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Chancellor's comments shock Dal faculty

BY SALLY THOMAS

An article in which the Dalhousie chancellor is quoted as referring to professors as "inmates" has upset faculty who say the comment is inappropriate and representative of the university's attitude towards profs.

The article "Password for university leaders is 'change'" was in the October issue of *University Affairs*, the publication of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

It quoted the chancellor, Sir Graham Day, as saying "regardless of the institution one cannot have

the inmates in charge." The comments were drawn from a speech Day reportedly gave to the Association of Commonwealth Universities in August.

Dr. Ismet Ugursal, president of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, said Day's comments were "most depressing."

Dr. Margery Stone, a professor in the Department of English, agrees. She says the chancellor's remarks are outdated and, given his role, seem to represent the philosophy of Dalhousie management.

"It makes Dalhousie look bad. The goals he sees are different from the other chancellors [at the conference]. He's out of sync."

"A university is not a corporation," she said. "It's a huge public investment which suggests that faculty, students and staff need input in how the university runs."

"No one should be referred to as inmates. They need to be participatory members."

"regardless of the institution one cannot have the inmates in charge"

In a note left with his secretary, Day stated he didn't know where the quote came from.

"I have no record of the alleged comment and do not recall speaking at the conference," his secretary read from the note.

Day was eventually reached, but he refused to comment further.

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photo by Avi Lambert

Musical influences from around the globe were a highlight of Drumspeak. See story on page 15.

Student wants sign language taught at Dal

BY KATIE TINKER

Angelie Mccarron is a third-year health education student. Like all students, she has tests, assignments and late nights. But unlike the majority of students, she is hearing impaired.

This is one of the reasons Mccarron is trying to get Dalhousie to offer a course in American Sign Language (ASL). If offered, students would be able to use sign language as their second language credit — one of the requirements of a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Although she isn't personally affected by the requirement, Mccarron is concerned that arts students who have hearing disabilities may find it difficult to learn spoken languages.

"[If] you were hard of hearing, how would you learn something like French?" she asked.

She also says a course in sign language would be a good opportunity for students without hearing disabilities to get credit while learning a new way to communicate.

"Signing is fun — it's really fun. It would be nice just to have as a general interest course for everyone, and it would certainly be a useful course for people going into fields like social work," she said.

Eric McKee, vice president student services, agrees that students with hearing disabilities shouldn't have to struggle through courses in which they are at a definite disadvantage. But he says this is the kind of thing the university usually handles on a case-by-case basis.

"It would have to be the decision of the faculty," he said. "A couple of years ago there was

someone who wanted to know if they could use a course in Mi'kmaq offered at UCCB as their second language credit, and the answer was 'yes'."

As for Angelie Mccarron's suggestion that the university actually offer the course itself, McKee is uncertain.

"[The university] would have to look at whether there is sufficient demand for the course... if it's offered somewhere else in metro, it may not be necessary to offer the same thing here," he said.

"It's just like any other field of study — there's lots of specialized courses that Dal doesn't need to offer because they're available at Saint Mary's or [Mount Saint Vincent University], and vice-versa."

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Grad students join rival organization

BY JANET FRENCH

While shopping around for a national advocacy group, Dalhousie grad students joined the rival of a group they already belong to.

On Oct. 14, the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (DAGS) council voted in favour of obtaining a one-year prospective membership with the National Graduate Council. The council is a caucus of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

The DSU left CFS in 1994 and was one of the founding members of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) — which means DAGS already belongs to CASA too.

Unlike many graduate student associations, which are separate from their undergraduate student unions, DAGS is run like any other society under the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU).

CASA does accept graduate societies as members, but national chair Hoops Harrison says his organization is primarily concerned with undergraduate issues.

Lisa Underhill, a DAGS student advocacy committee member, says she felt the society could benefit from a membership in a national organization of graduate students.

"[During] the threat of a teaching assistants' strike, and the Dalhousie Faculty Association strike, we felt that it could have helped us to be better informed," she said.

So last year a committee was formed to investigate which federal organization of graduate students could best meet the needs of DAGS.

The two major organizations

representing Canadian graduate students are the CFS' council and the Canadian Graduate Council (CGC). The CGC is an independent association dedicated solely to the interests of graduate students, whereas the National Graduate Council is a caucus of the largely undergraduate CFS.

DAGS councillor Mark Laflamme was the only member who voted against the motion to join the CFS' group.

He says the advocacy committee appeared to have "issues" with both of the organizations, and he questions how necessary they are.

"[It's] not to be taken as a sign of discord or a threat to the DSU"

"[The question has become] which of the two organizations is the least undesirable, rather than which one is better," he said. "National lobbying can be done without the help [of these organizations] at the campus level."

Kelly MacKenzie, DSU vice-president student advocacy and a graduate student, says graduate students have more to gain by provincial lobbying, especially for research funding. But she also says she recognizes that "DAGS should be looking for the group that best represents the interests of graduate students."

But MacKenzie, who is also Dal's CASA rep, says she isn't worried about poor relations between the student union and the grad student society, as long they "don't encroach on each other and establish barriers."

Brent Powers, DAGS president, agrees.

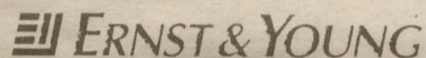
"[DAGS will] keep working on a [good] relationship with the

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Financial Statements

Dalhousie Student Union

April 30, 1998



If you have any questions please call Tia Ryan, DSU Treasurer, at 494 1278.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Dalhousie Student Union

We have audited the balance sheet of the Dalhousie Student Union ("the Student Union") as at April 30, 1998 and the statements of revenue and expenses, net assets and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Student Union's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

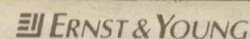
Except as explained in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Student Union derives revenues from ticket sales and advertising, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Student Union and we were unable to determine whether any adjustments for unrecorded revenues might be necessary to net excess of revenue over expenses, assets and net assets.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which might have been required had we been able to satisfy ourselves with respect to the completeness of the revenues described in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Student Union as at April 30, 1998 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Halifax, Canada
June 18, 1998

Ernst & Young
Chartered Accountants



Dalhousie Student Union

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Year ended April 30

	Actual \$	1998 Budget \$ <i>[unaudited]</i>	1997 Actual \$ <i>[restated - note 14]</i>
Gross revenues <i>[note 6]</i>	2,304,681	2,419,441	2,332,311
Net revenue			
Student Union fees <i>[note 7]</i>	683,916	683,646	577,785
Contracts	108,000	119,804	155,913
Investment income	52,660	30,488	22,181
S.U.B. reservations	45,325	29,341	10,201
Food service	24,860	23,000	65,528
Bar service	(18,868)	(4,588)	(28,946)
	895,893	881,691	802,662
Net expenses			
S.U.B. operations	266,267	289,791	260,671
Council administration	227,046	261,046	208,670
External affairs	62,663	23,885	20,319
Depreciation	57,001	60,515	55,039
Grants	55,065	56,500	46,107
Entertainment	42,056	53,594	38,471
Community affairs	26,162	20,535	18,444
Furniture and fixtures	24,907	40,022	25,952
Computer support	24,770	29,991	16,880
Miscellaneous	16,264	20,330	23,074
Special events	13,522	(6,671)	7,274
Yearbook	5,202	34,500	—
Shuttlebus	5,132	4,760	7,306
Photography	—	—	521
	826,057	888,798	728,728
Net excess of revenue over expenses	69,836	(7,107)	73,934

See accompanying notes

Dalhousie Student Union

BALANCE SHEET

As at April 30

	1998 \$	1997 \$ <i>[restated - note 14]</i>
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	298,335	785,550
Accounts receivable	33,211	50,486
Inventories	29,290	32,900
Prepaid expenses	8,901	6,166
Investments, at cost (approximate market value - \$704,249; 1997 - \$319,737) <i>[note 2]</i>	623,448	289,523
	993,185	1,164,625
Fixed assets <i>[note 3]</i>	447,634	486,077
	1,440,819	1,650,702
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current		
Accounts payable - Dalhousie University	6,474	383,606
- C.K.D.U.	61,784	63,895
- Other	100,703	223,873
Deferred credits <i>[note 4]</i>	473,976	270,079
Other liabilities <i>[note 5]</i>	52,108	28,311
	695,045	969,764
Long-term liability <i>[note 9]</i>	47,117	52,117
Net assets		
Equity in properties	447,634	486,077
Unappropriated	251,023	142,744
	698,657	628,821
	1,440,819	1,650,702

Commitment *[note 10]*

See accompanying notes

A vigil for Matthew Shepard — 'victim of ignorance'

Homophobia kills

BY KAREN PARKER

A vigil for Matthew Shepard, a man brutally murdered because he was gay, gave Dal students a chance to share their grief and talk about hate crimes, the law and violence against gay communities everywhere.

Shepard died in a Wyoming hospital on Oct. 12, five days after his unconscious body was found lashed to a fence. He had been pistol whipped, burned, slashed and exposed to near-freezing temperatures.

And this unimaginable pain and terror was inflicted by two men who persecuted Shepard because he was gay.

On Sunday Oct. 25 over 200 Dalhousie students gathered in the McInnes room for a memorial service in honour of the slain man.

The event was hosted by the Dalhousie Women's Centre, with support from the Bisexual Gay and

Lesbian Association of Dalhousie (BGLAD).

Irene Zouros, a fourth-year statistics student, organized the vigil. She says the vigil was important to both grieve Shepard's death and emphasize that what happened to him wasn't an isolated incident.

"The death of Matthew Shepard showed just how ugly ignorance and stereotypes and hate can be, and these are things, if you do something about them — they can be dispelled, they can be broken down. All you need to break down ignorance is education. Matthew Shepard was a victim of that form of ignorance."

Zouros was also pleased with the size, and diversity, of the crowd — including a large number of students from the Shireff and Howe Hall residences.

"Often when you organize events like that you end up

preaching to the converted, but the crowd that showed up were perhaps people... who are at a stage where they can form prejudices or break them. I don't know if anyone walked in with prejudices, but I hope the evening was a step towards breaking them."

After Zouros opened the service by saying a few words about Matthew Shepard's life, University of King's college student Pat Sensun

"When people act with hatred and intimidation we must let it be clear that there is no place in our community for them."

shared some of his own experiences as a gay man living with fear.

Sensun cited several examples of gay bashing, including a B.C. case where a man was stabbed 60 times by a man he had met in a gay bar.

The murderer pleaded a "gay panic" defense — and ended up only being charged with manslaughter.

Sensun also mentioned an occurrence much closer to home: a

recent beating outside the gay bar Reflections in downtown Halifax.

Later, Halifax lawyer Lara Morris, a graduate of Dalhousie's law school, outlined current hate crime and hate propaganda legislation in Canada, and made several points about how it might be improved to protect gays and lesbians.

Right now, Canadian hate propaganda legislation protects on the basis of race and religion. The legislation does not, however, cover sexual orientation.

Bill C-41, a piece of Canadian hate crime legislation which was passed in 1995, on the other hand, does apply to gays and lesbians. Along with improved legislation, Morris also stressed a need for increased educational and prevention efforts.

"The anti-gay sentiment in our society has the effect of silencing many of us," she said.

The final speaker at Sunday evening's service was Dalhousie Student Union executive vice president Brian Kellow. In his speech, Kellow reassured students about the role of the university in stopping the spread of ignorance.

"The DSU is an inclusive organization, but that does not mean we accept everything. Tolerance doesn't mean we are relieved of responsibility, rather it demands the opposite," he said. "When people act with hatred and intimidation we must let it be clear that there is no place in our community for them."

Kellow also said the student union would always push for the maximum punishment in campus hate-related violence or crimes.

While Matthew Shepard's story is a sad one, attendees of his memorial service left the McInnes Room with at least a small piece of hope — hope that with the improvement of legislation and public attitudes, eventually hate crimes such as Matthew Shepard's slaying can be eliminated.

Angela Berrette, president of BGLAD, says the vigil also challenged her to examine what her organization can do to address the issue of homophobia at Dal.

"It left me with a sense that specifically BGLAD needs to do more about awareness and increasing the education of queer issues on campus."

with files from Shelley Robinson

Inmates

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chancellor is mainly a ceremonial role, involving, most noticeably, handing out degrees at graduation. But the job also includes a voting seat on the university's highest administrative body.

Day's five-year term ends in the year 2000.

When questioned about the article in Senate, Dalhousie president Tom Traves said he hadn't read the article, but stressed the ceremonial role of the chancellor's position.

"Sir Day is the chancellor of the university, but not an officer of the university," he said.

The cover of the October issue of the Dalhousie Faculty Association news bulletin, *Dialogue*, reprints the "inmate" quote as well as a quote from Ken Kesey's novel about an insane asylum, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*.

The editor of *Dialogue*, Dr. Andy Wainwright, says Day's quotes are irresponsible.

"[The comments are the] most outrageous thing anyone could say, especially in the upper echelon of the university."

Health plan awareness could save each student \$96.25

BY LINDSAY VICTOR

In the mad rush of next September, if you're not paying attention you may lose the chance to get a hundred bucks back.

Starting next fall, an additional \$96.25 will be tagged onto tuition to cover the new health plan. For students who already have health plans, a full rebate will be offered.

But how many students who can opt-out will?

Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) president Ted Chiasson says students will be well aware of the chance to get their money back.

"The rebate will be advertized better than the referendum. Information will be sent out with the registration material," he said.

But business student Allison Hynes says she didn't even know about the referendum.

"I didn't know about it. I would not want the health plan."

Rebate booths will be set up in the SUB, the Tupper building and

Daltech for up to a month in September. The student union is also planning to send out mass emails, talk to classes, poster the campus, include information in registration and frosh packs, and have 15 booths set up around

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campus.

All of which, except the mail-outs in frosh and registration packages, the student union did to promote the referendum to vote on the health plan.

13 percent of the student body voted in the referendum.

DSU executive vice-president Brian Kellow says he's not sure what else the student union could do.

"You have to do right, you have to do everything you can," he said. "[But] if students don't read their mail I don't think there's anything we can do."

For the last two years Dal students wanting health coverage could buy opt-in coverage at booths set up in the student union building each September.

Last year about 200 students applied for the opt-in coverage.

But Chiasson says an opt-in plan is not a fair representation of all the students who will use the plan if it's automatic.

"It's like car insurance. If you didn't have to have it the only people who would be the people with Camaros who drive 300 kilometres an hour," he said.

Chiasson says it's also very hard to get opt-in plans, because insurance companies may lose

money.

In an opt-out plan the costs associated with claims are offset by students who have the plan but don't use any or all of their coverage.

But Chiasson is also cautious about saying that students who don't use the health plan don't necessarily need one — you never know when you'll need access to extra medical care or prescription drugs.

Opt-out health plans, although new to Dalhousie, are common in other universities; including St. Mary's University, Acadia, and the University of King's College.

St. Mary's is in their tenth year with the opt-out plan. Last year 2000 students were rebated.

But the DSU's Kellow says it can't all be the student union's fault if all the people who could get a rebate don't bother to.

"I think the smoking gun is student apathy."

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Study argues post-secondary education pays for itself

BY ALEX BUSTOS

OTTAWA (CUP) — British Columbia university graduates offset the cost of their education subsidies by paying higher taxes, a research institute says.

In fact, some graduates end up paying more than double the cost of their degree, a paper by the non-profit Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives argues.

Conducted by economics professor Robert Allen of the University of British Columbia, the study — the first of its kind in Canada — found students pay for their diplomas through post-university employment as well as tuition fees.

Using UBC figures, Allen concluded tuition fees for a four-year bachelor's program at the university costs on average of \$11,480.

Relying on government numbers, Allen also points out that university graduates earn substantially more than those without a post-secondary education.

The result is that B.C. graduates pay more than \$50,000 in net taxes over their working

lifetime, Allen argues in the paper released last week.

That tax figure — which includes income tax, Canadian Pension Plan contributions and unemployment insurance payments — balloons to \$120,000 for men with an engineering degree.

If you add tuition fees and taxes, women pay an average of \$61,066 and men \$74,376.

In contrast, providing four years of undergraduate study to women costs the B.C. government \$28,469 and \$30,099 for men.

In the long run, the study concludes, education pays for itself.

"If what I'm saying is true, then students are already paying

their education in full, and to increase fees would be overcharging them and limiting access," Allen said.

"My hunch is that this overall conclusion... also applies to the other provinces," he added.

But Mark Milke, Alberta director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, says Allen overlooks the fact that low tuition levels subsidize the rich at the expense of the poor.

"It's an interesting (study), except that it's still absurd to think that a son and daughter of a millionaire should be given the same tuition break as someone who earns \$20,000," Milke said.

"It makes far more sense to

charge students the full cost of education, but provide generous assistance for those who can't pay."

Some student leaders, however, say there should be no tuition fees at all.

Maura Parte, B.C. chairwoman for the Canadian Federation of Students, says Allen's study provides a strong case for zero tuition.

"The presumption in (Milke's) argument is that only the individual benefits from education," said Parte. "But what's important about Mr. Allen's study... is that it says society as a whole benefits from education."

DAGS

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DSU, because we are accountable to the DSU."

Michael Charette voted in favour of joining the CFS' group. He says the prospective

membership is in the best interest of graduate students, which is DAGS main objective, but shouldn't be interpreted as a slight to the student union.

"[It's] not to be taken as a sign of discord or a threat to the DSU," he said.

Lisa Underhill agrees. She says this will be a "year of exploration for DAGS."

At the end of DAGS year-long

trial CFS membership, a referendum of graduate students will determine if they want to become permanent members of the National Graduate Council.

