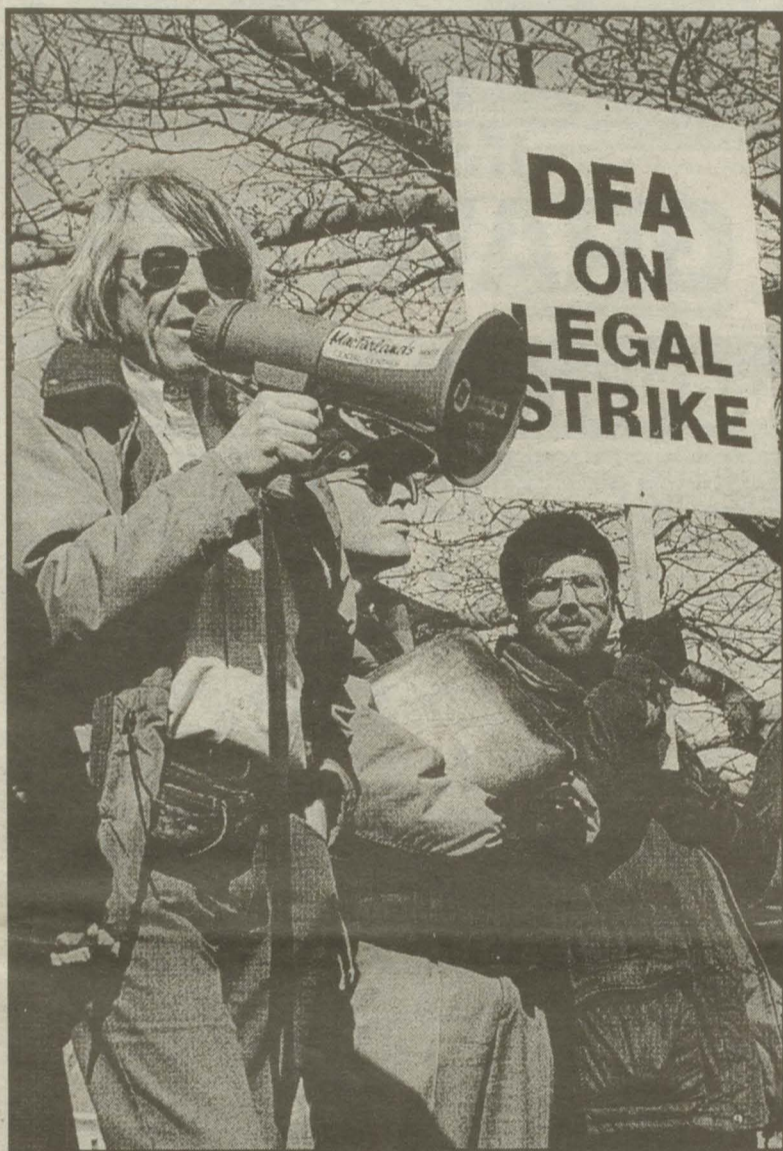


Dal profs go on strike



Chief DFA negotiator Michael Cross rallies his troops outside of the Student Union Building. For more strike information, see page 3. (Photo by Lisa Verge)

BY KAVERI GUPTA AND
SHELLEY ROBINSON

Dalhousie professors hit the picket lines on the first day they were legally allowed to strike, but nobody knows how long they'll stay out.

The strike came after a series of stops and starts in the negotiations between the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the university's Board of Governors.

Following the breakdown of scheduled talks, the failure of provincial conciliation, a mandatory two-week waiting

period, and 24 hours of last-minute negotiations, the DFA took to the streets on Mar. 25.

More than 200 professors walked downtown from the campus and back again to protest what they say are unfair contract terms.

The DFA represents 722 members, including professors, professional librarians, and counsellors.

Counsellors are not striking as their work has been deemed an essential service.

The university has instituted a lock-out in the face of the strike. Professors are not allowed to teach classes or use any university

facilities.

Michael Cross, chief negotiator for the faculty association, says the strike may not be pleasant, but may have been necessary.

"I'm not at all sure the board believed [a strike] was going to happen," he said. "So now that they know we're serious I hope that they'll come back to the table and we can have some really serious discussions."

The issues still at the table are increased salaries and replacement of departing faculty, or complement.

In the last 10 years the university

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NDP stuns Liberals

BY ANDREW SIMPSON AND
JOHN CULLEN

Nova Scotia's political beast has just grown a third leg, and being a Member of the Legislative Assembly may now be one of the most interesting jobs in the province.

In Tuesday's provincial election the Liberal and New Democratic Parties matched each other by winning 19 seats each in the province's 52-seat legislature. The Progressive Conservatives won the remaining 14 seats.

It was the first ever tie between two parties in Nova Scotia's

political history, and the first minority government since 1970.

"Something happened on the way to the Liberal coronation — it's called democracy," shouted NDP leader Robert Chisholm to a jubilant crowd at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax on Tuesday night. Previously the NDP's best showing had been four seats.

"The NDP is here to stay in a big way," continued Chisholm. "It's time to get government working for everyday people in Nova Scotia."

John Hamm's Tories placed third, but hold the balance of power. During a speech to campaign workers at his headquarters in New Glasgow, Hamm said he was pleased with the outcome.

"If you go back three months ago, it was said our party was disintegrating...we certainly have a lot more power in our position now than as [the opposition party]."

Having lost 19 seats, including four cabinet ministers, Liberal leader Russell MacLellan's night was less joyous.

"We lost some very good people. We're going to have to work within the party and build it [back] up," he said to a sombre crowd at his Cape Breton headquarters. But he is not throwing in the towel.

"The worst thing is to get queasy about what we're doing."

Despite the tie, law dictates that the incumbent Liberals be given the

first opportunity to form government. Should they receive a vote of non-confidence within the next six months, the NDP would be given a chance to form government. A non-confidence vote after that period would result in another election.

A further peculiarity of the election results is that the popular vote mirrors the distribution of seats in the legislature. The Liberals earned 35.3 per cent of the popular vote, the NDP won 34.7 per cent, and the Tories took 29.7 per cent.

