided to further her knowledge on the subject through university course-work. She then started teaching other sex-ed teachers and landed herself a radio show which snowballed into the Sunday Night Sex Show on the Women's Television Network. Sue's ability to put people at ease with any fears they may have concerning sex has landed her a sizeable following.

Sue's appearance also has something to do with her position as a Canadian pop culture icon. Not too many people are all that used to a lady the age of their grandmothers speaking frankly on topics which are usually confined to locker rooms and schoolyards.

In the short time I had before Sue took the stage and addressed more than 300 Dalhousie students last Friday, I was able to get in a few questions on current sex-related issues which are getting a great deal of media attention.

Gazette: Do you think pornography should be considered a genuine movie genre?

Sue: No, I have a great deal of discomfort with pornography. Erotica I think is wonderful stuff, but porn — bondage, gagging, whipping — I'm uncomfortable with that stuff.

Gazette: Where do you think the line is drawn between erotica and pornography?

Sue: If it makes me uncomfortable it's porn. But if I can like it and find it sexually stimulating, then it's erotica...some women do get turned on by hardcore porn, so it's a personal choice.

Gazette: Do you think most of the publicity directed towards teenagers about safe sex and abstinence falls on deaf ears? Do you think they're so inundated with information they've stopped paying attention?

Sue: A horrible question, but true all the same. We went about teaching you guys all wrong. We tried scare tactics. The first AIDS lesson where you have a coffin with a skull and crossbones doesn't work. It never did.

Gazette: What would you say is the biggest misconception people have about sex?

Sue: It depends if you're a male or female. The biggest male misconception is number one that you've got to bring her to cataclysmic orgasm every time you have

sex and two, to be a good lover you've got to have a big penis. Females believe if he says he loves you it's okay to have sex.

As a Canadian cult hero of sorts I asked Sue what she thought of her American counterpart, Dr.Ruth.

"She has no medical background and her degree is not in counselling," Sue scoffed. "Her post-grad degree, get this, is English!"

When asked who would win in hand-to-hand combat, Sue responded: "I wouldn't bother fighting her. She has moved on. She's not doing it anymore. She went too public, and shot herself in the foot, and lost her credibility. You have to be very careful in this business and she wasn't."

Obviously Sue is well aware her fame may be fleeting but she is careful to safeguard her reputation and maintain credibility by refusing to sell out to the media.

HAVIN' SEX WITH SUE

BY AVI LAMBERT

Sex with Sue would be a little intimidating. Sue knows the way the mind and body work together to make a sexual experience satisfying and anxiety-free. Yet, she doesn't pass on this knowledge like a hilltop-sitting guru, instead Sue gesticulates, makes funny faces and tells bad jokes where appropriate.

Her delivery and presence make her seem less of a condescending authority and more of a cross between a sex ed teacher and a locker room coach. Sue's jokes break the ice when you'd normally be holding your breath from embarrassment. I got the impression it's easy for Sue, either by her routine or her love of teaching, to relate to people.

I quickly got the feeling Sue's lecture was for the benefit of the women in the room, both directly and indirectly. She was talking mainly about organs I don't have. It seemed dispelling the myths of the female and male orgasm — females don't always need to have them, and male ejaculation isn't necessarily an orgasm — was to make sure us dumb male animals wouldn't keep rogering away, and feeling guilty if we didn't help our partner reach orgasm. Her saying, "this should take a lot of pressure off all the guys in this room" still wasn't convincing for some reason. A sex educator with different equipment would probably have given the same gender-slanted discussion.

It was nice to hear her demystify openly things we all know as natural, like masturbation — and I hope I'm not putting a noose on my own neck. Sue actually got *right into* that part of the discussion. Hmm.

Whenever I hear that the clitoris has as many sexually sensitive nerve endings as an entire penis, I get jealous. Sue holding up a huge invisible fish and then shrinking it to the size of a pea didn't help my petty jealousy either (the fish and the pea are used for description of her hand gestures — at home, please replace with what fits).

Women talk about women things because they are women, men talk about men things because they are men. Not the most intelligent sentence, but how does Sue know we stand in front of the mirror posing and admiring, smiling satisfyingly at the shapeliness and size of our knees? Yeah, knees.