Underhill also says the grad society's involvement with other groups will make DAGS a more effective, informed organization.

"This motion is an enhancement [of DAGS], not a break from the DSU."

American Sign Language wanted at Dal

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universities in Nova Scotia offer sign language, although it is available through the Nova Scotia Community College and is sometimes offered as a night class through some local high schools.

And Mccarron argues that the university shouldn't dismiss the idea of introducing an ASL course based on the premise that there isn't a need for it because she says there's always a need for classes like this. Mccarron says it's just a matter of people coming forward and letting the university know.

"Disabled students often don't make their needs known, and as a result they don't get the help they

could be getting. But if you don't lobby and advocate for change, you don't get change," she said. "What people need to realize is that, if there's action called for, there'll be action taken."

Cindy Boutilier works with the Society for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Nova Scotia. Like Mccarron, she says introducing more sign language courses would be a wonderful step forward for the deaf community — but since some classes are already available, lobbying to get universities to teach them is not one of her organization's top priorities.

"It's something that would be fabulous to have — but there are

things that are much more urgently needed in the deaf community, like more interpreters," she said.

But Mccarron says having more sign language courses available to people — even beginner courses — would make a big difference in boosting people's understanding and awareness of the deaf community.

"It's more than just learning hand signals — it's a cultural thing. It's deaf awareness — a step toward breaking down barriers," she said.

"If Dal wants to be progressive in its language programs, this is something they should consider."

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CGC vs NGC

Dalhousie's graduate alternatives

BY JANET FRENCH

When the Dalhousie Association of Grad Students was looking for a national graduate organization it had two main organizations to choose from.

It chose prospective membership in the Canadian Federation of Students' (CFS) National Graduate Council. The CFS is an alliance of campus-based student groups who represent the political and social interests of students by lobbying government at the federal and provincial levels.

DAGS passed on the independent Canadian Graduate Council (CGC). The CGC was formed in 1991 by graduate students who felt there weren't any existing public interest groups that met their needs.

Acronyms aside, the organizations differ most in their approach to lobbying.

Susie Waldman, chair of the grad students' society's advocacy committee, says the CFS takes a more aggressive stand when lobbying the government. The federation's group also organizes on-campus rallies, in addition to their lobby tactics, in order to keep students informed and involved.

Joey Hansen, national treasurer of CFS, says the federation lobbies for the social interests of students, rather than just the political ones.

"The CFS provides services... that must operate nationally [in order to be effective]," he said.

Rubina Range is the national chair of the Canadian Grad Council. And she says her council focusses almost exclusively on the political issues concerning graduate students.

"We function to help increase funding for graduate students, help with student-supervisor relations and act as a resource for issues such as intellectual property concerns," she said.

And that sole focus is why Kelly MacKenzie, DSU vice-president student advocacy, says she likes the CGC.

"I would prefer the CGC because... they were created by grad students for grad students and they lobby for grad students alone. If you're in the NGC you are however-many grad students out of however-many undergraduate students," she said. "I seriously believe it would water down how much impact grad students have on policy."

But the grad student society's Susie Waldman says she disagrees with the CGC's history of using compromise as a tactic for lobbying the government.

"[If groups] hold on tight to what they believe in, their chances for success increase."

Ex-Premier says universities must change

BY SEAN RYAN

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Universities in Canada must become more adaptable to private sector demands or they risk becoming irrelevant, says former New Brunswick premier Frank McKenna.

"At the risk of being overly provocative, universities are either going to have to change and catch up or they're going to be irrelevant to what's going on in the world and they're going to perish," he said.

McKenna made the remarks during the seventh annual week-long conference of the Canadian Institutional Research and Planning Association, which ended this past Friday in St. John's.

McKenna says evidence of the need for change at the post-secondary level can be found in the World Index of Competitiveness report.

The index gave Canada a rating of sixth in literacy and education, down from second place last year.

"We have not been keeping up our productivity," he said. "The results are that, as Canadians, we're poorer than we were ten years ago."

"Other countries are passing us by," he added. "This is at a time when there are literally hundreds of

thousands of jobs available to us from all around the world."

McKenna says a major part of this problem, as well as a potential contributor to the solution, are universities and other post-secondary institutions.

"We should be stepping in and providing some of these skills," he said. "It doesn't mean that we have to walk away from our traditional role of educating the entire person — we can do all of those things. But we have to recognize that there are huge employment opportunities out there, if we provide the right tools to our graduates."

McKenna also says that too many university students are having to go to community colleges after graduation in order to find work. He added that private institutions are moving deeper into the post-secondary education market, particularly those which are online.

"I think the universities can continue to be a place for thinkers, a people who challenge the conventional wisdom of ideas and dreamers even, all of those things," he said. "But it's not unreasonable as well to have an eye on the market and prepare people with some life skills, or at least stream them in that direction."

University governance has

become particularly binding for institutions, he says, which has deprived them of their ability to change and adapt as necessary.

"Today, I see the university to be so bound in structure and process that they're always chasing everybody else who are leading change, trying to catch up, instead of being out front and making things happen," he said.

He also says communication between institutions, particularly between universities and colleges, needs to be improved.

"There seems to be this extraordinary lack of goodwill or lack of flexibility to allow credits to be given for certain educational programs that have been taken."

McKenna added that, while increased government funding would be beneficial in some ways, it would not solve all of these problems.

"I think governments have a responsibility to enrich the funding available, but they also have an obligation to the taxpayers to make sure that those people responsible are spending the money wisely and efficiently," he said. "And right now, I don't think that there is that comfort out there on the part of governments."

APEC inquiry chair denies charges of bias

BY DOUGLAS QUAN

VANCOUVER (CUP) — The chair of the APEC inquiry in Vancouver staunchly denied Friday allegations that he prejudged the outcome of the hearings.

Nevertheless, panel Chair Gerald Morin adjourned the hearings for three weeks to allow the Federal Court to investigate the matter.

Reading from a prepared statement at the start of the hearings on Friday, Morin denied any wrong doing.

"I can say for the record, I unequivocally deny the allegations. I have not done anything wrong. I have not prejudged. I will not prejudice these matters. I will judge only after all the evidence is in," he said.

Morin added he was confident he could continue to act as chair.

The allegations against Morin arose on Thursday morning when government lawyer Ivan Whitehall presented the statement of RCMP Cst. Russell Black of

Prince Albert, Sask. to the public complaints commission.

Cst. Black claims he overheard Morin in a casino last Spring say police mishandled protesters with pepper spray at last November's APEC conference and that he knew the outcome of the inquiry.

In light of the new allegations, RCMP lawyer George MacIntosh said he would ask the Federal Court to quash the hearings.

But the complainants and their lawyers charged the federal government and the RCMP were involved in a whitewash, and questioned the timing of the allegations.

"I'm concerned [Ivan] Whitehall has approached the panel privately... clearly with the intention of pulling the plug on the hearings," said Cameron Ward, lawyer for over a dozen student complainants.

"I suspect the government is feeling the heat, feeling nervous about how close we're getting to the truth."

The inquiry is set to resume on Nov. 16.

Paint bombs!

BY JEN QUESNEL

REGINA (CUP) — Red blotches of paint marked the new University of Regina president's inauguration ceremony last week after 10 red paint bombs were thrown at his house.

University President David Barnard has been targeted recently by campus activists upset by the rise in tuition fees.

The paint-bomb incident came on the heels of the university's "Free Education" festival sponsored by local student activists.

"I think the administration would have found [the slogans] offensive and that was the point," said Colin Hall, an executive member of the University of Regina Student's Union. "I think we gave people some facts of what Barnard's been up to and obviously that touched a nerve with somebody."

No charges have been laid yet, but campus security manager

Pat Patton said the matter is under investigation.

"If we are able to determine the perpetrator, we would prosecute to the full extent," said Patton. "We do have evidence... [and] the police have been notified."

The red spots were removed by sandblasting crews by 6pm the next day. Repairs to the house are estimated at \$3000.



The paint splattered windows, shingles, siding and the white granite face of the house. A vehicle in the driveway was also damaged.

"From the university point of view, there's a point where things... become intolerable," said James Tompkins, the acting vice-president of administration.

The president would not comment directly on the paint bombing, but called student pamphlets accusing him of forcing a tuition fee increase "misleading and untrue".

"[The tuition increase] is not a personal decision by me," Barnard said. "The Board did what it thought it had to do."

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Student calls for release of censored APEC documents

BY ALEX BUSTOS

OTTAWA — A University of British Columbia student is asking the federal

courts to quash government attempts to withhold certain documents from the APEC inquiry in Vancouver.

Earlier this month, RCMP and government officials filed five certificates of exemption preventing the release of whole or partial email messages and memos relating to last year's summit of 18 Pacific Rim leaders.

In response, UBC post-graduate student Jonathan Oppenheim — one of the organizers of last year's protest at the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation summit on the university's grounds — last Friday signed a court application demanding the full release of all the

censored material.

"We're going before the Federal Court and asking for a judicial review," Oppenheim said in an interview.

But federal government officials insist the documents in question must be censored for reasons of national security, foreign relations, third-party interests and cabinet confidence.

"Releasing information of this nature could reasonably be expected to have a chilling effect on the degree to which the representatives of Canada and foreign states may be forthright in their negotiations and relations," wrote John Donaghy, a director in the Department of Foreign Affairs, in an exemption certificate filed Oct. 9.

Full disclosure of the requested files, said Donaghy, would reveal the identity of sources in the Indonesian government,

harming relations between the two countries.

Police authorities also joined their government counterparts in calling for the deletion of certain passages from the APEC-related documents.

In an exemption certificate dated Oct. 13, Vancouver RCMP Supt. C.R. Kary said the contested APEC material contains RCMP secrets detailing the police force's surveillance methods and identities of undercover agents.

"The release of information disclosing security arrangements,

plans, confidential and secret [RCMP] methods or techniques of protection would render them ineffective," wrote Kary.

But Jaggi Singh, a former UBC student who was arrested without charge during the APEC protest, says it's absolutely necessary to disclose the kind of information Kary wants to hide.

Prior and during last year's APEC conference, says Singh, members of the student-led group APEC Alert were spied on by the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS).

"I was part of APEC Alert and I know it was never a threat to the life of

any Asian leader," said Singh. "What was CSIS saying about us? What was the nature of their surveillance?" he asked. "Why can't we see these documents?"

In order to find out the answers to these questions, Singh argues, Ottawa

must release all APEC-related material in its possession.

The Federal Court is expected to rule on Oppenheim's motion in about a month-and-a-half.

MAI dies on Paris negotiating table

BY JEREMY NELSON

VICTORIA (CUP) — After nearly four years of high-level discussions, the Multilateral Agreement on Investment has been declared dead by the 29 industrial nations involved in the negotiations.

The pact — which would have established international rules on investment — has been on life support since May, 1998 when lingering disputes between the countries and mounting public opposition forced a suspension of the Paris-based talks.

Negotiators finally pulled the plug on Tuesday when France refused to return to the table, citing concerns about the lack of labour, cultural and environmental protection in the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI).

"Negotiators have no idea what is going to happen [next]," said Council of Canadians chair Maude Barlow, who travelled to Paris to help lead international protests against the MAI.

"Everything is up in the air."

Critics say the pact would have threatened the sovereignty of individual states by placing too much power in the hands of multinational corporations.

After the collapse of the MAI talks, Canada's Minister of Trade Sergio Marchi indicated he wanted to move the MAI to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

"I think the WTO is the master of its own house," said Marchi, alluding to the fact that the WTO has a better track record when it comes to successfully negotiating agreements.

American negotiators took a different view.

"I don't think we would envision moving this negotiation effectively into the WTO," US trade spokesperson Jay Ziegler told *The Globe and Mail*. "These negotiations have been floundering for a long time, and I think it's fair to say no one knows how to bring it to closure."

Leaders of the anti-MAI movement, however, are not celebrating victory.

"What we have to remember is that the MAI is going to be active in other venues like APEC and the International Monetary Fund," said Tony Clarke, co-author of the book *MAI and the Threat to Canadian Sovereignty*.

"The proponents of the MAI — the big transnationals — are probably going to go underground for a while and there'll be a period when we don't hear anything about it and then suddenly it will surface again."

Concern about the MAI originally arose in 1997 when a confidential copy of the draft text was leaked over the Internet.

If it had been signed, the MAI would have given new rights to large businesses, including the right to directly sue any government that passed a law that interfered with that business' ability to make profits.

The MAI also would have prevented governments from passing any new labour, environmental or cultural protection laws for a 20 year period.

Computer program to mark essays

Program could pose a threat to originality, critics warn

BY ERIN FITZPATRICK

VANCOUVER (CUP) — A psychology professor at New Mexico State University has developed a software program that he says can mark the content of an essay and return it to the student with comments in less than a minute.

The idea of being freed from hours of tedious marking has excited many academics, but some worry the new program, dubbed the Intelligent Essay Assessor opens the door for computers to enter into the realm of human thought.

Dr. Peter Koltz developed the idea for a computer marker almost ten years ago when he was working with a colleague on a study of human memory.

"We were developing a model based on how humans interpret and remember text, when we realized we could give a computer the same ability," he said.

According to Dr. Koltz, computers can be taught to recognize key words and ideas in a text, and can then assign a mark to

an essay depending on how many of those key concepts it finds in the paper.

"You feed the computer sample texts on the topic," he said. "The course textbook for example, and some sample essays that the professor has marked ahead of time, some done really well and others done poorly. Then the computer gets an idea of what to look for."

The program, says Koltz, would allow students to post their essays on the net and get them back within 30 seconds.

"This is superior to the method we use now," said Koltz, "where students get the paper back and don't even look at the comment."

Some academics however, doubt the superiority of the new program.

Roger Blackman, associate Dean of Arts at Simon Fraser University (SFU), says that while SFU is not opposed to the idea of the Intelligent Essay Assessor he has some reservations.

"What we should be interested in at a university are new ideas," said Blackman.

"If a computer is marking based only on what's already out there, then I would worry that the computer only helps the students learn to toe the party line."

There is the possibility that if an essay did contain new concepts, the paper would fail because it lacked the standard lines from the textbook.

But Dr. Koltz says he has put a mechanism in place to guard against this.

"When there is an anomalous essay... or there are different words in it than there have been in the other papers, the computer puts up a red flag."

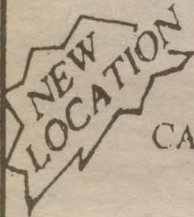
It sends the essay to me and I look at it."

He added that the program is not intended for creative essays, only expository ones.

Dr. Koltz says he is currently using the program in one of his upper level psychology courses at New Mexico State, and that students have been happy with the results.

"We did a survey, and of all 200 students, only one said he wouldn't want to use it."

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Magnetars burst on the scene

BY ALAN LEBLANC

Roughly 20,000 years ago a neutron star known as SGR 1900+14 released a tremendous burst of gamma radiation and charged particles in a gigantic "starquake". The effects of this burst hit Earth's atmosphere last Aug. 27, overloading the sensors of many satellites and interfering with radio transmissions for roughly five minutes.

The culprit — magnetars, a newly discovered breed of stars with incredibly intense magnetic fields.

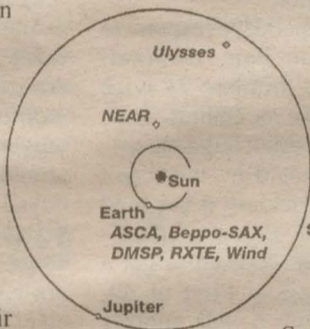
Magnetars are formed in the same manner as other neutron stars, with a mass of about twice that of our sun yet confined to a diameter of twenty kilometres. They are created when a giant star explodes in a supernova, leaving behind its core.

What gives magnetars its unique properties is their rate of spinning. The magnetar SGR 1806-20, discovered in May by Chryssa Kouveliotou et al. of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, is calculated to be spinning once every 7.5 seconds. This generates a powerful magnetic field 100 times more powerful than your average neutron star.

The field works out to be roughly one quadrillion Gauss (a unit of measure of a magnetic force). In contrast, the Earth's magnetic field is only 0.6 Gauss. This magnetic field also causes the star to trap plasma, heating the star's surface to 10-million degrees Celsius.

The stars are classified as Soft Gamma Repeaters (SGRs). Discovered in 1979, these are bodies which regularly emit gamma radiation. The magnetic force of the magnetar is so strong it periodically causes its own metallic shell to crack, causing a starquake. Low-energy gamma radiation, like the burst observed in August, is released from the star's interior. The energy released in this one event produces more energy per second than the sun produces in an entire year, making the SGRs among the brightest objects in the sky.

So why haven't we seen these objects before 1979?



"No one was looking," said Peter Woods, a PhD student

at the Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, Alabama. "X-ray detectors with sufficient sensitivity were not launched aboard satellites until the seventies."

"Another reason is that their behaviour is chaotic and unpredictable, so you have to be watching that part of the sky all of the time. For example, the source of this particular burst [SGR 1900+14] produced only seven comparably weaker bursts in 18 years, and has since produced well over one hundred."

The paradigm of magnetars was first proposed by Robert

Duncan of the University of Texas and Chris Thompson of the University of North Carolina in 1992. They theorized that a neutron star's core must be spinning at least 200 revolutions per second to form a magnetar, rather than a normal pulsar. At first ridiculed for their theory, the two were relieved when Kouveliotou's research in May proved their existence. Thompson, according to Kouveliotou, "went completely nonlinear" upon hearing the news.