"This is one of those rare occasions in our system of government where the seat totals of the parties accurately reflect people's choices, people's perceptions and people's wishes," said Jim Bickerton, professor of political science at Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

"This is a clearer expression of the people's will than we usually get in our system of government."

MacLellan has made it clear that a coalition government is not an option. And both Hamm and Chisholm have pledged to work together with the government to best serve Nova Scotians.

But professor Bickerton says that old political habits may be difficult to break.

"[They] have to change their behaviour. They're not used to co-

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Dal part-timers sign deal

BY PAUL MANSFIELD

Contract negotiations between Dalhousie and professors may still be up in the air, but an agreement has been reached between the Dalhousie administration and its part-time instructors and teachings assistants.

The new contract was approved by 97 per cent of the members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 3912 who voted on Mar. 19 to accept the deal.

Although the turn-out was relatively low, Mike Earle, secretary-treasurer for CUPE 3912,

is happy an agreement has been reached.

"We certainly didn't get everything we wanted, nor are our pay levels brought up to comparable figures with rates paid elsewhere in Canada, but we have made a good beginning," Earle said.

The biggest accomplishment in the eyes of the union is the collective agreement achieved at all three universities — Dalhousie, Saint Mary's and Mount Saint Vincent.

"The establishment of the union with collective agreements at our

three bargaining units is itself a very big victory, achieved after [three] years of hard work," Earle said.

The next step for the union is to wait for the agreement to be ratified by Dalhousie's Board of Governors. The time and date of this is unknown by either side.

All three universities' contracts end on Aug. 31, 2000.

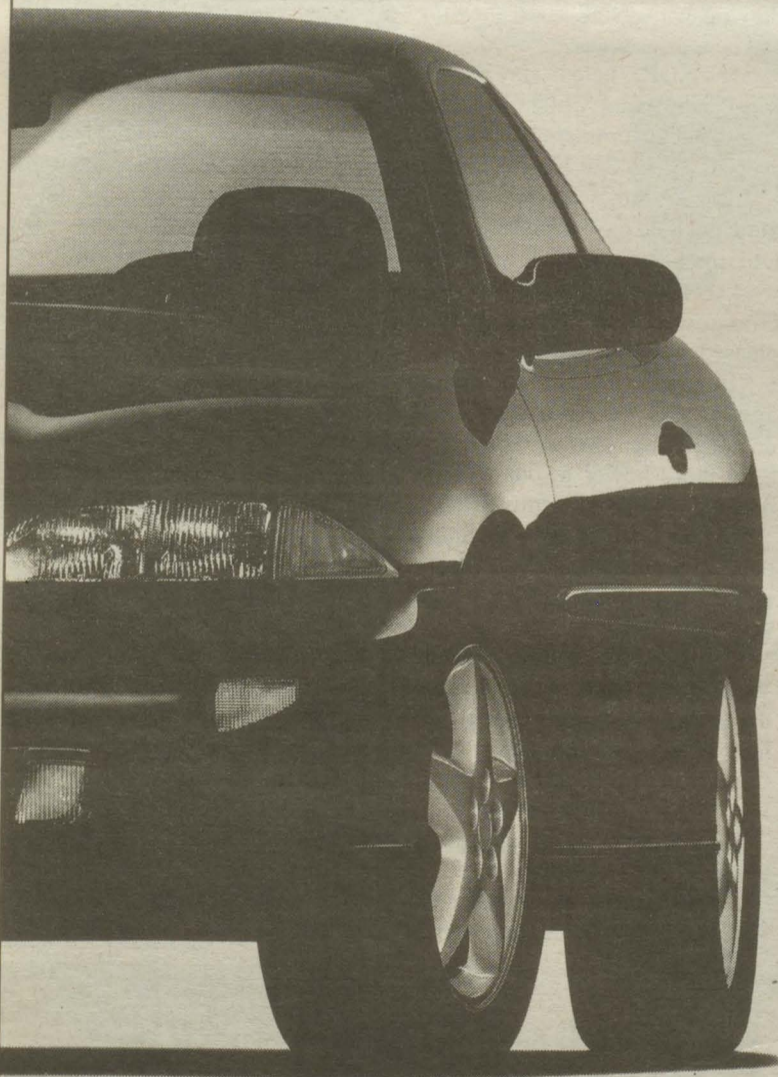
The ratification of its first collective agreement in sight, the next challenge facing union members is the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) strike that began Wednesday, Mar. 25.

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University Communities and Guests

Residences to remain open in event of extended year

BY BRIANNE JOHNSTON

Residence students wondering where they would stay in the event of the strike extending beyond May are resting easy.

Many residence students were worried after rumours circulated suggesting they would have to find another place to stay since Dal residences are used as conference lodgings during the summer months.

According to these rumours, Conference Services had scheduled May 1 as the first conference date of the year.

Julie Cook, a resident at Shirreff

Hall, said that when she first heard the rumours she was a bit skeptical, but still worried.

"There were so many rumours flying around about what was going to happen it was hard to believe anyone, but when I heard that we might not be able to stay in residence, if the year was extended, I was concerned."

Melissa Doucette, another Dal student living in residence, had a different reaction to the rumours.

"I [would] not be very impressed, my parents [would] probably call and complain, and I [would] probably complain," Doucette said.

"I mean I've paid to stay in residence until my exams are done. It's Housing Services' job to house us, so I don't see how they could deny us a place to stay. I have no other place to go."

The associate director of Residence Life responded to the rumours by reassuring residence students that they would not be kicked out before the end of the school year — no matter when the year ends.

"Housing residence students will be our first priority," said Terry Gallivan, a spokesperson for Housing and Conference Services. Gallivan says residence students

will be accommodated, even though it could result in the postponement and possibly the cancellation of planned summer business.

"We will make every effort we can to look after students if the academic year is extended and that will be our priority," Gallivan added.

Should student need to be accommodated beyond May 1, Gallivan says that conference delays will cost the university an estimated \$10,000 per day.

Residence Life's reassurance that residence students would not have to find other accommodations

in an extended school year was a great relief to all residence students who were worried about what would happen to them.