It would be nice if there was a guy somewhere like Sue who could take the mystery out

of all the myths and social conventions of the sexual parts of the male body. Someone who can say with honesty and personal experience that it's the way you use it and not how

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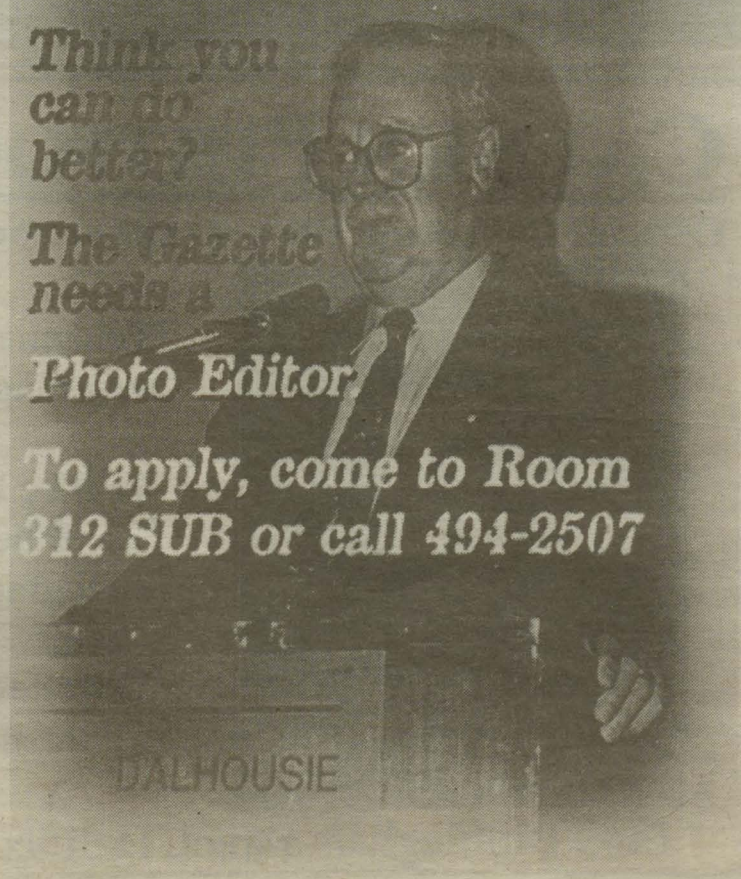
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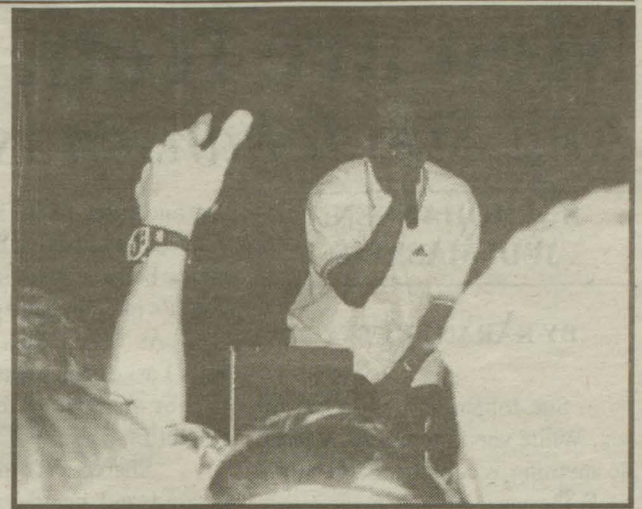
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"Excuse me, is that your ass I'm bumping into?" "Why yes, yes it is." Photo by Luke Dobek.



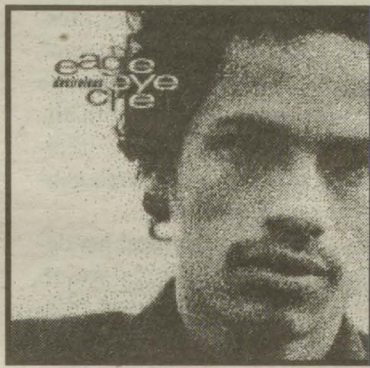
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Urban jazz is found at the root of most (if not all) tracks on *Desireless*, and that sound is layered with all sorts of other styles, but mostly blues and pop. But the blues comes straight from the urban experience — Cherry gets nowhere near the delta, and rightly so. The intelligent pop penned by Cherry doesn't betray the calm tempo at the heart of the album.

The eclectic mix of styles comes across perfectly. With the lead-off single, "Save Tonight", Cherry has scored a pop music masterpiece, and "Worried Eyes", which crosses blues, pop and jazz with a hip hop beat, is made even greater by Titiyo Jah — whose clear, attention-grabbing accompanying vocals can only be described as amazing.