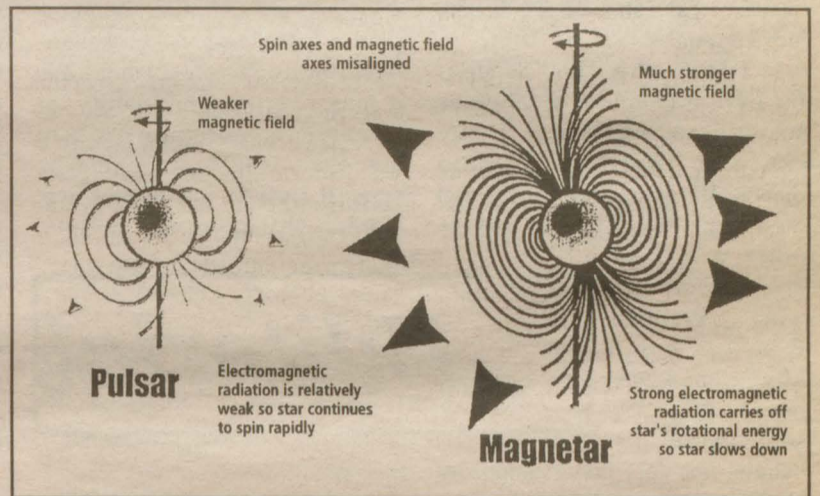
The starquakes, as powerful as they appear, pose no immediate danger.

"Given the distance of all the known SGRs, they would have no impact on our health," said Woods.

Since the Earth's atmosphere blocks out all X-rays, these bursts never reach the Earth's surface. This is why magnetars cannot be observed with ground-based telescopes and must be viewed using an X-ray spectrum detector.

The existence of magnetars may help explain why many observable supernova nebulae, the remnants of exploded stars, appear to have no neutron stars at their centres. Magnetars typically lose their magnetic force and "die" roughly 10 000 years after their formation. When they lose this force they do not produce starquakes, nor do they continue to trap plasma, rendering them dark and virtually undetectable.

Magnetars have their own official website (www.magnetars.com), maintained by Robert Duncan, the same man who originally proposed their existence.



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Grannies tackle pollution

BY JULIA GARRO

TORONTO (CUP) — Take it from your grannies, Great Lakes pollution is no joke — but it sure is something to sing about.

Members of the Raging Grannies say despite a 1972 international water quality agreement that calls for the reduction of toxins and the complete elimination of some chemicals in the Great Lakes, industry is getting away with environmental murder.

"You're seeing fewer fines being levied and fewer industries being caught," said Shelley Petri, a member of the national organization of senior women who advocate environmental and social issues.

Wrapped in shawls and topped with flowered hats, she and others presented a musical request at the Great Lakes United public hearing.

"You can catch people off guard this way," said group member Phyllis Creighton.

The hearing was one of seven scheduled on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

Murray Brooksbank, of the federal ministry of environment, also worries that industries are getting away with polluting natural resources.

"There is some concern that the government seems to be backsliding," Brooksbank said, adding that it isn't for lack of commitment.

The presentation by the Raging Grannies and hundreds of others will be compiled by the Great Lakes United and handed over to Ottawa and the provinces when the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement comes up for review in February.

But environmentalists who hope the review of the agreement will lead to reforms shouldn't be too optimistic, said Michael Barluk, press secretary to the federal minister of the environment.

"The review does not necessarily mean change," Barluk said.

Clarification

Last week, a story entitled "Geologist Keller debunks extinction theory" appeared in the Science and Environment section of the Gazette. Dr. Jim Hall, a professor in Dalhousie's Earth Sciences department, has asked the Gazette to make it clear that he is not the same Jim Hall who wrote the article. Jim Hall, our reporter, is a student at Dalhousie.

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The seventh day... let me shop

I awoke last Sunday to a beautiful day. It was the kind of day which makes you glad to be alive. I laced up my boots and leapt through the front door like a kid on Christmas morning, on my way downtown to do some shopping, when all of the sudden, like a knife to the back, I remembered.

You can't shop on Sundays in Nova Scotia.

I don't get it. Nova Scotia is far from a completely religious society, so why can't I buy extension cords and CDs on Sunday. It's not my day of rest, and it's not the day of rest for a lot of other people. I don't understand why Premier

Russell MacLellan wants me to suffer for someone else's

beliefs, nor do I understand why businesses are losing profits for the same reason. The Holy Day of Rest is being forced on people that don't subscribe to Christianity.

I could not possibly care less about what the majority belief system in the world is, as long as everyone else is allowed to exist in peace. If a non-Christian wants to pick up a 40 oz. bottle of Jack Daniels or keep his store open on Sunday, what right does the Church or the government have to deny it. If it's not really acceptable for devout believers to do these things, then they can stay home. This is in complete ignorance of the non-Christian population of Halifax, for example.

I was once told that in order to feel enlightened, you need only to step into a church and stand in awe of God's presence.

I went. It didn't work. Neither did the pamphlets, or any of the commercials for *Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints*, not even Jimmy Swaggart's spell binding sermons. I am just not interested. Nothing personal. I have my own beliefs. Based on my own observations, and it may overlap Christianity, or Buddhism, or Sikhism, or it may be that the world was created by magical elves on a two-week acid bender. Whatever my beliefs,

they're mine.

Most people have no problem with that. Most Christians are open minded, and often ask me what I believe out of genuine interest. That's great. I enjoy nothing more than philosophical discourse about the possible origins of man.

But not everyone is so open minded as others when it comes to personal beliefs. I was told in junior high by a church-going classmate that I was "going to hell". That, however, did not bother me in the least. Last year I was told that I need not worry, I still have lots of time to repent all my sins. Thank God for that. All that I ask is that you don't tell me about your wrath, and I'll do you the same.

I also have a bit of a problem with the entire idea of religious followers competing for the support of other beliefs. It could be argued that this is simply a medium of spreading around the idea of religion so that all the Godless vagrants can have something to hold on to. But not everyone is in search of a new belief system. The people that are selling religion are essentially saying to those with alternative beliefs that they are wrong, and they are giving them a chance to go the right way.

Don't get me wrong. I don't think anybody should stop discussing personal beliefs for fear of offending anybody. All I am saying is that the discussions should be on a interest level, not a condescending, dogmatic condemning level, as is far too often the case.

I am also not generalizing Christians in this way. The culprits are few in contrast to the entire Christian faith, but they still number too many.

If I want to shop on Sundays I should be able to. If I want to follow my own beliefs, I should be able to. Without being persecuted by religious commandos.

I would encourage discussion on religion. I think it is a good idea for people to diversify their beliefs. Just don't tell me about how I should fear the wrath of God, or how my shopping will have to wait until Monday, and I won't tell you that the magical elves are coming to burn your house.

PATRICK BLACKIE

Editorial

Letters

Get computer literate

To the editor,

Writer Darren Spitzig has some great suggestions to help students surf the 'net in his article "Your computer and the world beyond" (vol. 131, issue 6). I would also like to suggest that Dal students can come to two different sessions on the Internet given by the Killam Library.

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Fran Nowakowski
Killam Library

More 'bullshit'

To the editor,

I feel compelled to respond to the letter from Pam Wentzell (volume 131, number 7) with regards to this never ending "Take Back The Bullshit" issue. I, too, wish the issue would die, but I can't let it until the backlash it has bred dies with it.

So, I think we need to get a few things straight. First of all, calling December 6 "just another night" is callous and insensitive, but to state that it is also an 'inflated' event is truly horrifying comment. This is not ancient history, Dec. 6 happened in 1989 — we can all remember it. This happened in our decade, sister. And though I choke down subtle anti-woman messages each day, this was a *blazing*. I mean really burning, example of misogyny. If it is alright to chat casually about the murder of 14 women as an isolated event and if doing this is putting the world into 'perspective', I really need to catch the next train out.

As to the copies of *the Picaro* being removed, I have this sneaky suspicion that controversy moves papers. I don't know of anyone who took them or who would have taken them, so maybe, just maybe, people took them to read.

But the real disgrace, like in actual reality, is that you believe reverse sexism exists and that we,

the homogeneous feminists, are after blood and not equality. Wake up, sister. And while you are at it, wake up all those people around you. If we, as women, had the power, the privilege, or the glory to be sexist, maybe yours would be a valid concern. Right now, though, its not the poor sad white boys fighting for their lives (unless they are gay), its *women* who are shut in the prisons of their houses, their underpaid and undervalued work, being pushed down by patriarchal systems, if not individual men.

Yes, I wish this issue would die. I wish equality and peace on earth, too. We're just not there yet. *Look around.*

Kate Greenaway

Thanking the Playboys

To the *Playboy* reps on campus,

I'll have to admit I was sceptical, boys. I mean *Playboy* on campus? Really, it was shocking to think that an organization I associate with the *oppression* of women would be present on a university campus. I did read a few articles about your little group, and boys I'll have to say I didn't really believe all those things you said about *Playboy* being pro-choice and pro-birth control way before anyone else, right? Because that's what feminism is *all* about, right? But anyway, I'll have to admit that the age old arguments against the *objectification* of women and things like that clouded my view.

Although I still don't agree with *Playboy* on campus, I do have to admit that their decision to charge women only 50 percent of the admission they charged the men shows some merit. And so I say thank you. Thank you boys for recognizing that women still receive significantly less pay than men. It's nice to see such a warm gesture from representatives of an organization I had always associated with the oppression of women. However, I will point out that the next time you host such an event, you can charge us a little more. After all, women are making about 70 cents for every dollar made by a man now!

Kirsti McHenry

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Let's see what Reggie and Wilbur are saying this week. Wilbur!

That seems awfully familiar Reggie. awfully familiar!



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Graduate student issues: why DAGS got involved

Last November 1997, a member of the former DAGS council attended a national Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS) conference. At the conference, the lack of national student representation of Dalhousie graduate students was apparent; the majority of the students present were already members in national graduate student associations. At the end of the 1997-98 DAGS term, it was recommended that DAGS form an advocacy committee to better address graduate student issues here at Dalhousie.

Although graduate student issues are connected to undergraduate and faculty concerns, some felt that the graduate student voice was not entirely represented in the various debates this year (faculty strike, TA and part-timer contracts, etc.). Graduate student employment, as an example, warrants national attention. Some of us are concerned about the future of the university as a place to learn and possibly as a place to find work after graduation. Recent developments in education policy make it increasingly hard to find work in academia. The tendency seems to go towards the "disposable teacher" as sessional lecturers are hired for the term and then laid off in the summer. Continuity of the research and teaching process is made more difficult under such conditions. Even an increase of research grants given from funding agencies such as NSERC and SSHERC, though necessary and appreciated, do not directly address the important role

of the university as an educational institution. Another example, the Millennium Fund, proposed by the government does not address the need to ensure a suitable level of tenured faculty.

We do not see graduate student issues as more fundamental or more important than undergraduate issues, we are all in the same boat concerning increases in tuition and class size. However, it is necessary to make known and discuss the complexities that impact upon graduate student education.

What are the options?

The Graduate Student Advocacy Committee and DAGS council recently supported the motion to join a national organization. This membership necessitates paying a fee but would allow Dalhousie graduate students to be connected to a larger national network. Graduate student issues are represented by two different national organizations, the National Graduate Council (NGC) and the Canadian Graduate Council (CGC). The CGC is close in approach to the undergraduate organization CASA (Canadian Association of Student Alliance) of which the Dalhousie undergraduate are members. The NGC is a part of the CFS (Canadian Federation of Students).

The main differences in strategy between the two organizations are that the NGC is more focused on general social policy besides actively lobbying politicians in Ottawa (they have a full time person for this). The NGC, working with the CFS, organizes

rallies and public protest as we have witnessed at Dalhousie during the week of action. We are concerned that the NGC is not completely autonomous from the CFS as policy making has to be co-ordinated with the undergraduate student organization. The CGC was formed in 1992 and is exclusively a graduate organization. The CGC engages in lobbying efforts, however this does not incorporate public protest. Fees are raised by both organizations. The NGC charges considerably more than the CGC.

Future Directions

The decision of the committee is to follow both organizations (CGC and NGC) actively over the upcoming academic year. The NGC offers the opportunity to join their association as a prospective member valid for this academic year. This involves a significantly lowered fee compared to full membership and we can attend national meetings and actively

participate in their debates. The CGC does not have the possibility of prospective membership but it is possible to join their meetings and list serve. It is hoped that in a year's time Dalhousie graduate student involvement in both organizations will help us to make a final decision about national membership. No matter which organization DAGS finally joins, active participation and support of graduate students at the national and provincial level as well as here at Dalhousie will be needed to fully benefit from membership!

Backlash

The issue is emotionally charged. The DSU (Dalhousie Student Union) left the CFS a few years ago. Our committee researched the reasons for the dissatisfaction with the CFS. Old issues of the Gazette document that the CFS had raised their fees, which was not appreciated. Additionally the DSU thought that the CFS did not stick to student issues in their

policy. Perhaps the definition of student issues by the DSU at the time was a bit narrow. However, because of that concern, we wanted to join the NGC (which is part of the CFS) only as a prospective member and be informally involved in the CGC. Our decision to join a national association is *not* seen as a break from the DSU lobbying but a means to enhance advocacy overall for graduate students.

Conclusion

We believe that membership in a national organization is important for the Dalhousie graduate students but we need to hear from you. If you are interested in the issues and would like to know more, please contact DAGS and join the advocacy committee. email: dags@is.dal.ca

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Feminism for dummies

This week we will cover key concepts and terminology, using illustrative examples, and discuss the issue of backlash. Conveniently, this topic has already been introduced by *the Picaro*, courtesy of Stephen Brown and Tim Boudreau. Thanks boys!

Key Terms

Sex — dictated by biology and really creative doctors.

Gender — a social construct; it's made up.

Race — it's a construct too (you thought it was real didn't you?).

Sexism — discrimination based on sex, but really closely related to gender.

Stereotype — a way to put people in little boxes (convenient for little minds).

Misogyny — hatred of women (this doesn't mean you don't want to date them). If you were wondering, there's no word for the hatred of men.

Lesbian — a woman who is emotionally, physically and spiritually attracted to women; not necessarily a feminist.

Feminist — a woman who is emotionally, physically and spiritually attracted to equality; not necessarily a lesbian.

Okay kids, now the fun begins.

Backlash

Summary: so there are these people who are trying to create this thing called equality, and then you get these people (not the same people) who get really angry and start yelling things like "Reverse sexism!" and "No means kick her in the teeth" (see Queen's University Engineering, circa 1991). Around this time people start saying that we don't need feminism anymore. They say things like "You can vote, shut up," and "I had a woman boss once, I didn't like it". Then feminists (see definition) start saying things like: women make 67 cents for every dollar men make (early 1990s). Women are predominantly the victims of sexual assault. Only three women have ever been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Backlash occurs after significant achievements have been made (or have been perceived to have been made) in the advancement of women (or another disadvantaged group). Backlash can be a call to end changes because goals have been attained (when they haven't). It can also be a demand that we return to traditional times and take up our "rightful" roles (this usually involves aprons and some reference to a Bible or other religious text).

A key component of backlash is that it involves privileged groups perceiving that they are being unfairly treated. Discriminated against even. Wow. Hard life ain't it? (See complaints about Affirmative Action). People say things like "white guys have never had it so rough." This perception goes hand in hand with the idea that women (or any other disadvantaged group) have been accorded too much privilege. Ha ha

ha ha... see previous statistics.

Backlash accompanies this notion people have that there's only so much privilege in the world. Therefore, if women are getting more privilege then men must have less. Uh-huh. Privilege isn't tangible so how can there be a finite amount? But people think weird things sometimes and so, no one seems to want to share the privilege they have. If there is a finite amount of privilege, that's great, but no one deserves it more than anyone else because of a phallus, or the colour of their skin. If there's a finite amount of privilege, we want to share, play on an even field, so to speak. Be equal.

Equality is what we (um, we're feminists) are trying to achieve, in a nutshell (that's really too small to fit this stuff in). Backlash is bad (if you take nothing else from this article, repeat that 10 times out loud), and it happens when people are trying to do good things, like evening out the aforementioned playing field. And backlash still happens, for example, when women get together and, like, march against violence, and sometimes, some guy gets, like, worried that we're after him and then maybe he writes an article in some student paper at, say, the Mount. (So now we know you want to write, which is good, because it's good to get involved in your education. Let us know what you want us to talk about. Hell, tell us we're wrong, just promise to try to write something intelligent.)

For the definitive work on backlash, try Susan Faludi's *Backlash*. It's good. We liked it lots, especially the part about *real* women.

"We haven't come a long way, we've come a short way. If we hadn't come a short way, no one would be calling us baby." — Elizabeth Janeway.

Do you get it?

KIRSTI McHENRY
and KATE GREENAWAY

Really missed the point

I realize that many opinions have been tossed around about the infamous "Take Back The Bullshit" opinions article printed in *The Picaro* on September 29, and that by now everyone is sick of hearing about it. Despite my reluctance to contribute to this discussion's continuing, I'd like to respond to Pam Wentzell's letter in the Oct. 22 issue of *The Gazette*.

First of all, I'm not going to comment on whether the article should have been retracted, or if official apologies should or should not have been made. I believe that is the only thing really up for debate here — whether this piece by Stephen Brown should have been printed in the first place — and I'm not writing to discuss that. What seems undebatable is that the article has definitely offended and is definitely offensive, and I find it astounding that Ms. Wentzell, or any female, could read it and not realize this.