Doucette adds that she was grateful to hear she will not have to worry about finding a place to stay if the year is extended.

"I'm happy and relieved. The only way I can properly finish my year is to stay in the comforts of my room and study. I'm also grateful because I know Conference Services will be losing a lot of business. Overall, I think it'll be a huge relief on all residence students."

Students weary of minority government

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operating — we have an adversarial system based on competition — so it's a big shift for them to move in the direction of more co-operation."

However he says that a minority government also has the ability to be beneficial for special interest groups — including student organizations like the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU).

"The two parties with 19 seats have both said they will institute a tuition cap, and we will continue to pressure [them] to fulfil their campaign promises," said Chris Adams, DSU president.

"All three parties... have failed to sufficiently address post-secondary education in this campaign... hopefully pushing for the tuition cap will translate into proper levels of funding."

But what students hope to get from their new government varies throughout the province. University College of Cape Breton Student Union president Sheldon Gillis says that he is worried a minority government will get bogged down trying to please everyone.

"You're going to have all different kinds of people lobbying and lobbying and lobbying, and

sometimes there's not that wiggle room anymore [for government] to make good decisions," he said.

Gillis also says that his student

responsibility to our students and our community... to make sure we are giving a clear perspective on all the issues."

Amy Cole, Nova Scotia chair of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), says that although her organization has not had time to thoroughly consider the implications of a minority government, she is nervous.

Cole says that the parties made substantial election promises, but that without a clear mandate, it is uncertain if any party will be able to keep its promises.

"My initial reaction was skepticism," she said. "I can foresee a lot of head-butting and a lot of lobbying to get important issues passed."

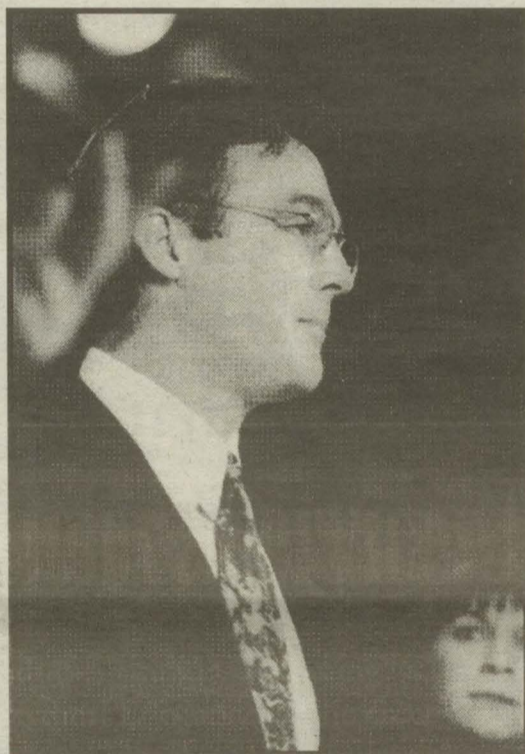
"It's going to mean a lot of running around... you look at every part of the public sector and everyone is clamouring for the attention and the funding they feel they deserve."

"I don't think it's a bad thing, it's just going to take a lot of leg work."

Chris Adams agrees.

"It's a continuous lobbying process. We just have to make sure our interests are represented with all three parties... it's about building bridges and getting your point across."

With files from Dave MacDonald



union doesn't necessarily have the same agenda as those in the rest of the province.

"Trying to get student leaders to agree is like herding cats," he said.

"Down here in Cape Breton jobs and the economy are also very important. Often the government pigeon-holes student leaders because our only agenda is education, but we also have a

Michelle Gallant says the board is committed to settling.

"We are ready to meet at any time," she said. "It's unfortunate the faculty adjourned the meetings to go on strike — we were making progress."

Talks, which broke off the morning of the strike after a full 24 hours, are tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Mar. 26.

The provincial conciliator Robert Duran is still mediating discussions.

But no one seems sure about where talks, or the strike, will go from here.

Cross is sure of only a few things.

"There are only a couple of weeks left in the term and people are going to graduate, we have to do something fast," he said.

"[But] we all need some sleep first."

The board says their current offer would incur a debt of \$17-million.

But university spokesperson

Profs on strike indefinitely

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has not replaced 113 faculty positions.

The board's original offer of a 9.5 per cent salary hike and no guarantee of faculty complement was rejected by a faculty membership vote.

And the DFA's two proposals — a 13 per cent salary increase with full replacement guarantee of faculty and a concession to an 11.8 per cent salary raise and guarantee of faculty leaving through early retirement packages, have also both failed.

But complement has become a big issue as both sides deal with 46 early retirements on Jul. 1.

The administration says it can't afford to guarantee full replacement of all these positions, and the faculty association says it can't afford not to.

Cross says the board's latest

offer, which guaranteed to not eliminate, but not necessarily fill, the vacant positions is a step — but a small one.

"I suppose it's a recognition that there is a problem," he said. "[But] it doesn't put any people in classrooms."

Dr. Gunter Muecke, an Earth Sciences professor, agrees.

Muecke is one of the early retirees. He says he was on Wednesday's picket line to prove a point, even though he wouldn't benefit from any new settlement.

"I am walking because I see the programs in this university being threatened by the cutback in faculty," he said. "I am retiring 10 years before I have to [because]... I can no longer do for the students what I want to."

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THE FOLLOWING ARE QUOTES ON JUST WHOSE SIDE STUDENTS SHOULD BE TAKING IN THE STRIKE.

Chris Adams, president of the Dalhousie Student Union

"I was very disappointed and upset that we didn't get a chance to be at the negotiating table and see what is going on first hand. Both sides are using us as bargaining chips in the negotiation process — we've taken a pro-student stance."

"Students are getting bombarded with propaganda. It's important to get information out but a lot of the stuff has been biased and skewed."

Karyn Sullivan, third-year political science student

"We are saying students have to take one side or the other and we support the profs in their demands. Students have to take a stand if we want the strike to end quickly."

"We pay the highest tuition and the profs are paid the lowest. No matter what the administration says, there is something wrong about that."