The album is also a cross between messages and fun. Cherry gets serious on tracks like "Shooting up in Vain" and "Conversation", which deal with themes like regret,

drugs and having to account for a dubious past. But Cherry is not a negative person, and his lighter side comes through on songs like "Comatose (In the Arms of Slumber)", a mellow tune about escaping reality by sleeping through it, and "When Mermaids Cry", which you will listen to, like, and feel cheesy for doing so.

While there is nothing overtly daring about *Desireless*, it doesn't matter. Cherry doesn't need gimmicks, shock or the "next new thing" to sell records. Instead, musical sensibility forms the backbone of this recording. And a solid backbone it is.

GREG MCFARLANE

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available now. Call 573-5420 to make an appointment with either Carol or Roy about openings.

Solutions: A relationship loss group is for students who are having difficulty letting go of a romantic relationship. This five-session program will begin on Tuesday September 29, 1998, 5:30-7pm at the Counselling Centre. Pre-registration is required. Call 494-2081 or come to the Counselling Centre, 4th floor, SUB.

Speakeasy Program: Learn how to talk to groups calmly and confidently. This

five session program will be of particular interest to students who find that anxiety makes it difficult for them to give class presentations. A \$20 deposit, refundable upon attendance, is required. See Victor Day at the Counselling Centre (4th floor SUB) or call 494-208.

Tai Chi:

Beginner Classes at Kings College, Arobics Training Centre. Noontime classes, Mondays: 12-1 p.m. Starting September 21. Cost: Students \$40.00 Non-Students \$60.00 for 10 weeks. For info. call: Sandra Nichols at: 857-9531

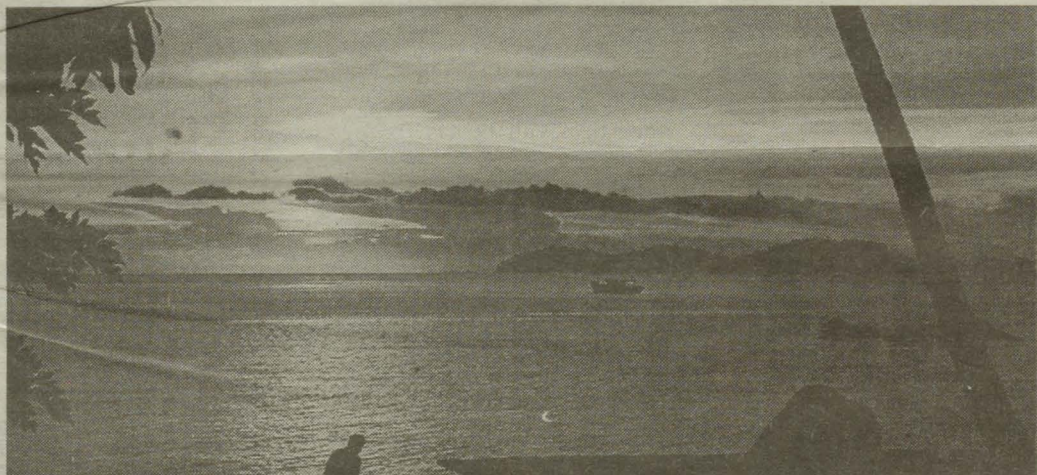
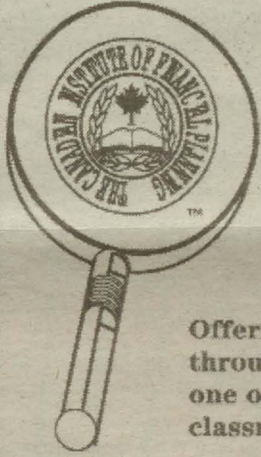


Photo of the week: A beach on the east coast of Tioman Island, Malaysia. Photo by Aaron Bleasdale.



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Also, upcoming Information Sessions in September are:

- * **Statistics Canada** - Monday, Sept. 14/98
11:30 am, Room 307, 3rd floor, Student Union Bldg
- * **Treasury Board of Canada (Public Service Commission)**
Thursday, Sept. 17/98, 4:00 pm, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Student Union Building.
- * **Foreign Service (Public Service Commission)**
Thursday, Sept. 24/98, 2:30 pm, Room 307, 3rd floor, Student Union Building.
- * **JET Programme (Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme)**
Thursday, Sept. 24/98, 10:00 am, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Student Union Building.

(Please check with the Employment Centre before above dates for further information and any changes in times or location.)

If you are a Dalhousie, Daltech, Kings student or recent Alumni, please visit the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre. Website at <http://is.dal.ca/~sec/>

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