About menstruation, Brown wrote: "You may bleed, but masturbated semen makes a bigger mess, and they still haven't found a cure for APH (adolescent public hard-on). PMS may hurt but so does blue-balls." Am I as a female supposed to sympathize with the fact that masturbated semen is messy? If you don't like the mess, *don't masturbate*. I can't choose whether or not to have my period, and it doesn't give me pleasure as masturbating must for Mr. Brown, so that comparison is unfair. The comparison of PMS and blue-balls is equally unfair. To cure blue-balls, *masturbate*. Uh-oh. Looks like Mr.

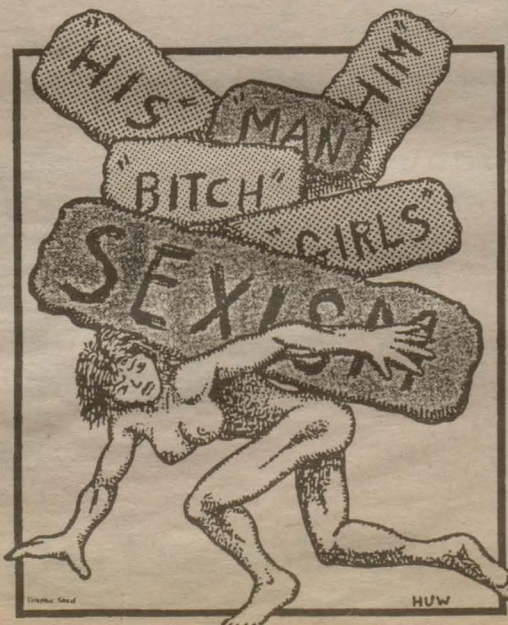
Brown is caught between a rock and a hard place (no pun intended). Meanwhile, I'm stuck in that I *have* to have both my period and PMS. I don't expect anyone to feel guilty about that. And I won't even try to compare which is messier because these things are not even comparable.

I'm not going to go over all the things that offended me about this article, because that's not the point I'm trying to make here. I just needed an example for Ms. Wentzell to see why the article sparked the reaction it got. I understand that Brown did indeed have a point — that the world isn't safe for anybody and that we can't blame all men for the actions of a few. The problem is that this point got lost in a list of opinions and ideas that are simply disturbing.

And I object to Wentzell's use of the word "feminist" as a negative term. I'm a feminist, proud to say so, and I'm not sexist. I don't hold all men responsible for the actions of a few really nasty ones because that is not fair. It is the men who hold opinions like the ones expressed by Brown that I'm afraid of. This kind of misunderstanding is frightening and not acceptable.

As for the lineup at your door for copies of the article, I too have a list of people wanting my copy. Fortunately they don't want it because they agree with Brown's ideas. I don't know what's more frightening — Brown's article or the females who congratulate him for his misogyny.

GINA GRANTER



Defending feminism: it is not reverse sexism

Everyday in my work as a woman who helps and advocates for other women, I face the institutional systems which are in place that continue to oppress women and discriminate against them. This is a difficult challenge because these are the systems (medical, legal, political, educational, etc.) that are supposed to be in place to help everyone; yet they do not. However, the most disheartening challenge that I have to face is that of other women who do not feel that my battle is a worthy one, that is, the battle for society to change and "get it" when it comes to issues that face women.

Pam Wentzell's letter in the Oct. 22 issue of the Gazette is part of that disheartenment. The fact that a woman can even have a letter published is due to the work of the "feminists" she puts shame on and calls sexist. The fact that she is a student is because of what feminists did before her time. The fact that women are "persons" under Canadian law is a direct result of feminism. Care to talk about the vote?

Of course, Ms. Wentzell is commenting on the "crap" article that appeared in *the Picaro* a while back. Ms. Wentzell says accusations of racism are "ridiculous" because no mention of ethnicity took place. The "Southern 'coon hunt" has a direct implication for those of us who know a little bit about history, and I'm not talking ancient history. So I must disagree on the "no racism" implication.

Sexism is not "far-fetched" as she says. "The term 'sexist' characterizes cultural and economic structures which create and enforce the elaborate and rigid patterns of sex-marking and sex-announcing which divide the species, along the lines of sex, into dominators and subordinates. Individual acts and practices are sexist which reinforce and support those structures, either as culture or as shapes taken on by the enculturated animals". This is a definition given by a well-known feminists author, Marilyn Frye,

Ph.D. Using Frye's definition, Stephen Brown's article was extremely sexist. "Resistance to sexism is that which undermines those structures by social and political action and by projects of reconstruction and revision of ourselves". These are also the words of Marilyn Frye. Women are resisting, Ms. Wentzell, have resisted in the past, and will continue to do so in the future.

I do not feel that women have "sexist attitudes" towards men, as Ms. Wentzell states in her letter. Her claim of reverse discrimination does not hold water with myself, nor can I think of any other politically engaged group that may hold that opinion. By women standing up for their rights, it does not mean we want to take the rights of men away, which would be what "reverse discrimination" was about. Most feminists that I know would never dream of taking anything away from a group of people, only allowing everyone to have the same rights and privileges. So, how is that "reverse discrimination" and how does that implicate sexist attitudes of women towards men?

The fact that all the copies of the student paper were gone from the SUB could indicate that people picked up the paper once word spread of the "crappy" article being in it, not that the paper was removed. I take the insinuation that the paper was removed as a personal one, because I was one of the "maybe fifteen" people who complained about the article. In a previous issue of the Gazette, I have already stated that the Dalhousie Women's Centre *did not* remove the papers from the SUB, and I do so here again now. I have asked around to see if anyone else removed the papers, to which the response was "no". If Ms. Wentzell wants to make accusations about the paper being removed, I hope she has something to substantiate her remarks. Ms. Wentzell says "removing the paper was unjustified" but does she have anything to justify saying that the

papers were removed? Or is that just speculation?

A note on the "fifteen people" number. People are sadly mistaken if they think only 15 people were offended by this article, because I know of a lot more than that. And the number of women's organizations in this city that were offended and saddened by it is also very high. Just call a few local agencies that deal with women and ask them if they agree with the article. I think their response may enlighten Ms. Wentzell, Stephen Brown, Tim Boudreau and Mark Sitter.

With regards to the "shameful response" that Ms. Wentzell took from the Gazette and posted on her door below the "crap" article, I can only assume she refers to "Women defending themselves, again", which appeared a couple of weeks ago, since she does not indicate exactly what response she is talking about. Again, when women speak up and defend themselves, others get nervous. Why this is so, I do not know. Is it that by coming together, women realize the realities of their lives as not an isolated incident, but part of a systemic problem, and thus have collective strength and energy that helps recharge us in our fight for formal and substantive rights? What was so shameful about that article? The truth to it? That's what I find shameful; the fact that what was

presented in that piece has been documented over and over, yet people still don't get what fighting for women is all about. The article was a response to the backlash that is in existence worldwide, and Ms. Wentzell's opposition to the article is also part of that backlash.

December 6 — where to begin to explain the meaning of that day, as if I should have to do that. Marc Lepine separated the men to

women killed by men every year is astounding (I have a list of femicides in my office for those of you interested — it is just for this province, but I can assure you it is very upsetting).

Ms. Wentzell asks must we dwell on Dec. 6. I think as long as men kill women, simply because they can, we have to dwell on Dec. 6. I think as long as women are beaten in their homes, we have to dwell on Dec. 6. I think as long as women are re-victimized when they report that rape, we have to dwell on Dec. 6. I think that as long as Stephen Brown continues to brag about his conquests on Dec. 6, we have to dwell on it. And I think that as long as attitudes towards women, attitudes towards women helping women and attitudes towards those that stand up and tell it like it is to be a woman in a patriarchal society exist, we must dwell on Dec. 6.

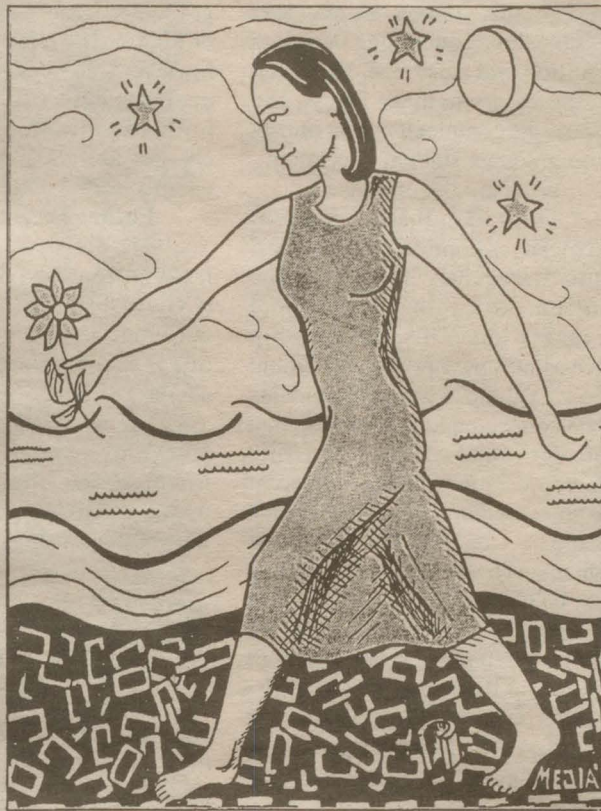
For me as a feminist to be pro-woman does not mean I have to be anti-man. To afford women the same rights and privileges as men, does no make me, as a feminist, sexist. And I'm not "afraid" of standing up for what I believe to be right. And standing up for the injustices done to women is something I believe to be right, unheard and ignored by most of society. Until the voices of women are not quieted and people turn to hear them, I will continue to be unafraid of speaking out against the patriarchy, the Stephen Browns and the Pam Wentzells.

I'm not afraid to stand up, but it does get me down when I have to justify being a feminist, wanting the world to be a better place for us all to live in, to other women. But Ms. Wentzell, if you ever need help through any of the institutional systems which continue to victimize, traumatize and trivialize women, please come and see me. Because being the good feminist that I am, I would help you.

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one side of the classroom, women to the other. The men were allowed to leave unharmed. The women were killed because they were women. Because Marc Lepine felt they were "taking jobs away from men". Ms. Wentzell writes, "the point is, life goes on". Not for those 14 women in Montreal it doesn't. The fact that the federal government declared Dec. 6 as a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is proof that it is not "just another night". The event has not been "inflated", rather it is used as a way to remind us all that the number of

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Being a mom and a student

Dual role made easier by Dalhousie Student Mothers Society

BY JANET FRENCH

Imagine having to work two full time jobs at once — one requires focus, dedication, hard work, a flexible schedule and perpetual interest. The other needs you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, giving your complete attention and continued support. To an average student this seems incomprehensible but this is what student mothers do everyday.

The Dalhousie Student Mothers Society was created by Sabrina Morrison to provide support, information and most importantly bring a little bit of sanity to the hectic lives of student moms.

Currently a graduate student at Dal and mother of a three-year-old daughter, Morrison was inspired to start the group when she returned to school after a three year absence to raise her child.

"Coming back to school was hard," said Morrison, "even with my husband around."

Morrison felt it would be of great comfort to meet women in a similar situation and to have a support network. However upon contacting the Dalhousie Women's Centre (DWC) and analogous organizations at Mount Saint Vincent University and Saint Mary's University, she realized that such an organization did not exist.

The DWC suggested that Morrison start a society to meet the needs of this specialized group of individuals,



and offered their full support. Thus, the Dalhousie Student Mothers Society (DSMS) was born.

The meetings of the DSMS, which are held monthly in the women's centre, act as an open forum for mothers in the unique situation of balancing the stress of student life with motherhood.

The group currently consists of 16 mothers and four non-mothers. The non-mothers are instrumental for the society because they have the freedom and time that does not come so easily to most of the mothers. The non-mothers often take care of the children during meetings, allowing the mothers to give their full attention to the discussion.

The women of the DSMS are studying in a variety of fields, ranging from arts to medical school.

There is also

variety in length of time the women have spent in school, which is especially useful for the women who are just starting out.

"It's very inspirational to see people who have made it," said Morrison, who explained that the meetings are a chance for the mothers to trade notes and textbooks for similar classes or arrange a baby-sitter if they have classes at different times.

Most women in the DSMS are not so lucky as to have the father of their child around.

"A lot of the time, [the DSMS] makes up for the deficiencies in their family," said Morrison.

The DSMS also helps mothers access the resources available to them. The group offers assistance in placing children in daycare and helping the women who could not normally afford daycare to find subsidies. Student mothers have priority on the waiting lists of a few campus-affiliated daycares, and there is a \$2 per hour babysitting available at Dalplex.

The DSMS also brings in a variety of guest speakers and councillors to address issues such as stress management, child-parent relations and career choices. Morrison explains that some mothers feel guilty about not devoting their full attention to their children.

Josie Faubert, a single mother who just graduated from St. Mary's, agrees.

"Taking time away from my son, to do all the things I had to do was really hard," said Faubert. "I

felt really guilty."

The DSMS also provides mothers who are struggling financially with options that will decrease their debt. Morrison says that the main source of income for single mothers are student loans and welfare. The family benefits package for single mothers offered by the government excludes those who are students. In addition, there is no maternity leave for students, unlike working mothers, who reap the benefits of staying home and receiving money.

Solutions to such dilemmas include the Dalhousie and Saint Mary's married housing complexes, where student mothers can live under more affordable conditions.

But time is much more scarce than money for most student mothers. Children take priority over everything else.

"[My son] is my first priority, everything else comes second," said Faubert. When you're a student mother and your child has a cold or ear-ache you have to worry about them before you can finish that assignment or do that

research. This can sometimes interfere with getting assignments in on time and the quality of the work.

Luckily, professors are usually understanding of the demands on student mothers, because most are parents themselves.

"The professors at SMU were wonderful to me and very understanding. I loved them all," said Faubert.

Despite time restraints, mothers tend to do well in classes because they are motivated to graduate to make a better future for not only themselves but their children as well.

"I wanted to feel good about myself so I could do better for my son," said Faubert. "I wanted to be a good role model for him."



Breast cancer is survivable — take my mother as one example

BY ANDREA BREAU

WINNIPEG (CUP) - My mother Evelyn is going to be a breast cancer survivor.

At age 53 she was working as a senior administrative assistant and leading a mostly normal and healthy lifestyle.

Then came the lump. Last June, a routine mammogram turned up a malignant cancer in my mother's breast.

"I was half-expecting [the diagnosis], and I questioned my own morality at that point," my mother says. "But I wasn't going to wring my hands saying I was going to die. I was going to fight this."

My mother had a lumpectomy, a surgical operation to remove the tumour from the breast. She is currently undergoing radiation oncology treatment to kill any remaining cancer cells. Her prognosis is good.

But my mom is one of the lucky ones. Doctors found her cancer early and it had not spread, so her chances of survival are excellent — as high as 95 percent after the first five years, according to the

Canadian Cancer Society.

"I'm optimistic that I'm going to be fine," she says. "I look around at other patients (at the cancer treatment centre) and I realize I could be worse off than I am. There are people who are fighting a far bigger battle than my own."

Unfortunately, my mother's case is not unusual.

Breast cancer doesn't spare any particular group of women. All women are at risk for developing breast cancer at some point during their lives.

In 1995, the American Cancer Society estimated that 182,000 new cases of breast cancer were diagnosed and that approximately 46,000 women died from the disease. What that translates to is that approximately one in eight women will get the disease over the course of a lifetime.

Among the facts:

— Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in women and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women, after lung cancer.

— 80 percent of all cancers are found in women over the age of 50.

— 70 percent of women who develop breast cancer have no known risk factors.

— Breast cancer is found more frequently in women who are older, obese and who eat a high-fat diet.

— A woman is also considered at a higher risk if she has a mother, sister or daughter who has been diagnosed with breast cancer, says Kathy Thomson, a nurse educator with the Hope Breast Cancer Centre in Winnipeg. But it's more complicated than simply having a family history of the disease. "It's a multi-factorial disease," Thomson says. "There are probably a number of factors in developing breast cancer, but it's difficult to predict just who will get the disease."

— Only five percent of breast cancer cases in North America are thought to be related to a breast cancer gene discovered in 1994.

— Mammograms (special x-rays of the breast) can detect more than 90 percent of all

cancers, and are a recommended part of every woman's breast health program, along with breast self-examination and physical exam by a doctor.

— Treatment options for breast cancer include surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy. When cancer is found early, lumpectomy (removal of the tumour from the breast) and radiotherapy are effective for most patients. Researchers are currently investigating the role that lifestyle factors such as nutrition, alcohol, exercise, smoking and oral contraceptives may play in cancer prevention.

Thomson notes that estrogen levels seem to have an impact — women who begin their periods before the age of 11 or reach menopause after age 45 are also at increased risk.

As for the link between oral contraception and breast cancer, the jury is still out.

"There is an association with female hormones (and breast cancer), but that association is not fully clear," Thomson explains.

However, there are preventative measures that women can take to lower their risk of breast cancer.

"Basically, all the things that you would do to reduce your risk of heart disease are actually the similar types of measures that you would take to reduce your risk of breast cancer," said Thomson.

Regular exercise, maintaining a healthy weight and eating a low-fat diet with lots of fruits and vegetables are helpful.

"(These sorts of lifestyle choices) are associated with keeping a strong immune system. And if your cells are mutating, which is what cancer is, your own body will look after those cells before cancer becomes established."

Thomson also advises women



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to learn how to do breast self-examinations. And young women in particular, she says, need to learn how to examine themselves properly.

"Because university students tend to be quite young, the risk (for developing breast cancer) is not high," said Thomson. "You don't do breast self-examinations when you're young to detect breast cancer, you do (them) to learn how your breasts feel, what they're like, so that if there are changes, you can recognize those changes."

Breast cancer patients often face worries about more than just their own health. My mother was concerned about her friends and family members and the shock and fear they were going through.