Eric McKee, vice-president Student Services

"The fact of the matter is that the faculty association has 700 voices, and they're voices that are very close to students so that I can well understand that students find those voices very persuasive. On the other hand I think there are lots of students who take a neutral stance, which I think makes a lot of sense. To say to both parties 'Look, it's your responsibility to get together to provide us with an education, not with a strike and we're not taking sides, we're putting pressure on both of you to solve this.'"

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Barbara Moore, president of CUPE 3912, said that part-time professors at Dalhousie will be locked out if there is a strike, but they will continue to be paid.

"We still have to talk to them about that. We still have to make arrangements," Moore said.

Teaching assistants will continue to hold office hours and mark any papers received during the strike, but students are under no obligation to hand papers in to them, or attend tutorials during the strike.

Earle says that the union supports the DFA and has stated that it hopes Dal administration will see the importance of its position.

"We are supportive of their demands, particularly their call for an end to the elimination of full-time positions at the university. This is eroding the standard of education at the university. We would call on our members to show solidarity with the full-time union on their picket lines, and in any discussions with students."

ALTERNATIVE ELECTION COVERAGE

Bored with conventional election coverage, The Gazette decided to take a look at election night in the campaign headquarters of Halifax-Citadel's three candidates. For once, election coverage that does not include Gallup polls, political pundits or aging anchormen. We selected three politically naive arts writers, sent them out on election night and told them to report back with what they saw and heard. The following are their reports:

Crushing Liberal defeat

BY PATRICK SHAUNESSY

On Tuesday night I took a cab down to the south side of Halifax to what appeared to be a fairly vacant Hollis street. As I stepped out of the cab and looked into Ed Kinley's small campaign office, I wondered if I was in the right place.

Despite its unassuming appearance, the office was absolutely chaotic: telephones were ringing off the hook, people were shouting out polling results and others were writing them down on a large banner. Ed Kinley was nowhere to be seen. I took a seat and watched.

More and more supporters of Ed Kinley started to fill the office. Before long there were trays of free food being offered, followed by free pop and beer. Things were now looking better for your humble reporter who was, on first impression, expecting the evening to be somewhat boring — even though the incoming results proved my initial assumption to be cynical and teetering on the verge of ignorance.

A crowd had amassed by a television set in the corner of the room. Everyone eagerly watched the CBC coverage of the voting results. There was a hesitant enthusiasm among the people in the office as Kinley seemed to be holding an early yet marginal lead. I watched bits and pieces of the coverage, but at the same time I was more concerned with observing the activity in the office and consuming the complimentary refreshments.

For the next hour and a half, the chaos in the office changed form. The phones had stopped ringing since most of the votes had been tallied, but the activity in the office had increased exponentially. There was now a healthy mix of supporters, journalists, television reporters, along with Kinley's friends and family.

Everywhere people were coming and going talking of Ed Kinley, but he was nowhere to be seen. Suddenly the news broke that the Liberals, under the now re-elected Russell MacLellan, had a minority government. The reaction to the news was both surprise and indifference. As one fellow solemnly put it, the result was "shocking but predictable".

Then at exactly 9:33 p.m., the man himself arrived. Kinley stepped through the door to the sound of "Ed! Ed! Ed!". He was instantly greeted by reporters who wasted no time in bombarding the candidate with questions — for Kinley's riding was the only one which hadn't finished tabulating its results. The race between Delefos and Kinley remained extremely close — so much that no one in the office had any clear indication of who was ahead. Despite all this, Kinley seemed enthusiastic about

the whole affair, describing the race as a "cliffhanger". Many of the people were cheering loudly with excitement, while at the same time crossing their fingers.

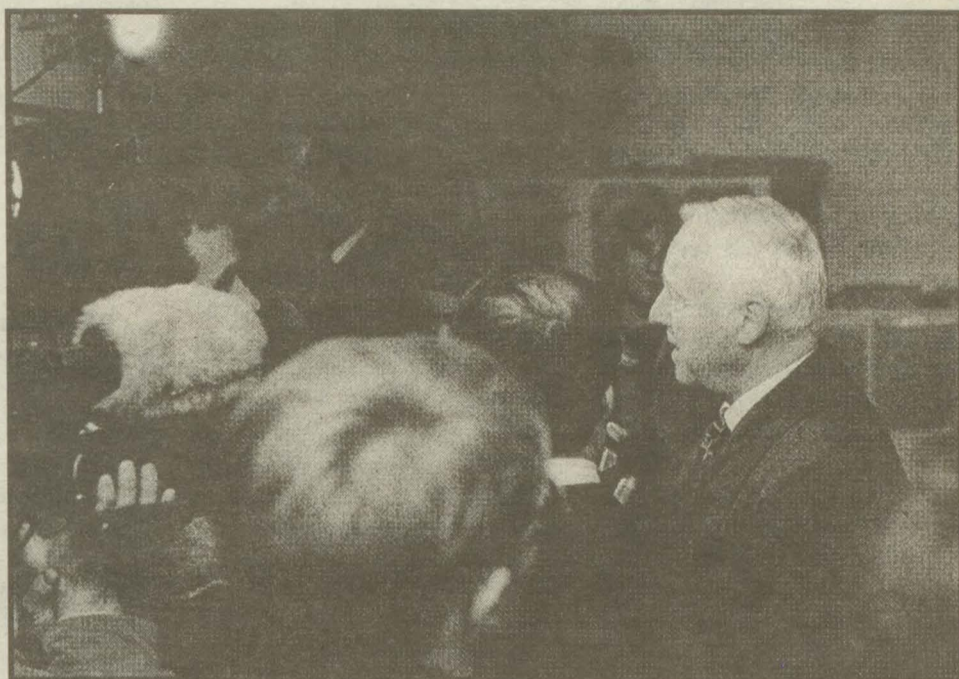
As the final few votes rolled in, it became clear that Kinley had lost his seat by 125 votes.

The atmosphere became so depressing it was as if I was at a funeral. The disappointment was overwhelming. In fact, the moment seemed so emotional and personal that I felt I should have been elsewhere.