"I was seriously concerned about the affect [my disease] would have on my friends and family, my husband, and my daughter. I didn't like to upset them or cause them concern."

Indeed, cancer happens to a whole family, says Thomson.

"Breast cancer is a family disease. It affects the whole, total family quite significantly, often emotionally," she says.

The emotional side of breast cancer is something I can attest to. Besides my overwhelming concern for my mother's health, her mortality and my family's emotional well-being, I also remember the pain of losing a paternal aunt to the same disease. I naturally worry about my own future health.

Advances in the area

of breast cancer research will most likely continue to be slow, but they may be the only realistic hope for lowering the death rate from breast cancer.

In the meantime, the ultimate hope is preventing this awful disease, perhaps through early detection and perhaps by modifying our environment and learning more through continued research.

A Chronology of Women in Canada

1500s — Iroquois society in North America was matrilineal (establishing kin depended on the maternal line) and matrilocal (a male, uniting with a female, moved in with the woman's kin).

circa 1600 — The constitution of the Iroquois Confederation of Nations guaranteed women the sole right and power to regulate peace and war, and to select tribal leaders.

1734 — Marie-Joseph Angélique, a Montreal slave, set a fire in her master's house as she attempted to escape. The fire could not be contained and damaged half the city. She was caught, tortured, and hanged. This was the first recorded resistance by a woman to slavery, bringing attention to the conditions of slaves in Canada.

1783 — Rose Fortune, a Black woman, became the first female police officer in North America and the British Empire, working in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

1840 — Mrs. Wilson Abbott, a Black woman, established the Queen Victoria Benevolent Society in

Toronto. It was the first organization to offer aid to Black women, indigents, and fugitive slaves.

1850s — Ruth Addams invented the cook stove and was the first Canadian woman to receive a patent.

1860 — The Ontario Temperance Act prohibited women from selling liquor or working in public houses.

1870 — The first Canadian Young Women's Christian Association is organized by women in Saint John, New Brunswick. The organization offered women shelter, support, education, and recreation.

1872 — The Married Women's Property Act was passed in the Ontario legislature. This gave married women the right to their own earnings, independent of the control of their husbands.

1875 — The first bachelor's degree awarded to a woman in the British Empire, a BSc in science and English literature, was given to Grace Annie Lockhart at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. Also, Jennie Trout was the first Canadian woman licensed to practice medicine in Canada. She graduated from the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, as she was not allowed to enroll in a Canadian medical school.

1883 — The Canadian Women's Suffrage Association was founded by Emily Howard Stowe and Augusta Stowe-Gullen. As well, the Ontario Medical College for

Women was established.

1893 — The National Council of Women of Canada was established by Lady Aberdeen, the wife of the governor-general of Canada.

1897 — Clara Brett Martin was the first woman in the British Empire to earn a law degree and to practice law.

1901 — Mary Matilda Winslow became the first Black woman to enter the University of New Brunswick. She graduated with honours and won the Montgomery-Campbell prize.

1911 — Women made up 21.6 per cent of Canadian workers - primarily employed in manufacturing, clothing industries, and domestic service.

1914 — Nellie McClung and the Political Equality League staged a "Women's Parliament" in a Winnipeg theatre to raise money for the suffrage campaign.

1916 — Women 21 and over got the vote in provincial elections in Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

1917 — Women 21 and over got the vote in provincial elections in British Columbia and Ontario.

1918 — Women 21 and over got the right to vote in Canadian federal elections and in Nova Scotia provincial elections.

1919 — Women 21 and over got the right to vote in provincial elections in New Brunswick.

Tea and history mark Person's Day

Women "persons" under law, society has a long way to go

BY NATALIE MACLELLAN

Twelve women sat in the Dalhousie Women's Centre lounge, sipping tea from delicate china cups and nibbling on finger sandwiches and sweets. They were celebrating.

It was October 18, Person's Day — the 69th anniversary of Canadian women being recognized as "persons" under the British North America (BNA) Act.

The "Persons Case", as it has become known, arose when Emily Murphy, the first female magistrate in the British Empire, was challenged in her first case by the defense lawyer on the grounds that as a woman she was not legally a person.

Murphy, along with Nellie McClung, Lousie McKinney, Irene Parlby, and Henrietta Muir Edwards, petitioned for a re-interpretation of the word "persons" in the BNA Act to include women — specifically so women could be admitted to the Senate. The Supreme Court of Canada denied their case, stating that women were not "fit and qualified persons." This ruling was overturned in 1929 by the British Privy Council.

To commemorate the anniversary of this ruling, the Women's Centre held their Person's Day tea — in 1929 style.

Kate Greenaway, a volunteer at the Women's Centre, says she thinks the Person's Case was a fluke and it was an oversight by men that led to women becoming persons.

"I think the person's case was a very interesting case," she said. "It's a case of semantics. The reason we were allowed into the Senate was because they hadn't specified male persons. If it had originally been worded as male persons, we wouldn't have been allowed in."

The Person's Day celebration was one in a series of events planned by the Dalhousie Women's Centre to celebrate October as Women's History Month.

"Historically, there is not much written about women. History is written by the winners, and men have been the winners," said Pat Thomson, Director of the Dalhousie Women's Centre.

"When we talk about the settlement of the frontiers in Canada, very little is written about or credited to the women who were involved in that — the

women who worked side by side with their husbands in the fields — ploughing and growing crops and clearing, *et cetera*."

It's important to celebrate women's history month because so many women's firsts are not recognized."

Though women may have been recognized as persons under the law for 69 years now, Thomson says they still have obstacles to overcome.

"I think that people need to have an understanding of what formal and substantive equality means," she said. "[It's not equality when] how women may be recognized as persons under the law and have the legal right to prosecute someone who perpetrates a sexual offense against them, [but] once they enter [the legal system] they are re-victimized by it.

"In that regard I think there's still a long way to go. We need to look at the 1992 Charlottetown accord — women weren't allowed to have a voice at those round table discussions. I think we need to remember the Indian Act — it's only been the last few years that aboriginal women have regained their status."

Previously under the Indian Act, an aboriginal woman who married a white man or a man from off the reserve lost her status as an aboriginal, as did all her children. Under the present system, she and

her children can keep their aboriginal status, but her grandchildren will not have it. If on the other hand an aboriginal man marries a white woman, all of their descendants will have aboriginal status.

Thomson also expressed concern that feminism has become somewhat of a dirty word as of late.

"I think we have to realize that the backlash to feminism is clear and strong," she said. "People think that in order for one group to gain rights or equality or freedom, it means that you have to take it away from somebody else. Post-feminists [say] feminism can be considered reverse sexism — that's not true, because in order to have reverse sexism it would mean we would want to take away the rights of men and that's not what women want to do. That's not what feminists want. They just want to be awarded the same rights and privileges that men have."

Thomson sees Women's History Month as a chance not just to celebrate women's

accomplishments, but to understand their struggles.

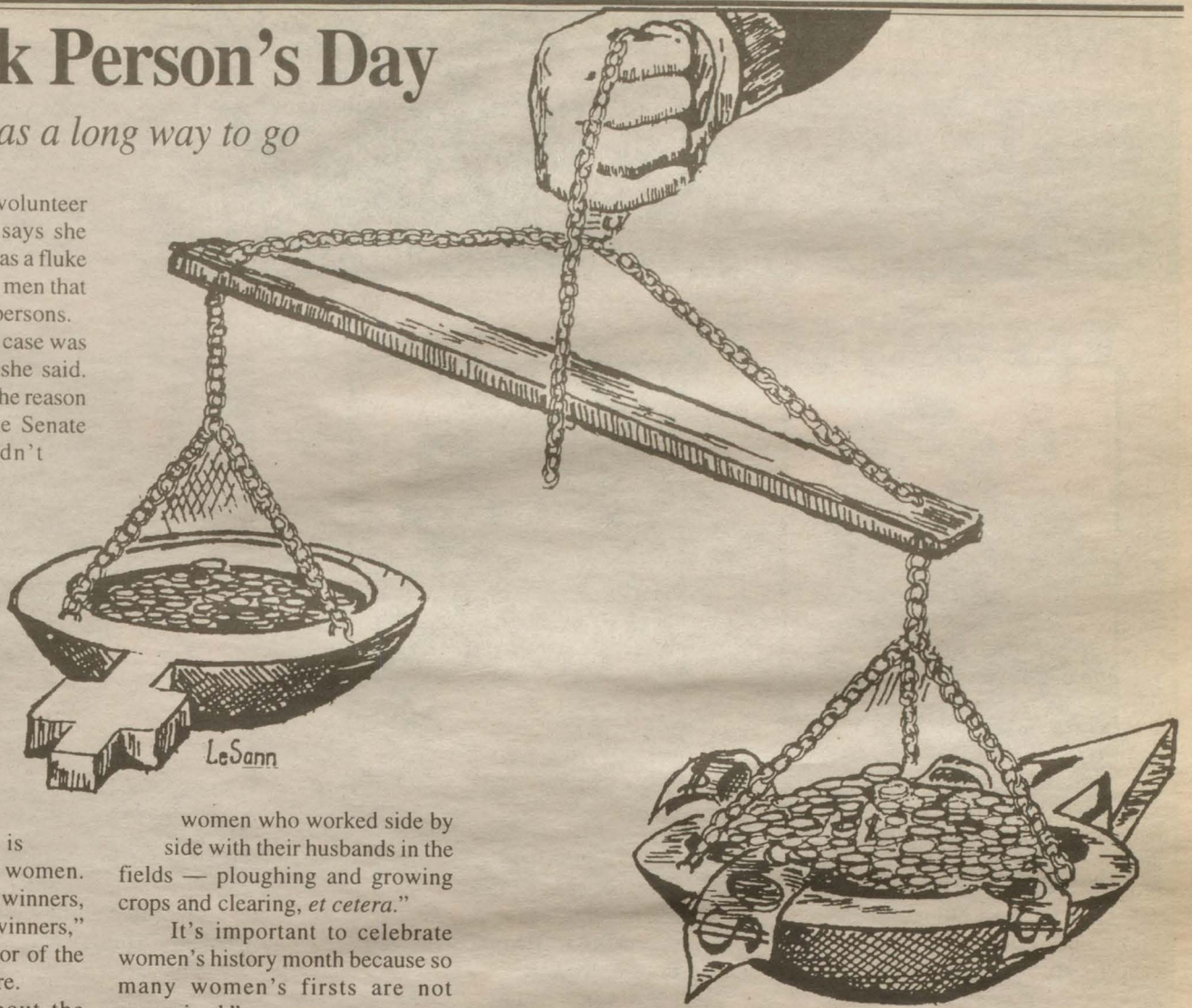
"History repeats itself," said Thomson, "So it's important to know what happened in the past to figure out what's happening in the present and what's going to happen in the future," she said.

While the Women's Centre is promoting Women's History Month across campus, coordination provincially and federally has been poor.

Christine Corson with the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women said no events have been co-ordinated by that group locally.

"I don't think there is any central coordination of events. [Status of Women Canada] named the theme and I published a fact sheet on women in business and that's the last I heard of it," she said.

Corson said that Status of Women Canada put out an invitation for provinces to advertise events on the national website, but little has been posted, and no Nova Scotian events have been posted.



1921 — Women employed in the Canadian federal civil service were required to resign if they married. Also, British Columbia passed the first maternity leave legislation.

1922 — Women 21 and over got the right to vote in provincial elections in Prince Edward Island.

1925 — Women 25 and over were given the right to vote in Newfoundland.

1929 — Women were for the first time recognized as persons under Canadian law, and so were allowed in the Canadian Senate.

1932 — The first family planning clinic in Canada was established in Hamilton, Ontario.

1940 — White women over 21 were granted the right to vote in provincial elections in Quebec. Chinese and Japanese Canadian women were given the vote a few years later. First Nation peoples did not have the right to vote in Quebec until 1969.

1946 — Viola Desmond, a Black woman, sat in a "whites only" section of a Nova Scotian theatre. She was arrested, imprisoned overnight, and fined. The event kick-started a mobilization for civil rights in Nova Scotia.

1947 — Married women were dismissed from jobs in the Canadian civil service and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, with the reasoning that their wartime

employment was only temporary.

1952 — Marilyn Noell, a quadriplegic, was the first person in a wheelchair to be admitted to the School of Social Work at the University of Toronto. She had to be carried up and down stairs from class to class.

1955 — Restrictions barring married women from working in the Canadian civil service were removed.

1961 — Planned Parenthood of Canada was founded. The birth control pill was developed for general use. Advertising or selling of contraceptives was still illegal.

1965 — The Ontario Medical Association accused working women of being bad mothers.

1968 — Birthright, an anti-abortion group was formed in response to upcoming changes regarding abortion in the Criminal Code. They provided help for unmarried mothers.

1969 — Abortion is permitted only after approval by a three doctor panel if the pregnancy would endanger the health of the mother. It was forbidden on eugenic or medico-social grounds.

1971 — Women were allowed to serve as jurors in Quebec. Also, the Canada Labour Code was amended to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex or marital status.

1972 — Rosemary Brown becomes the first Black

woman to hold a seat in the provincial legislature in Canada after being elected to the British Columbia legislature.

1973 — The first national lesbian conference was held in Toronto.

1977 — Marion Ironquill Meadmore became the first Aboriginal woman admitted to the Bar of Manitoba, and all of Canada. Also, the Canada Human Rights Act forbade discrimination on the basis of sex and ensured women equal pay for equal work.

1978 — The first "Take Back the Night" march is held in Vancouver.

1980 — Alexa McDonough, elected leader of the NS NDP, became the first woman to lead a Canadian political party.

1988 — The Supreme Court of Canada ruled Canada's abortion laws were unconstitutional; abortion became legal in Canada. A year later, Dr. Henry Morgentaler opened his Halifax abortion clinic.

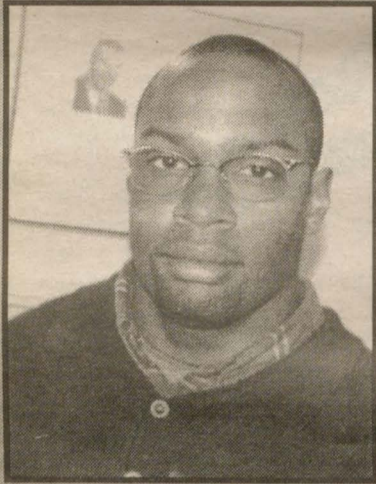
1989 — Marc Lepine murdered 14 female engineering students at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, screaming, "you're all a bunch of feminists."

1991 — The Supreme Court of Canada ruled that barring evidence of a rape victim's sexual history in rape trials denied the accused a fair trial.

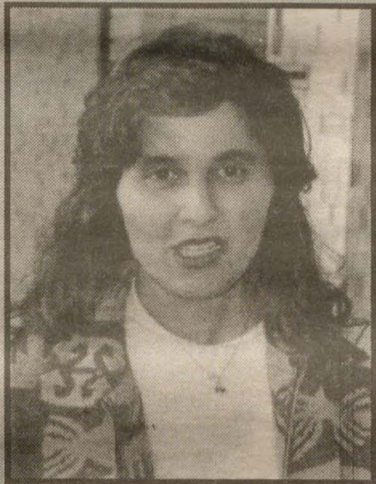
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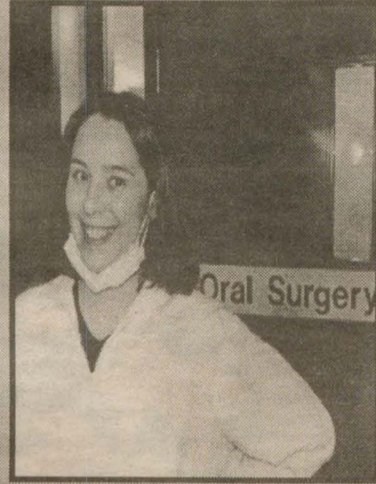
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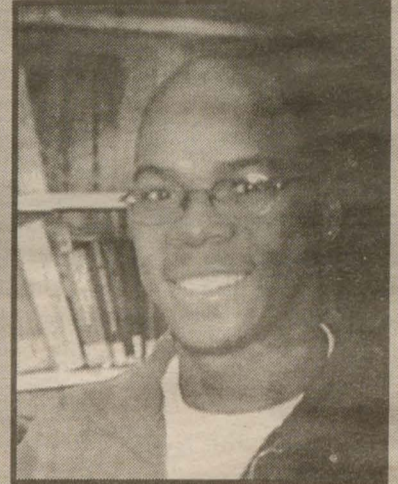
"Where am I getting the \$38,000?"
Neil Clements, 2nd year Law, St. John NB



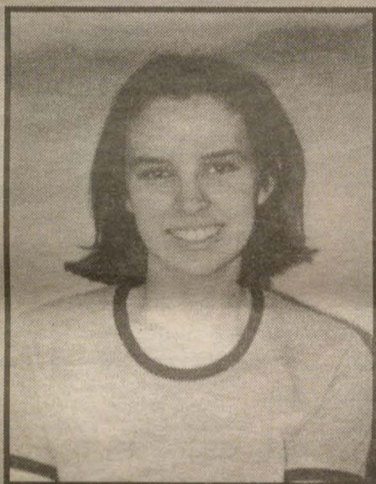
"Well yeah, I would pay that. Because I want a great job with lots of money after I graduate. Money and prestige."
Maha Jibril, 4th year Physio, Kuwait



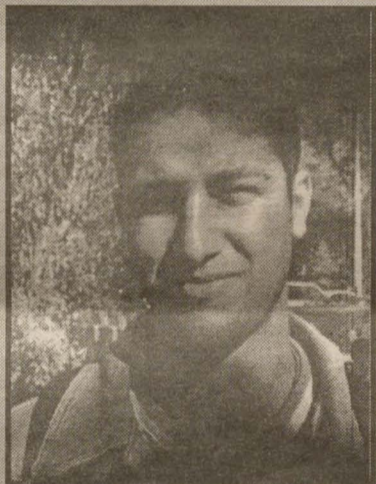
"It would depend on the salary of the job you expected to get."
Jennifer Bailey, 4th year Dentistry, Halifax NS



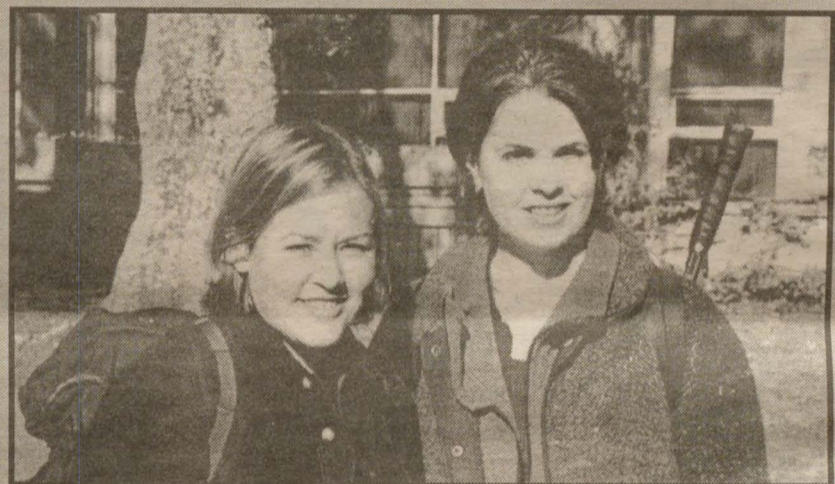
"Most definitely. I once saw a bumper sticker that said if you think education's expensive, try ignorance. If you're going to get a job or if it's something that's going to lead to something better and better, then it's worth it. Do the math."
Chris Powell, part-time Commerce, Dartmouth NS



"Is my student loan going to increase? No? Probably not then. That's way too much money to get such a short term [gain]. It's hard enough just to get a student loan to cover \$10,000."
Suzanne Shea, 1st year Pharmacy, Fenwick NS



"I get money from my father, so it depends on his opinion. If he's able to give me that money, I'll do it. But if he's not, I can't do it."
Amir Behboudi, 3rd year Math, Iran



"I guess it depends on how much money the government would give me."
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Drumming on the moon

BY AVI LAMBERT

Shake to exotic rhythms from the jungles and oceans of the world, add a whole lot o' cheese, sit, and enjoy.

Drumspeak last Saturday night at St. Matthew's United Church was a head tingling performance — definitely a good thing.

Remembering it though, I'm having a hard time separating the pumped 30-plus member Samba Nova from the super-fromage rendition of Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror".

The event, staged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, was put on by the Nova Scotia Gambia Association.

The opening drum kit solo by musical organizer Dave James was outstanding. Sitting in the church pews and listening to him blast away was a bit surreal.

It didn't take to long to get used to the red felt benches and the sombre church organ. St. Matthew's was decorated just so — with African and South American drums, and hanging carpets — making it feel like a truly comfortable and refined place to experience music.

There was a clear duality to the evening. The drums were fantastic, but the hosts, and most of the non-drum acts, were on a different planet, possibly the moon — the cheese planet.

I understand the significance of the song selection — "One World", "Give Peace a Chance", "Let There Be Peace On Earth" —

but when Frank MacKay sang Sly and the Family's "Everyday People" backed by a nearly all-white band, something didn't swing. The fact the crowd was almost completely white as well may have had something to do with it.

After "One World" Samba Nova woke up the crowd. Feeling the huge rhythm cast file into the venue through my ears and feet was an awesome experience.

The clad-all-in-white Samba Nova act was a grand exercise in rhythmic call and answer. Mattieu Keijser, the leader of Samba Nova, sounded like a jungle mouse conducting a symphony of jungle creatures; stomping elephants, singing birds, and chirping crickets.

The next act featured Darrel Burke on the Bodhran, and he was both a comedian and musician. Along with a colourful history of the instrument, Burke got the whole crowd singing to "The Irish Washer Woman" and "Haul Away Joe". He demystified the rhythmic fears of 6/8 time with the use of 'cupatea cupatea'. Say it aloud, you'll get the idea.

The medley of aforementioned tunes came after Burke, which were, in a word — which you can probably guess by now — cheese.

Eastern Eagle, a Shubenacadie Mikmaq drum circle, followed. The primal sounds made me understand the culturally-transcendent power of rhythm and drumming. Eastern Eagle was integral in making the night's rhythms sound global and local. It was nice to see Canadian talents

drawing inspiration and tradition from Canadian roots.

Kirk Lohry and his Agudze drummers invoked the drum god Hutu by the call of their drums. Hutu, I'm sure though, was in the audience already. The five-piece drumming group filled the room with as much energy as the huge Samba Nova, with groovin' South American rhythms, and Ganza, an African rhythm and dance for male adolescence. The dancing style and drum beat got my heart racing.

Lohry's Agudze drummers and dancers were the last percussive elements of the show. What ensued next was funny — and disturbing.

Alex Mason sang Michael Jackson's "Man In The Mirror". I hope this piece was for meant for comedic purposes. Mason soulfully — in Skechers — bent to the microphone and jumped around stage. At the peak of his piece he couldn't get the microphone off the stand, so, he wrapped it around his body and gyrated some more, belting the rest of the song out. I had tears of laughter in my eyes



Headtingling celebration of human rights at *Drumspeak*.

when he performed his final flourish.

The Honourable David MacDonald was the featured speaker for the evening. Most of the time he was either patting himself on the back or losing the point. I don't remember much of what he said. Possibly I have an attention deficit, but it's disappointing the chance to say something profound about human rights was lost at *Drumspeak*.

The finale — *Les Miserables*

— was no less cheesy than the rest of the singing acts.

Perhaps it would be better if you could separate the two halves of the performance. The quality of percussion at *Drumspeak* is something I'd love to see on a regular basis. But the entertainers from the cheese planet skewed the performance a little too much.

I said it before, *Drumspeak* was like chocolate and cheese. But it seems the aftertaste I'm left with is pure fromage.



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Zing! Pop! Zap! — bringing the fifties to life

BY JANET FRENCH

The simplistic, happy-go-lucky feel of the fifties is brought to life in *Zing! Pop! Zap!: The Don Gilles Project*. Described as "a retrospective of 1950s theatre dance", *Zing! Pop! Zap!* features the choreography of Andrea Leigh-Smith and none other than Don Gilles himself. The

performance ran from Oct. 23 to 25 at the DANSpace on Grafton.

Chances are that you may not have heard of Don Gilles, but are likely familiar with some of his past co-workers. Gilles' past experiences include dancing with the Sadler-Wells Theatre Ballet, choreographing the *Wayne and Schuster* show for twenty years and working with Gene Kelly in the

movie *Invitation to the Dance*. Gilles has also choreographed for Norman Jewison, The Janet Baldwin Ballet, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet and The National Ballet of Canada, and has since retreated to Cape Breton to retire from the stage.

Zing! Pop! Zap! was indeed reminiscent of the fifties, as it merged the energy and the humour

with the choreography and costumes. Yet somehow the performance differed from what I had expected. Between the numbers, there was a large amount of video footage, both of Gilles' career highlights and interview clips.

It appears that the choreography had been inspired by the performances of the past, as shown in the video clips. However, peculiar dramatic twists were added to the recreated vintage choreography. For example, in "Doodlin", a quirky and bright piece, the cheerful smiles and lively choreography were transformed into the amusing and dramatic scenario of the dancers losing control over their own feet as they became possessed. The result proved to be eerie but hilarious.

Another notable piece was "Nut #", an exploration of movement to voice. The dancers moved about the stage not to music but to onomatopoeia which they were shouting. It was a bit like watching four well-synchronized mental patients, and was highly comical. Thus, the origin of the performance's title, *Zing! Pop! Zap!* became obvious.

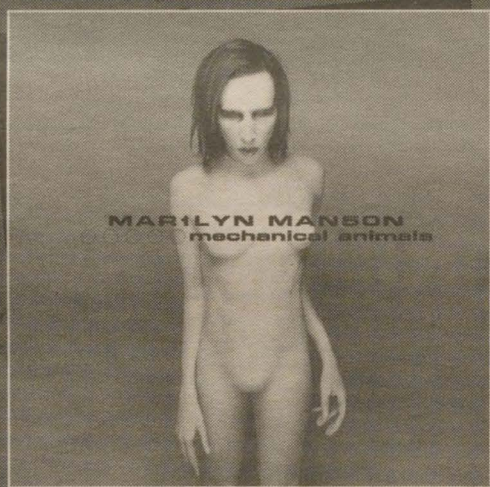
The program also included some sly and sexy pieces, reflecting the emergence of such choreographic style in the 1950s. Performed to our favourite old tunes, "Fever", choreographed to Peggy Lee's original and "Panther", danced to the "Pink Panther Theme", exemplified the sort of piece you would see on a television variety show in the fifties.

A confusing aspect of the performance were the "Interludes", which were brief solos by the dancers that conveyed a more mellow,

contemplative mood. The "Interludes" seemed out of place in this show, and may have existed solely to give the dancers time to change costumes. The video footage was also somewhat out of place. Often the video was included in the interlude, with the dancer watching attentively or imitating the authentic performances. Although the tapes were interesting, there were too many, too often. It distracted the audience from the magic of live art.

To conclude, the dancing was dandy and the choreography was brilliant. Nothing less would be expected from Gilles, the historical dance veteran, or Leigh-Smith, the once Joffrey Ballet scholar. It was merely the discontinuity of the performance that distracted the audience and prevented them from feeling as if they had travelled back to the fifties themselves.

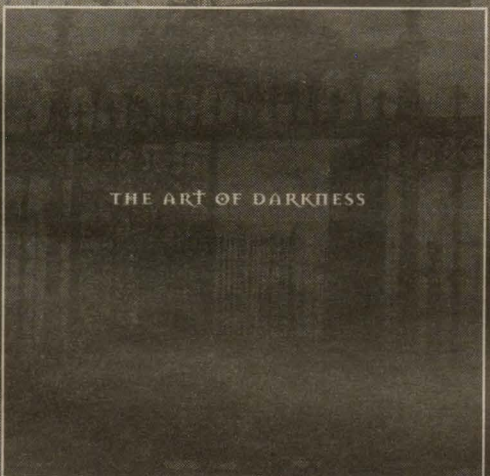
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Focusing on blurred priorities

Universal Shelter benefit exposes societal shortcomings

BY JOHN ELMER

On a night of concern and spirit, I felt ashamed. I felt ashamed of the legacy that sadly hung over those in attendance. Throughout the evening of community spirit, support, and generosity there was a truth that lay conspicuously hidden Friday night — a truth that appeared in the form of cultural oppression, domestic violence and ignored peoples.

The staging of the third annual benefit for the Universal Shelter Association in Dalhousie's McInnes Room came with a wave of community support. The fundraiser, silent auction and awareness program drew a sizable crowd, much to the satisfaction of association president Chai Chu Thompson.

Thompson understands the importance of community involvement in a project with a mandate such as the Universal Shelter Association. Landing outside the rapidly shrinking arm of core government funding, Thompson's organization relies on goodwill and support to execute the ultimate goal of the program. There was a feeling of frustration that, as

a society and community, our priorities had strayed so far that an organization like the Universal Shelter Association, the only one of its kind in the province, can receive no core government funding.

Designed to afford culturally sensitive care for victims of domestic violence, the shelter focuses its service on racial and linguistic minorities, homosexuals and peoples of low income. The volunteer-based group has made a profound difference in this province since it started operating in March of 1998.

But on this evening of giving and sharing there was an unavoidable social overtone, beginning when the audience was treated to a spiritual Mi'kmaq sweetgrass blessing ceremony, a ritual to recognize the Creator.

Ceremony leader Noel Knockwood identified alcohol as the "most harmful, evil source to ever come to our people" and asked that the bar be closed and the audience refrain from consuming alcohol during the five minute ritual.

In a period that transcended the atmosphere of the evening, Mr. Knockwood also reminded people

that it was his ancestors who originally allowed our ancestors to step foot on their "holy lands". He appealed for an understanding of the aboriginal purpose — too easily lost sight of in modern culture. When the ceremony ended there were real feelings of regret on account of the lack of understanding throughout the community.

The Universal Shelter Association is looking for volunteers who are able to house victims of domestic abuse. According to Ms. Thompson, the association is looking to establish a network of satellite homes throughout the province with a centralized administration. The organization is especially looking for linguistic and racial minorities, gay men and lesbians to help with the program. Thompson understands that an organization that is rooted in the community is the best avenue for change.

Congratulations to organizers and supporters alike for raising awareness and making a difference. If you wish to get involved in this worthwhile program please contact Joy Emmanuel or Emily Donelan at 454-5459.

Angus in Wonderland rock

BY KAREN PARKER

Gordie Sampson played to a packed North Street Church last Tuesday (Oct. 20) at a launch party for his debut CD, *Stones*.

Stones actually hit the shelves of record stores across the country last month, but the Cape Breton singer/songwriter was busy touring with the Rankin Family for most of September. The album, which is on Halifax's turtlemusik label and distributed by A&M, contains a pleasant mix of traditional and pop music.

From the current radio single "Still Workin' on a Dream" to traditional guitar sets like "The Creignish Boogie" and beautiful ballads like "Joseph", there is something for everyone.

Sampson had a full band with him on Tuesday night. Comprised

of Howie MacDonald on fiddle, Fred Lavery on guitar, Matt Foulds on drums and Ed Woodsworth on bass, the band is collectively known as Angus in Wonderland. They played a short set, which consisted mainly of songs from *Stones*. At one point, they brought up a guest musician — a cellist from Symphony Nova Scotia.

After Gordie's set was done, the crowd set about schmoozing and sampling some of the refreshments. The catering and decorations really played up the *Stones* theme, with cookies that had rune markings carved into them.

Before long, Howie MacDonald and Fred Lavery began jamming in the kitchen of the North Street Church. To avoid starting a mob, both the musicians and their growing audience were shooed into the main area again, where MacDonald and Lavery took to the stage and played for everyone in attendance.

In November, Gordie once again sets off for the UK with the Rankins. Next up on his agenda, however, is a special CD release in Sydney on Halloween. It's sure to be a great time, just like last Tuesday.

Hanging off notes

BY TRISTAN STEWART-ROBERTSON

If you take audience reaction as merit of a good performance, then Michael Burgess' performance last Friday was a tremendous success.

As the opening performance of *Symphony Nova Scotia's* (SNS) 16th season Pops Series, the renowned Canadian tenor of such stage musicals as *Les Miserables* and *Blood Brothers* captivated the sold-out audience.

Burgess' strong and soaring voice cascaded through many favourites from the less traditional and newer generation of Broadway shows. The listeners hung off every note as an early morning dew drop waiting 'til the last possible moment before falling into the next note. Burgess would hold a note and a pin could not have shattered the silence.

The NS audience, always quick to rise in appreciation, was rewarded with the predictable encore — if the man who played Jean Valjean in *Les Mis* doesn't sing a song from that show during the body of the performance, you

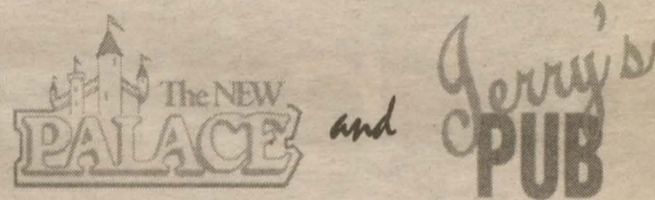
can bet he will in an encore. I've never been fond of encores that I know are coming — don't get me wrong, they're always good. But encores and standing ovations used to be a treat, not an expectation.

Nevertheless, Burgess truly did thrill the masses with songs from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Blood Brothers*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Aspects of Love*, *Chess*, the new *Jeckyl & Hyde*, and even a song from *Riverdance*. He was obviously having fun singing and entertaining — always the mark of a good performer.

A nod should also go out to SNS itself. This may have been my first in their Pops Series but the musicians have always impressed me with their skill and talent, with which they play everything from Baroque to Country.

All in all, quite an enjoyable evening — oh, the power of the music of the night!

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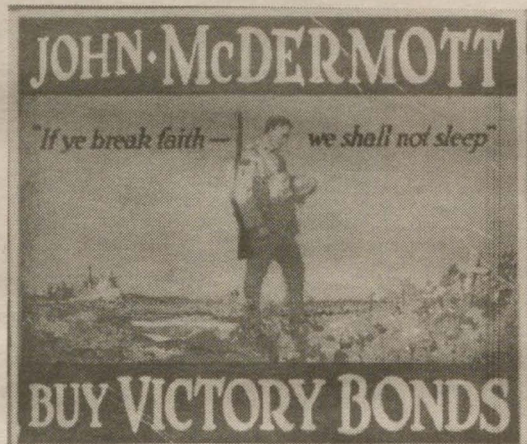
BY TRISTAN STEWART-ROBERTSON

As the throngs sang to the words of songs-gone-by, a collective wave of memory visibly swept over those who could remember, and those who would have liked to.