After the results were finalized, Kinley made a brief speech. He congratulated Delefos and then turned his attention to his campaign

team — thanking them for all their hard work. And finally he wished MacLellan and the Liberals the best of luck.

I can't tell you how depressing the whole thing was. The entire Liberal contingent in this riding is closer than most families. In one moment their hopes had been crushed.



Ed Kinley schmoozin' with the press. (Photo by Ryan Lash)



PC campaign worker watches the results come in. (Photo by Barry Goldberg)

A 'red' in blue clothing Hammin' it up at PC central

BY GREG MCFARLANE

The phone rings and a hush goes over the office, but just for a split-second. Someone yells for a party hack to run to the phone. And as he hurries toward it, another phone jumps off the hook at the other end of the sparsely furnished room. A young woman races towards it. I back towards the wall, and two sets of elbows going in different directions graze my chest.

The mood was still intense at the headquarters of Progressive Conservative candidate Tara Erskine even after it became painfully

obvious that she was the odd woman out in a two candidate race between Liberal Ed Kinley and New Democrat Peter Delefos.

A smattering of applause ran through the tightly packed office-turned-campaign headquarters on Quinpool road as the TV announced PC Bedford candidate Peter Christie inching ahead of his Liberal rival.

But Erskine supporters were proud of their candidate too, and the mood was decidedly upbeat considering her defeat.

Erskine was optimistic despite the loss.

"I'm very happy and not disappointed," Erskine said in a concession speech just an hour-and-a-half after polls closed across the province, but long before the riding

was actually decided.

Erskine's riding of Halifax-Citadel was the last to be decided in the province. Delefos topped Kinley by 125 votes, while both topped Erskine by more than 2,000.

"We started from scratch and look how far we came.

"I'm looking at this for the long haul," she said to wild cheers from the party faithful.

The crowd was stuck to the TV for the rest of the night, waiting to find out if Kinley or Delefos would win the race for Halifax-Citadel. The room was filled with about 50 television junkies fighting for a spot near the TV. I had the impulse to yell, "down in front!" But I refrained. And, not wanting to be the free-

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The New Democrats strut their stuff

BY DAVE MACDONALD

The Lord Nelson Ballroom played host to the orange tide in this month's provincial election. At the beginning of the evening, the New Democratic Party's headquarters was stacked with tons of finger food and beer tickets to keep the few people there happy.

The ballroom was divided into two rooms, both with three TVs and a crowd of couch potatoes. As the first few polls came in, there were a few hollers and cheers, but nothing to get excited about.

Slowly the crowd grew until I had to fight to get a glimpse of the election coverage on the boob-tubes. All eyes and minds were focussed on the local Halifax-Citadel race and they were not hesitant to let you know that they wanted Peter Delefos to win.

Soon the mass got restless and wanted some satisfaction in the way of elected officials. Luckily enough, several NDP candidates throughout the province started to get elected,

and as a result, the people were getting louder and more demanding. The only lulls in noise were the occasional defeat to other parties.

The first chance I got to eyeball any politician was after most of the polls were in and it was inevitable that a minority Liberal government would be formed. Unlike the other candidates for Halifax-Citadel, the Gazette was denied access to Delefos' actual campaign office — it makes you wonder what was going on down there.

Anyway, when the "big boys" decided to show, the mob of supporters clung to them as if they were the second coming of Christ. Hugging, kissing, shaking hands — general, old fashioned sucking up.

When the time came for the big speeches to be given, the Halifax-Citadel riding was still undecided.

While those already elected stepped onto the stage, a cameraman for a local TV station tried to get the interpreter for the hearing impaired off the stage. Why? Because she was in the way of his camera. It seems

that it mattered more to him that he got a clear shot of platform rather than getting the hearing impaired involved in the festivities.

NDP leader Robert Chisolm congratulated all of the NDP winners for a job well done, and took pride in having five women elected to office. The federal NDP leader, Alexa McDonough, followed with a very encouraging 'take pride' speech.

Throughout the speeches there was

a feeling of tension and nervousness. Delefos was in a neck-and-neck race with Liberal incumbent Ed Kinley and it was the very last poll to come in. A Hollywood script writer could not have plotted more of a nail-biter.

When Delefos' victory was announced, the partying began. Loads of mingling and congratulating ensued, and an overall sense of, "We sure showed them," prevailed.

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University of Winnipeg students face looming strike

BY NICOLE C. ROSEVERE

WINNIPEG (CUP) — Will they or won't they? That's the question being asked by University of Winnipeg students as the threat of a faculty walk-out looms over their campus.

The faculty's last contract expired Mar. 31, 1997, and the faculty association and the administration have spent the last year negotiating a new deal.

During this time the terms of the old contract have still been in effect. But come Mar. 31, the old terms are no longer valid and U of W faculty will effectively be without any sort of agreement.

Members of the faculty association voted to authorize their executive to call a strike if a settlement is not reached soon. Just over 87 per cent of those participating in the vote cast ballots in favour of the strike mandate.

As the end of the month approaches, students are growing more concerned about their future.

"[Because it is] close to finals and graduation, I am somewhat concerned that this will disrupt my future plans and job prospects. A

delay at this time would be really aggravating," said Richard Roberts, a business studies student.

According to Allen Mills, president of the faculty association, one of the main issues at stake is pay parity with professors at the University of Manitoba.

"Our salaries are significantly lower than faculty and instructors at the U of M and our typical course load is higher," he said.

Mills adds that the situation is exacerbated by the fact that many U of W faculty and instructors teach in programs offered jointly by the two universities.

Other faculty concerns include instructors losing salary through days off without pay and a plan for the university to shorten the time it takes to declare programs redundant and lay off faculty.

But Mills says he is optimistic that an agreement will be reached soon.

"My hope is that it would be resolved before it goes to strike," he said.

The administration shares this outlook.

"[A strike vote] is not an uncommon occurrence during negotiations," said Joan Anderson, a

spokesperson for the university.

"There are a number of things that might happen but we hope to have a contract in place before the end of the month."

"Students, while they recognize that their professors have valid concerns, are frustrated with the situation.

"Students are in the position of being between a rock and a hard place and that's totally unfair," said Sherri Parent, a conflict resolutions student. "It's difficult to support the faculty — but I do."

The two sides were in conciliation talks Mar. 18 and 19. Elizabeth Carlyle, president of the U of W

student union, says they should have students on their minds as they negotiate.

"We haven't taken a stand on issues, but we support the faculty's right to take job action. We hope both parties will negotiate in good faith and keep students' interests in mind."

Tax man comes a knocking

BY SARAH SCHMIDT

OTTAWA (CUP) — Debt-ridden slackers who skip out on their provincial student loans will soon get hit up by Revenue Canada.

New legislation before the House of Commons would allow provinces to tap into the federal income tax return system to collect on defaulted provincial student loans.

Currently, only the federal government can skim off the top of income tax returns as a last-ditch effort to collect on delinquent student loans.

"It's not a regular measure of collection," said Jean Wright of the Canada Student Loans program about the five-year-old federal collection law.

"It's a last resort. It was a fiscal measure brought in to enhance recovery of debts to the Crown."

But provincial collectors are welcoming the news that they too will be able to use this tough-love measure in an era of rising default rates.

"Even if they get an extra nickel, it's a nickel," said Leslie Nanos, head of the collections branch of the Ontario government's Management

Board.

The board is currently chasing down 45,000 defaulters (18,640 in 1997 alone). This represents a \$150-million bill to the province if the money goes uncollected.

But the province says they're hoping the privatization of the collection of defaulted provincial student loans, to be in place by the fall, will bring the default numbers down.

"As a last ditch attempt, we're going to the federal set-off program. That's the last recourse," Nanos said.

Ontario will, however, hand over 5,000 cases when the tax bill becomes law to test it out.

According to Canada Student Loans statistics, approximately seven per cent of all student borrowers between 1960 and 1995 didn't pay back their loans.

Elizabeth Carlyle, national chair-elect of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), says this isn't what the federation had in mind when it lobbied the federal government for harmonious loans packages across the country.

"It's a dishonest way of presenting what harmonization is supposed to be. All this means is having greater

access to limited student funds," she said. "But it's in line with the government's current record of dealing with debt management rather than dealing with the root issues."

Carlyle pointed to the new student bankruptcy legislation currently working its way through Parliament as evidence of governments implementing punitive measures rather than debt-reduction steps in an era of rising tuition fees and student debt levels.

Under the new law, students will have to wait 10 years after they leave the education system before they can declare bankruptcy to clear their student debt. The waiting period is currently two years.

But Kristian Martel, spokesperson for Ontario's Management Board, says measures being taken by the federal government such as the tax return and bankruptcy legislation is just what the province is looking for.

"We are in it together. We said we wanted improvements and that's one we could agree to go with," she said.

It has not been worked out how the feds and the provinces will split the income tax return if the student has defaulted at both levels.

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Critics charge MAI to expose schools to corporate inroads

BY AMIEL BLAJCHMAN

OTTAWA (CUP) — Coca-Cola may write curriculum, Reebok could sue schools and foreign multinationals might even be able to hand out their own degrees if the global deal known as the "North American Free Trade Agreement on steroids" is signed.

A broad-based education coalition is anxiously eyeing the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) negotiations in Paris, where reps from the world's richest 29 countries have been at the bargaining table for over two years trying to figure out a way to liberalize investment flows and clarify investment rules for multinational corporations.

But Canadian education experts say the deal will only undermine an already under-funded public education system.

While the Canadian Teachers' Federation is talking generalities about cash-strapped school boards being vulnerable to marketplace influence, local teachers' unions across the country are talking specifics.

Under the agreement, companies would be given the right to sue elected governments to protect their profits.

Wayne Cushman, a policy analyst for the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, says this could mean trouble as private companies get increasingly involved in the development of primary and secondary school curricula.

"Once you get private companies bidding for curriculum and give them a right to it, it's impossible to step back. The company can turn around and sue you," he said.

Jennifer Story, national deputy chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), says the deal could also pose problems for post-secondary education.

She says that even regulations passed by governing bodies at

universities and colleges could be under fire, as the MAI would control all domestic regulations.

"Corporations can challenge sub-state government regulations, including any that deal with education and student assistance provisions."

And donations to universities or colleges — viewed as an "investment"

— could use the MAI's legal mechanisms to protect against students or faculty placing their products or services in what they consider a bad light.

A company or individual could sue a post-secondary institution if student activities or faculty research or teaching was found to interfere with their "investment".

Which, Story says, could be an extension of what happened at the University of Madison in Wisconsin recently.

Reebok donated \$7.9-million to the school in 1996 in return for exclusive advertising rights on the university's

athletic clothing. Part of the deal disallowed any university official from making any negative remarks about the company — a clause removed after student and faculty uproar.

But a spokesperson for Canadian international trade minister Sergio Marchi says the dozens of educational organizations opposing the MAI, including the B.C., Yukon, Alberta, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island teachers' associations, are over-reacting.

"These are the most uninformed claims I've heard," Dexter Bishop said. "It is absolutely beyond my comprehension how someone could make these claims."

Others say the impending corporate inroads into education aren't even necessarily a bad thing.

"A good relationship between [business and education] is a good idea," said Rob Anders, the Reform Party's critic for the Human Resources Development portfolio. "Businesses are able to donate supplies and such to schools."

Although Bishop dismisses the education coalition's concerns, he has given them some good news, indicating that it is unlikely the deal will be signed by the targeted deadline at the end of April.

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loader, I didn't abuse the full cooler of beer waiting on a make-shift bar in the centre of the room either.

The room was a bastion of conservative stereotypes. How many men in one room can wear turtlenecks underneath sweaters? I felt like I should have been lounging with 'Kip' in Aspen after a long hard day of skiing. And after awhile, the old boys came down for a visit. The room was half-full of fogies (whom I was told by one party insider not to under-estimate) and young men with aspirations-in-tow. Thankfully, none of them had cigars.