John McDermott's concert tribute to the 80th anniversary of the end of World War One was tremendous. He performed a collection of songs that should ring true in anyone but can in no way touch we youngsters as they can other generations. However, when nine World War Two veterans were paraded in with bag-pipe fanfare, I could not help feeling a lump in my throat, knowing these were some of the only veterans left.

McDermott's strong and

soaring voice lends beauty to all the "old favourites" as well as those new interpretations of the wars. He



brings a commanding stage presence with both his singing and

his intermediate words. His sometimes Scottish, sometimes Irish accent adds a wonderful tone and texture to all his songs and captivates every audience.

And truly, the audience enjoyed every moment. They were forgiving when he admitted after one song he had forgotten the words. They joined in and sang with a unified strength audiences are rarely permitted to show. There was incredible pride also

with the singing of *O Canada* as the ultimate conclusion (before

encores, of course).

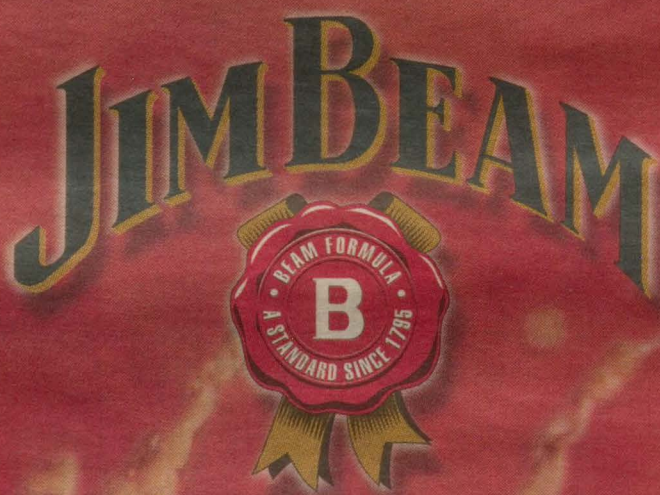
But my associate for the evening, Tina, quite rightly pointed to the fact that those of the latter 20th century try to understand but cannot. We both found ourselves singing to melodies we knew, whether we could grasp the meaning of the words or not. But we could not absorb the collective memory of those around us.

It was a truly wonderful concert in support of both the War Amps and the preservation of the memory of war, lest it never happen again.



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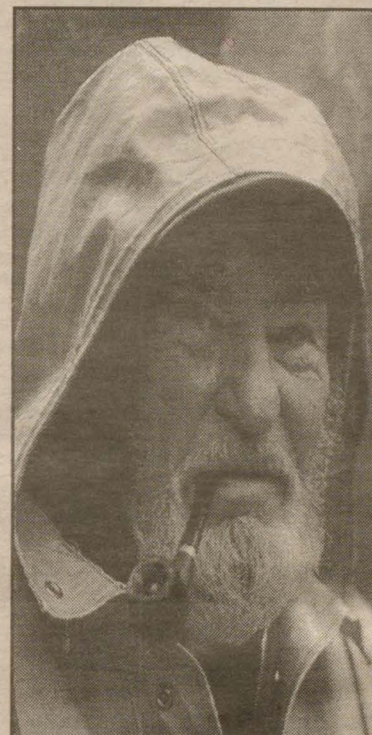
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SPORTS

Dal Soccer teams make playoffs

AUAA Championships this weekend

BY TERRY HAWES

The Dalhousie men's and women's soccer teams both qualified for the upcoming AUAA Championships this weekend after difficult weekends on the field.

The women failed to clinch home field for the tournament when they tied St. FX 0-0 and fell 1-0 to Acadia in a game that had no playoff implications. The women finished fifth overall and will play UPEI in the first round on Friday in Antigonish.

The men just managed to get in the playoffs after drawing 1-1

continually, but no fewer than five chances were wasted by poor finishing or bad luck.

With 15 minutes left, Kelly Larkin sent Mary Beth Bowie in alone only for her shot to carom off the cross bar. Late in the half, Natalie Lindthaler went down the left side and crossed to a wide open Katherine Fast, but her shot sailed well over the net.

The final whistle was met by screams of delight from the St. FX bench. Xavier coach Kim Hickox never envisioned hosting the AUAA's in her first year behind the bench, but is optimistic nonetheless.

Acadia 1 Dal 0 — In a game that meant little in the standings, Susan Leung scored in the 54th minute to give Acadia (4-9-0) the victory. Karry Mailes picked up the shutout. 1998 marks just the second year since women's soccer became an official AUAA sport in 1987 that the Axettes will miss the playoffs.

Men's Soccer

St FX 1 Dal 0 — The air of disappointment remained at Wickwire Field as the Tigers dropped their third in a row to a St. FX team desperate to keep its playoff hopes alive.

Nathan McCunn scored from 25 yards out in the 55th minute and X goalkeeper Jackie Chisholm shut Dalhousie down the rest of the way to pick up the shutout.

Striker Ed Thomson said the team knew what was on the line.

"Although our chances are remote, we knew Dal was struggling and we came out knowing the consequences if we didn't win," Thomson said.

"The game today and Sunday [at UPEI] are really our playoff games. Since the playoffs are in UPEI, that game will be treated as a playoff game, no doubt about that."

Dal 1 Acadia 1 — Jeff Hibberts scored his eighth goal of the season with 14 minutes left to give the Tigers the draw. Seth Jernigan opened the scoring for Acadia in the 18th minute.

As it turned out, if Dal would have lost the game, they still would have qualified for the AUAA's as St. FX lost 2-0 in Charlottetown against the UPEI Panthers.



photo by Mike Davenport

with Acadia on Sunday. The Tigers finished fifth overall and will play SMU on Friday in Charlottetown. The teams have played twice this year, with Dal tying 1-1 and losing 1-0 to their crosstown rivals.

Women's Soccer

St. FX 0 Dal 0 — The X-Women clinched home field advantage for the AUAA tournament despite a brave second half effort from the Tigers.

Dalhousie will feel that justice wasn't served as they dominated play throughout the match, keeping the X-Women on the defensive.

The first half was evenly played, with both teams not willing to concede space. As the match moved into the second 45 minutes, it was clear that Xavier were sitting back, hoping to get out of town with a draw. Dalhousie pressed forward

"Realistically, we were hoping to make the playoffs and see what happened," Hickox noted. "However, the last few games we all realized we had a chance to host the AUAA's and the girls really worked hard."

"Now that we have accomplished this feat, we look ahead to the playoffs. Any team can win it but it's nice to see that we have the advantage over everybody else."

Rookie Meredith Cameron agreed that the concentration level will have to increase if the X-Women are to be successful.

"Dal controlled the play in the second half and that's something that just has to be worked on," Cameron said. "I don't feel it was because certain Dal players were 'blowing by us', we just have to concentrate every second and not every minute."



photo by Mike Davenport

AUAA Soccer Playoffs Schedule

AUAA Men's Tournament (in Charlottetown)	AUAA Women's Tournament (in Antigonish)
October 30 New Brunswick vs Memorial Dalhousie vs Saint Mary's	October 30 Memorial vs Saint Mary's Dalhousie vs UPEI
October 31 Acadia vs lowest seed UPEI vs highest seed	October 31 Mount Allison vs lowest St FX vs highest seed
November 1 AUAA Final	November 1 AUAA Final



photo by Mike Davenport

Despite a lacklustre weekend, Dal's men's soccer team made it into the playoffs.



The 1998 Dalhousie Tigers baseball team.

Tigers strike out

Baseball season comes to a close

BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie baseball Tigers' season came to an unexpected end last Sunday afternoon as they dropped game three of a playoff series versus Acadia by a score of 16-11.

In game one, the Axemen exploded for eight runs in the first two innings before Tigers starter Eric Hemphill gained his bearings. Dal chipped away, scoring two runs in every inning before Curtis Falls provided heroics with a two run homer, giving the Tigers a hard fought 12-10 victory.

Falls, who earned the pitching victory in relief of Hemphill, sparked the offence by hitting safely three times. He slugged two home runs, scored four runs and had four runs batted in.

Other offensive standouts were third baseman Adam Sarginson and catcher Mike Swim. Both players homered, singled, had two RBIs and scored two runs.

Game two started amid frigid conditions. Acadia bolted out of the gate again, scoring 10 runs in the first two frames. They did not pause this time, and went on to take the match 17-7.

Tiger starter Ryan Clarke didn't make it through the first inning before being relieved by Jeremy Drum. It seemed that a repeat of the opening game would come when Dal closed the gap in the fifth inning to 11-7, but the Axemen quickly shut the door by scoring six runs in the sixth inning.

Second baseman Brian Clarke

homered, doubled and singled, knocking in four runs and scoring a pair.

Game three started in an all-too-familiar manner as the Axemen scored 11 runs in the first two innings off Tigers starting pitcher Mike MacInnis.

The Tigers fought back, slicing the deficit to 12-10 after the fourth inning. However, their bats fell silent from then on, and the Axemen escaped with a 16-10 victory.

Curtis Falls doubled, singled, drove in three runs and scored twice, while third

baseman Brad Hefford blasted a bases-loaded triple, singled, and scored twice.

Despite the loss, Falls was quick to praise the attitude of his teammates.

"The 'never die attitude' of this team keeps us in a ball game until the very end," said Falls. "But even a cat only has nine lives."

Tiger coach Cecil Wright echoed Falls' sentiments.

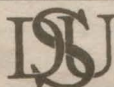
"Though [we] fell short of our goal, which was to defend the Atlantic Conference championship, the players showed tremendous heart and determination," said Wright. "With the strong nucleus of returning players for next year, we very much anticipate a strong showing in next year's playoffs."

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Dalhousie Dental Students Society (DDSS)	audited -passed	
Dalhousie Engineering Undergraduate Society	special exception	engineer@is2.dal.ca
Dalhousie Medical Students' Society (DMSS)	audited -passed	dmss@tupmcms1.med.dal.ca
Dalhousie Physiotherapy Student Society	audited -passed	
Dalhousie Science Society (DSS)	audited -passed	dss@is2.dal.ca
Dalhousie Student Pharmacy Society	audited -passed	pharmdps@is2.dal.ca
Dalhousie University Nursing Society (DUNS)/ Canadian Nursing Student Association (CNSA)	audited -passed	dtuck@is2.dal.ca
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Maritime School of Social Work Student Group <i>Includes Masters in Social Work (MSW)</i>	haven't submitted books yet	
Occupational Therapy Student Society	haven't submitted books yet	
School of Health & Human Performance (SAHHPER)	audited -passed	sahhper@is2.dal.ca

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Architecture Students Association (ASA) <i>Includes Environmental Design & Architecture masters</i>	audited -passed	kmitchel@is2.dal.ca
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DalTech Engineering Undergraduate Society	special exception	dteus@is2.dal.ca
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Dalhousie Biochemistry Student Society	Dalhousie Black Law Students' Association
Dalhousie French Society/Le Club Francais	Dalhousie German Club
Dalhousie Graduate History Society	Dalhousie Spanish Society
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Dalhousie University Physics Society	Dawson Geology Club
MBA Society	Mathematics and Stats Society
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Old Eddy House	Political Science Society
Smith House	Society of Dalhousie Music Students
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Immunology, Microbiology and Pathology Students Society	
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"E" SOCIETIES

Amnesty International, Dalhousie Chapter	Korean Student Assoc.	Best Buddies
Dalhousie University Snowboarding Assoc.	Illuminated Thought Society	Bluenose Chess Club
Maritime Muslim Students' Assoc.	African Students Union	CSCHE Student Chapter
Dalhousie University Liberal Association	Chinese Christian Fellowship	Dal Self Defense
Chinese Students and Scholars Association	Dal-Mount Caribbean Society	Keith's Society
DalTech IEEE Student Branch	Dalhousie Arabic Society	Mooseclub
Dalhousie Christian Gospel Choral Co.	Dalhousie Wrestling Society	Treehouse Club
Dalhousie Hong Kong Student Association	Student Athletic Council	SODALES, debating team
Dalhousie Independant Filmmakers	Nature Conservation Society	Dalhousie Judo Club
Habitat for Humanity Dalhousie Chapter	Indian Student's Association	Sri Chinmoy Meditation
Latter-Day Saint Student Association	Dalhousie Magic Society	Hellenic Student Society
Dalhousie University Parachute Club	International Socialists Club	Dalhousie PC Youth
Dalhousie Percussive Arts Society	Dalhousie Rowing Club	Dalhousie Curling Club
Dalhousie Rugby Football Club	Dalhousie Sailing Club	ACE DalTech
Dalhousie Student Food Bank	Dalhousie Tennis Club	AIESEC Halifax
Dalhousie Tigers Baseball Club	Dalhousie Outdoors Club	
Dalhousie University National Model U.N.	Dalhousie Women's Hockey Club	
Dalhousie-Kings Figure Skating Club	Pakastani Students' Association of Nova Scotia	
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Shortstop —	Rowan Anderson (Acadia)
Third Base —	Adam Sarginson (Dal)
Left Fielder —	David Barr (UNB)
Center Fielder —	Joel Brink (Acadia)
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Dal swim team cleans up at dual meet

BY GAZETTE STAFF

Both Dal's male and female swim teams dominated the Mount Allison Mounties at a meet on Friday night. The men took their first win of the season by drowning the Mounties 101-28 while the women defeated Mount Allison by a score of 85-44.

On the men's side, double event winners included Chris Stewart (200 free and 200 breast) and Adam Widdis (claiming his first titles ever in the 200 individual medley and 400 free). Other men capturing titles included Stuart Kemp in the 50 free, Scott Sancton in the 800 free, Dave Leblanc in the 200 fly and Marty Laycock in the 100 free.

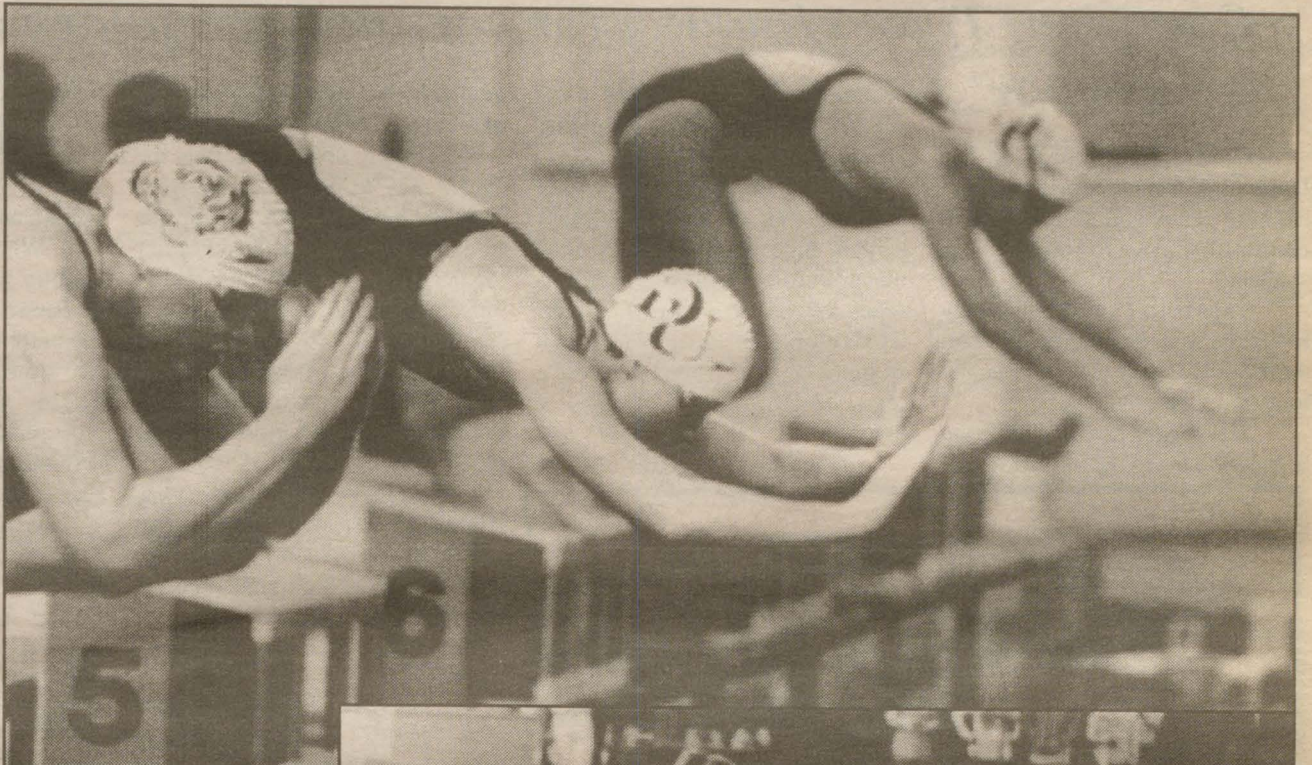
James Wildsmith took home a title and in the process captured a meet record in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:14:88.

The men also captured titles in the 400 freestyle relay and the

400 medley relay.

Once again, Angela MacAlpine led the women's team to victory. Her time of 1:01:20 in the 100 free set a meet record, and she also went on to win the 200 freestyle. Other winners included Emily Thompson (200 individual medley), Barbara Hayward (800 free), Amy Woodworth (200 back), Megan Hannum (400 free) and Amy Clattenburg (200 breaststroke). Amanda Ross tied for first place in the 50 freestyle.

The Tigers compete next in a quad email meet this Friday at the Dalplex, where the team will race against teams at other universities via the Internet.



Dal women's swim team brings in another winning performance.

Women's hockey has mixed opening weekend

BY PATRICK BLACKIE

Dalhousie's women's hockey team experienced mixed results this past weekend as they started their season off against St. FX and Acadia.

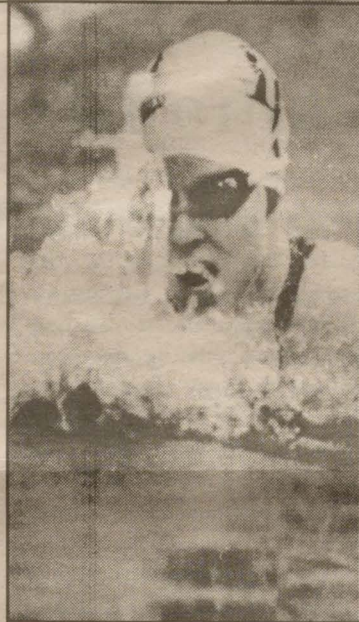
Saturday's game against St. FX didn't go as well as the ladies had hoped. The lone goal scored by captain Tanya McDonald wasn't enough as St. FX walked away with a 3-1 win.

The team, however, was not

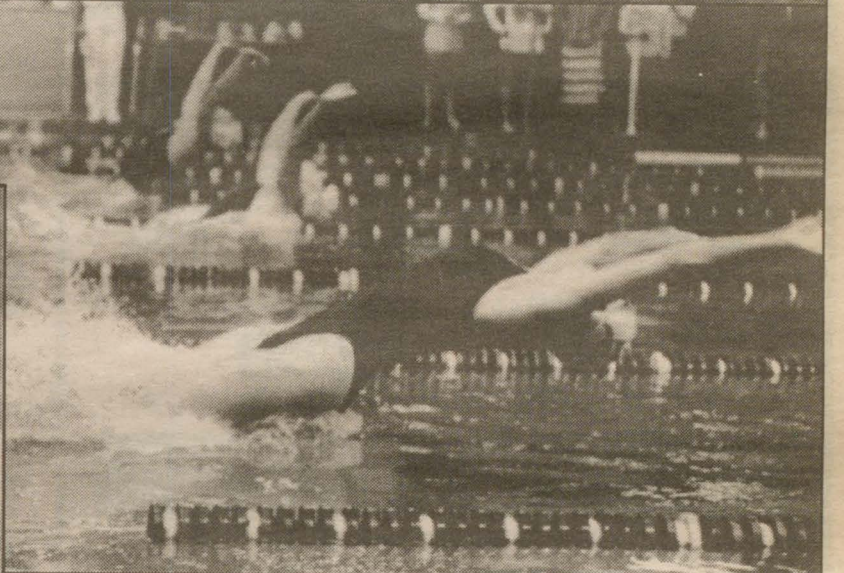
discouraged. The second game of their opening weekend resulted in retribution, as Dal beat Acadia 2-1 on Acadia's home ice.

Acadia started off the scoring with their only goal, but Dal countered with goals by Sarah Keys and Ros Day, who scored in the third period to clench the game.

Dal's next game is scheduled for Oct. 30 against SMU, followed by a Saturday game versus the Halifax Breakers.



photos by Mike Davenport



Dalhousie Tigers Athletes of the Week

Graeme Allardice
Men's Soccer
5th year SSMS
Bedford, NS

Graeme Allardice, team captain of the Men's Soccer team, is the Dalhousie Tigers Male Athlete of the Week for the week ending October 25, 1998. Allardice controlled the defensive end of the field as the Tigers split a pair of matches on the weekend. The defending AUAA champions lost 1-0 to top ranked Acadia. "Graeme was true to form this weekend, his consistency and leadership contributed to the attack," notes head coach Ian Kent. "[Graeme] is the most consistent performer we have ever had." The results of the weekend gives the Tigers the fifth seed at the AUAA championships at UPEI in Charlottetown. Graeme was part of Dalhousie's 1995 National Championship team.

Melanie Hanson
Women's Volleyball
2nd year BSc
Alberton, PEI

Melanie Hanson of the Women's Volleyball team is the Dalhousie Tigers co-Athlete of the Week for the week ending October 25, 1998. Melanie led the Tigers to a silver medal at the UNB Invitational in Fredericton with round robin victories over UCCB, Acadia, UNB and a semi-final win over St. Mary's. The rightside hitter was named to the tournament all star team.

Caroline MacFarlane
Women's Volleyball
1st year BSc
Margaree, NS

Caroline MacFarlane of the Women's Volleyball team is the Dalhousie Tigers co-Athlete of the Week for the week ending October 25, 1998. Carolyn's strong play from the middle blocker position helped Dalhousie capture the silver medal at the UNB Invitational tournament on the weekend. Carolyn was named to the tournament all star team.



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Dalhousie Athletics Upcoming Events

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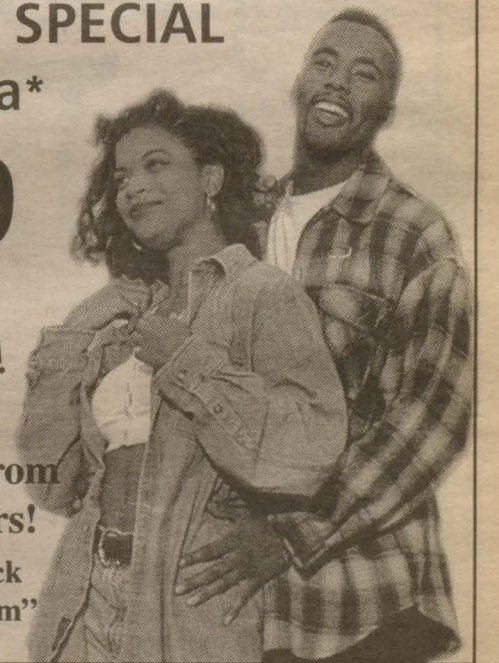
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Cross-country championships this weekend

Confident Tigers looking for yet another victory at Point Pleasant Park

BY GAZETTE STAFF

Confidence is high as the Dalhousie female cross-country running team enters the AUAA championships in Halifax this weekend.

It has been 13 years since they have lost a cross-country meet in the AUAA, and the team is reluctant to give up the title.

The bigger challenge for the Tigers is to get to the next level and

become one of the top teams in the country — and that means running “faster than ever before.”

“This weekend we have to work together as a team,” said team captain Juliet Thornton. “We need to learn to push each other because when we get to a race like [the CIAU championships] we can’t just sit in the pack. We need to run as a team and run faster than ever before.”

If there is strength to be

gained by running with teammates and having each member push the whole team to new levels, then the Tigers may be in luck. Aside from standout Kristen Lewis — who has to date been one step ahead of her teammates — the Tiger team is very close. Thornton, Kelly McKean, Sandy Smith and Amy Higgins have been training and racing together all season, but even team coach Al Yarr cannot predict their placings this weekend.

“We know that if Kristen has a great race she will win, but after that we have three, maybe even four women who can all challenge for that next spot,” said Yarr. “The key is for them to make that step together.”

The team is optimistic they will bring another banner ornamented with all their signatures back to Dal and finish another AUAA season with their impressive winning streak intact, but the real measure of their success this weekend will be how they perform

against themselves.

“We’ve all got it in us,” Thornton says, “and we all really want it. We’ve just got to get that feeling and run fast.”

When the male Tigers cross-country team toe the starting line on Saturday they will be attempting the unthinkable.

Last year the men tried but could not win the AUAA championship. This year they have a chance at a perfect score for the race.

It won’t be easy. Dal will have to sweep the top five positions and there will be some talented runners trying to prevent that from happening. Trevor O’Brien for Memorial University will be one. O’Brien is a national calibre runner and is the most likely to challenge Dal’s charge. Moncton’s Ivo Gagnon could also place well.

They’ll both have trouble getting to the front, though. Dal’s Dan Hennigar and Neil Manson have posted the third and fourth

fastest 10-kilometre times in the country this season.

“Neil [Manson] is very strong this year and has got to be a favourite,” Hennigar said of his teammate. “Having the third fastest time in the country doesn’t mean much when one considers I may not finish in the top three on my own team. That’s how strong we are. Scott Simpson is coming on in workouts, and Jamie [Blanchard] and Brian [Yorke] have both been up there before.”

The Tigers’ depth does not stop there. Team co-captain Trevor Boudreau is a former AUAA all star and is reputedly in the best shape of his life. Andrew Dunbrack, the lone rookie on this year’s team, is the defending Canadian junior 800 meter champion.

The AUAA championships will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the bottom of Point Pleasant Park.

Dalhousie to meet Sherbrooke

BY CARMEN TAM

The Dalhousie men’s volleyball team will host the 15th annual Mizuno Collegiate Challenge from Oct. 29-31. The Tigers, ranked as the 10th best team in Canada, will play a best-of-three match series against Sherbrooke that will take the teams to Lunenburg and Kentville before concluding at Dalplex on Saturday at 2pm.

The Tigers recently placed fourth at the Western Mustang

Classic in London and will look to avenge a five-set loss at the tournament to the top-ranked Vert et Or.

The Vert et Or are off to a strong start this season with tournament victories in Winnipeg and Western Ontario.

This season the Tigers are led by fifth-year veteran Jason Trepanier (a 1998 Honourable Mention All-Canadian), and will look to setter David Cox and rightside hitter Chris Wolfenden for

leadership. Sasha MacKenzie and Aaron Outhwaite will back up Cox along with rookies Jonathan Broderick and Dave Rancourt. UVic transfer Aaron Nutting will take care of the middle with third-years Scott Bishop and Jeff Stevens on the right side.

The Tigers have a strong coaching staff, with coach Al Scott in his 20th season at the helm. Dr. Robert Stalker, Colin Guthrie and therapist John Smallwood will assist Scott behind the bench.

Dal wrestling starts year well

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The members of the Dal wrestling club drove to Concordia University in Montreal this Saturday for their first wrestling tournament of the year, and according to the results, it signalled the beginning of a good year.

Only seven members of the club made the trip, but Coach Scott Aldridge was very optimistic.

“Everyone did very well in their matches, and everyone won at least one match.”

The tournament in Concordia could have proved to be one of the most competitive ones, next to the CIAU championships, that the Dal club will see. Clubs from New York

State, Philadelphia, UNB, Memorial, Brock and Concordia all attended.

Rookie Mike Leblanc earned a bronze medal, winning two of his six matches, while rookie Benji Parks placed fifth with a 2-2 record. Both Leblanc and Parks were Nova Scotia champions and were on the 1997 Canada Summer Games team.

Coach Aldridge laced up the boots, finishing second after a dramatic overtime win, only to lose to last year’s Canadian junior champion.

The next item on the club’s menu is a trip to UNB on Nov. 21 for the Eastern Canadian Championships.

Men’s Rugby Standings	
Acadia	5-1-0
St. FX	4-2-0
Dal	4-3-0
King’s	2-3-0
SMU	0-6-0

Women’s Rugby Standings	
St. FX	6-1-0
Acadia	5-2-0
SMU	4-3-0
Dal	3-4-0
King’s	1-3-1

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EDMONTON	—	16:10	—	—	10:35	—	—
CALGARY	18:45	—	18:45	13:55	—	—	—
TORONTO	15:35	14:35	11:45 ^b	12:40 ^c 15:40 ^d	10:20 ^e 11:30 ^f 12:30 ^g 23:35 ^h	10:35 ^h	—
ST. JOHN'S	—	19:55	—	18:35	—	—	—

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Thursday, October 29

CKDU Annual General Meeting at 7pm in the Green Rm, Dal SUB. There will be reports from the staff and committees, as well as financial statements. All interested are welcome.

Ratna Kapur of the Centre for Feminist Legal Research in New Delhi, India will be giving a free public lecture entitled "Secularism Under the Rule of the Hindu Right in India" at 8pm, Dalhousie Law School, Rm 105.

Ex-Simpsons Animation Director David Silverman takes us behind the scenes of the show in the McInnes Rm at 3pm. Free Admission.

Friday, October 30

Dalhousie Christian Fellowship, Power Praise Evening. 7:30pm, Rm 307 SUB.

The Gazette's Annual General Meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the DSU Council Chambers. All are welcome. Call 494-2507 for more information.

Saturday, October 31

Critical Mass Halloween Ride. An organized coincidence of bicyclists out to have a fun ride at 4pm. All Welcome. Costumes encouraged. Corner of Trollope St and Bell Rd (near the Commons). Call 477-7557 for more information.

Tuesday, November 3

"Lifting an Unfair Burden: Debt Forgiveness for Developing Nations" with Nancy Blair of Development and Peace. Lester Pearson International, 1321 Edward Street, at 12:30. Call 494-2038.

Wednesday, November 4

If You Love This Planet and **Adam's World**, films by Terry Nas and Donna Read, will be screening at the Dalhousie Art Gallery, 12:30 and 8pm. Free admission, call 494-2403 for more information.

Thursday, November 5

"Regionalisms in Central Africa At the Dawn of the New Millennium: Towards a New Realpolitik?" A speech by Dr. Timothy Shaw, Dept. of Political Science at 4pm in the Seminar Room, Lester Pearson International, 3121 Edward Street. For more info call 494-2038 or e-mail Michael.Noonan@Dal.ca.

Announcements

Parliamentary Guide Program: Looking for bilingual, full-time university students from across the country to work as Parliamentary Guides in Ottawa from Victoria Day to Labour Day. Application forms available on the Parliamentary Internet Parliametaire at www.parl.gc.ca. For more information call the Library of Parliament Information Services at (613) 992-4793. Application deadline is Monday, November 9, 1998.

Peers Against Sexual Assault (PASA) needs male and female volunteers. PASA is a student run peer education group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and to educate students, staff and faculty about the prevention of sexual assault and sexual harassment. No experience is necessary as training is provided. For more info, please contact 473-5420, or susan.brousseau@dal.ca.

Volunteers Needed: match your skills and interest with a program that makes a difference at the QEII Health Sciences Centre. Volunteer opportunities available now. Call 573-5420 or 473-5420 to make an appointment with either Carol or Roy about openings.

The World University Service of Canada invites students to apply to participate in the 1999 International Seminar program in Zimbabwe (English) or Benin (French) for 6 Weeks in May and June. Students will gain international development experience. Applications available on 2nd floor SUB or email schandra@is2.dal.ca.

Volunteers Needed: Ward 5 Community Centre is looking for volunteers to help with their afternoon programs, especially with cooking and arts & craft classes. Volunteers will be needed 3 afternoons per week. Contact Chris Jennings at 454-0018 or 454-0019.

DAGS Advocacy Committee — developing strategies to address political issues which affect graduate students: student debt, funding levels, etc. We need more members. Contact dags@is2.

Shakespeare Unplugged will take place at the King's College Chapel, Thursdays to Saturdays, from November 5 to 15, at 8pm, and Sundays at 2pm. Call Sherry Brown (542-4348) or Heidi Baltzer (542-9886).

Literacy Volunteers are urgently needed at the Halifax Regional Library to help with adult literacy, children's reading support

or adult English training. Volunteers will receive ongoing training and support. Interested persons can call the Captain Spry Library (490-5734), the Halifax North Library (490-5723), the Thomas Raddall Library (490-5738) or the Spring Garden Road Library (490-5718).

The Terezin Studio Project and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia are presenting a series of films about Terezin and the Czech experience of the Holocaust. The series commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht. Contact Leo Weigner at 425-3392 for more information.

The Dalhousie Art Gallery presents the latest in its series of films, this one focusing on Studio D, which was the documentary production unit of the National Film Board completely operated by women.

Exams will be the subject of a program conducted at the Counselling Centre of Dalhousie University. The program will include physical relaxation, mental coping and exam writing techniques. Call 494-2081 or come to the 4th floor in the SUB.

Jim Logan's Love Affair and the book of Joan and Nancy Edell's *Bricabra*. These are now on display at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. Admission is free. Call 494-2403.

Study at a Castle in England for the January term. Contact Sharon Blanchard at 494-2038.

Open For Business Halifax Workshops on the weekend of Nov. 4. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$3, unless otherwise noted. Call 424-3707 for more details.



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Bank of Canada is conducting its annual recruitment program to meet the 1999 staffing requirements. Get your CACEE application ready - deadline for students in Economics is **November 13, 1998**.

STAPLES has career opportunities as Management Trainees. Start at the retail store, advance through various levels of management or choose a career route in Buying, Human Resources, Operations or other depts. such as Marketing and I.S. **Deadline: Tuesday, November 3, 1998.**

Note: See listing of Dalhousie Information Sessions on our web site (this also includes a link to DalTech Information Sessions).

Summer Recruitment for 1999 Parliamentary Guides. Interested students are asked to print the application form off the Internet site: www.parl.gc.ca and mail it in. This years application deadline is **Monday, Nov. 9/98.**

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience. If the idea of combining travel with a summer job sounds attractive, IAESTE may be able to help. IAESTE aims to provide career-related experience abroad - normally for a period of 8 to 12 weeks during the summer - for students of Engineering, Science, and most related technologies. Work permits are arranged by IAESTE and the employer will offer a salary to cover local living costs. Further information and registration forms in the Employment Centre.

Textile Management Internship Program is specifically designed to prepare science, engineering, and technology graduates to meet the demand for future, well-educated managers in the Canadian textile industry. The TMIP is an intensive, one-year program of instruction in textile technology and managerial skills. It consists of three terms: textile technology; co-op work placement; and, managerial skills. It is the only English-language textile education program of its kind in Canada. Pick up brochure package and application details in the Employment Centre. **May 1999 will be the start of the next TMIP.** Interested students should apply as soon as possible.

If you are a Dalhousie, Daltech, Kings student or recent Alumni, please visit the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre.

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