Another round of hoots made its way through the office. I think a PC candidate in the valley had just won a seat, but they may have been cheering on the pizza man heading for the back of the room.

This pizza would be the bane of my existence for the rest of the evening, as a man who incessantly referred to me as 'Red' (on account of my hair) was always asking me to hand him a piece.

Sick of being food-boy, and tired of hedging bets about how long a minority government would last in Nova Scotia, I left Erskine's free food behind. I had no right to any of it. I didn't even vote for her.

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SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Dal students scare up money for sharks

BY ERIN SPERLING,
DAMS COMMUNICATIONS

Believe it. Some of the fiercest animals on the planet are in trouble. According to the White Shark Research Institute (WSRI), sharks are in danger of extinction, and if we don't take the time to understand the mysteries of these giant beasts, they may disappear.

The WSRI is a nonprofit agency located in South Africa. To date, much of the WSRI's work has been fairly localized in terms of education and outreach programs. This has been due to the limited amount of funding that has been available.

Here in Halifax, a group of Dalhousie students are getting involved to raise money for the WSRI. Nine students in a third year biology course, Nature Conservation, have chosen this group as their cause of choice. They are being supported in their efforts by the Dalhousie Association of Marine Biology Students (DAMS). Together the two groups are organizing a benefit concert for the sharks. Emily Black is a member of the Nature Conservation group and Cameron Curtis is on the DAMS executive.

When asked how they came up with the idea for a shark benefit concert, the answer was somewhat roundabout.

"When we were first talking about it, I wanted to have a Plumtree concert... then [Emily] said [she] had to do a Nature Conservation project and I said, 'Marine Biology can use the [Grawood] for free, so you can do a concert in conjunction with us if you find a cause' and [she] said 'yes'. And I said 'I have a perfect cause for you,'" said Curtis. DAMS co-sports rep.

At present the focus of the WSRI is to raise funds to increase conservation measures and biological studies on an international level, including the use of satellite tracking, camera attachments and DNA analysis. All the work done by the Research Institute is "Natural Biological", as stated by their website, which means that all work is conducted on free swimming animals.

"[The WSRI] is focussed within South Africa, and we did look for research around here, but there is no

one working on sharks around here," Black said.

This cause is important for many reasons.

"White sharks are endangered and there is very little research done on them, and as a local issue they have been implicated in the cod fishery

"The sustainable harvest of any resource is fine...when they catch them and cut off their fins and stick them up as prizes, that's killing for no reason and is a complete waste."

[collapse]. They are natural predators of the seals," Black said.

There is an operating shark fishery, as parts of sharks bring in a lot of money in the marketplace.

"Some people eat the actual meat or shark fin soup. The sustainable harvest of any resource is fine; the unsustainable killing of sharks, like when they catch them and cut off their fins and stick them up as prizes, that's killing for no reason and is a complete

waste. I don't think that there can be a sustainable harvest with great whites, maybe with [other species of-shark, such as] porbeagle, makos and blue sharks," Curtis said.

One of the entertainers for the benefit concert is musician Rich Terfry, who goes by any of thirteen stage names, including Buck 65, Johnny Rockwell and Stinkin' Rich. He received a Biology degree from SMU.

"I studied sharks quite a bit at school and I was fascinated — I always have been. I'm glad to return the favour. Sharks are a pretty important segment of life on this planet. Between them and sponges, they're the only things that don't get cancer.

I think that we can learn a lot from them," Terfry said.

Other acts which have committed their time and energy to the shark cause include Al Tuck and a friend from Plumtree, Mis Bliss and the Six Million Dollar Men. The funds that will be raised through their generosity, the compassion of the organizers and the money from ticket sales will go to a good cause.

"It's \$1200 US to adopt a shark so

any extra money we have after that, [we would like] to put aside for Eco Action, for them to use on shark research [locally]. The incentive will be there because the money will be there," Black said.

"And there's going to be an information table [at the concert and there will be] pamphlets on the tables and chairs," Curtis added.

The WSRI has contacted Curtis and Black to say that they are extremely pleased with the group's efforts to spread their message of conservation and education.

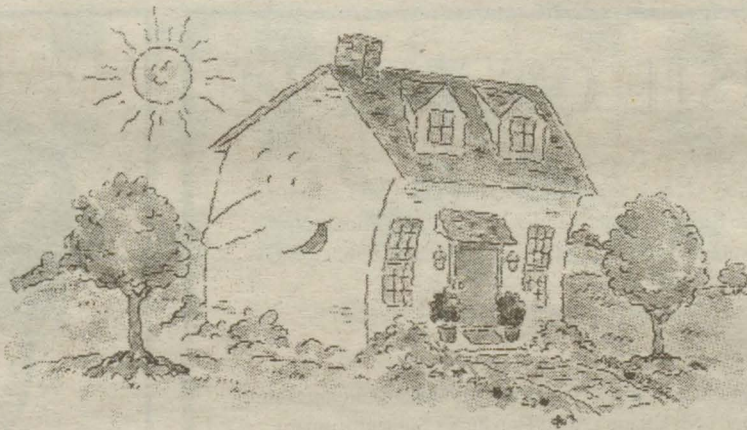
"On behalf of our organization and all the sharks out there we want to sincerely thank you for your efforts," said the WSRI in an E-mail sent from South Africa.

The Great White Shark Benefit Concert will take place on Saturday, March 28 at the Grawood in the Dal SUB. Tickets are \$5 in advance from the DAMS office, room 2114 of the LSC, or \$6 at the door. The doors open at 8pm.

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Where's the beef?

The sign "Hey Tom, Lick our Fucking Rods" bobbed in the crowd as Dalhousie president Tom Traves spoke about what he said were the harsh realities of university funding.

The guy carrying the sign was wearing a striped, spray-painted set of overalls, and he looked pretty unconventional — even in the midst of more than 500 students protesting a whole bunch of things. Protesting the possibility of a strike, protesting rising tuition fees, and protesting not being included in contract renegotiations.

The guy looked unconventional, but what he was saying couldn't have been more commonplace.

"Dalhousie is run as a business — the students are Dal's customers but businesses don't treat customers like we've been treated. It's not fair."

The rationale underpinning this sentiment, one that's becoming more and more prevalent, wouldn't look out of place on a cheap t-shirt.

"We pay, we say."

It's as eloquent as "Where's the Beef?" and just as useful.

Students, fed up with being marginalized in their own education, are taking a stand. Unfortunately by standing up for our rights as consumers we're missing the point and buying into the idea that education is a service and we are its passive customers.

The language of consumerism,

illustrated by the nonsensical market-speak of middle managers, is slowly seeping into everyday conversations.

Vice president student services, Eric McKee, used exactly this language to talk about student concerns during a strike.

"This is a labour relations conflict," he said. "In these situations users of services — whether they're customers at a store or users of public transit or students at university —

work by the student as it does the service providers — the professors and administration.

Nor can you quantify education.

Are people at universities with cheaper tuition necessarily getting more value for their money? It is impossible to measure, because you get from your education — to state a cheesy truism — what you put in it.

But no one talks about what they put into anything anymore — except cash.

I'm not saying that tuition fees are irrelevant, or that the university is not responsible for keeping education accessible. I am saying students negate their ability

to change and affect their education at this university when they put themselves in the role of a customer. A customer's only option is to buy, or not buy. Students are engaged in creating the system, there is no product.

If the faculty strike could have been that students are central to every aspect of a functioning university. Instead, students have become embittered and feel shut out.

And the only way they know how to respond is to say that if they were at the Price Club, things would be better.

I guess that depends on how much you like the Price Club.

SHELLEY ROBINSON

Editorial

tend to get caught in the middle."

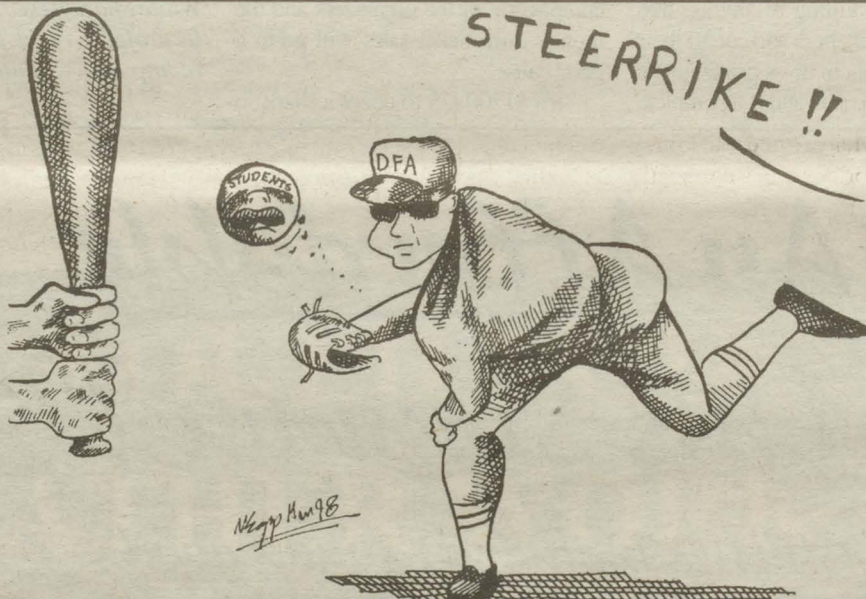
To be fair, McKee was likening students' frustrations with those felt by others trapped in strike situations they are powerless to control.

But while all three share the same emotions, there are important distinctions between students and people who are either shopping or hopping on a bus.

To be a student is to be engaged in a profession. It is, granted, a profession that people pay for, but that does not diminish its value.

Buying a bag of chips is not a job, nor does it require any significant time or energy to achieve. It is a service. They make, you buy, you eat, you're done.

Obviously, learning just isn't comparable. It requires as much



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Letters

Just another angry Dal student

To the editor,

On Wednesday, as the possibility of a strike and subsequent lockout grew to an almost certainty, I became very concerned with that which faces us all. I had been somewhat "out of the loop" — pretty disconnected with the negotiations between the DFA and the Dal higher-ups. I have a job set up in North Carolina this summer, and I don't want this strike interfering with American sun and American dollars.

To ease my nerves and to get a better understanding of the situation, I went to see Dr. Ugursal, the head of the DFA. What a mistake. The conversation started off on the wrong foot and quickly took a sour turn. In the span of about 10 minutes, things went from bad to stupid. Apparently I had said some things that Dr. Ugursal didn't appreciate, because at one point he told me (and I'm quoting) that "I didn't know shit about anything".

When I told him that I wouldn't be happy if the faculty walked out, he told me that it wasn't the professors' fault if there was a strike and to "fucking talk to Tom Traves" because the Dalhousie administration was refusing to negotiate. He also told me that if he had time to talk to all 14,000 Dalhousie students, he wouldn't have time to do his other job (head of Mechanical Engineering at DalTech). This is my first encounter with the classic "you're not a name, you're a number and a tuition cheque" — the Dal attitude I've heard so much about. There's an obvious teacher-to-student respect being displayed here, don't you think?

The whole thing left a bitter taste in my mouth. The type of responses I was getting from DFA head Dr. Ugursal was something I might have expected from Tom Traves, or more fitting, a nine year old child. Throughout this whole strike mess, all I've been hearing is that the

students are the ones who really matter, and that all these negotiations are for the good of the student. I gotta say, I didn't get that impression from talking to Dr. Ugursal. It seems I have been left without choice. I must take Tom Traves and the Dalhousie Administration's side in this farce.

Boo! Hiss! Curse the professors! You get paid too much as it is! Take a pay cut! OK, that's out of my system. If the professors do strike and it is not resolved by the beginning May, it won't matter to me; I'll be in North Carolina. Dalhousie can either refund my tuition or give me credits that I haven't earned. It's up to them, because if this bullshit prevents me from going south to work this summer, some other university will be cashing my \$5500 cheque come next September.

ANDREW WOODS
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In search of a productive negotiator

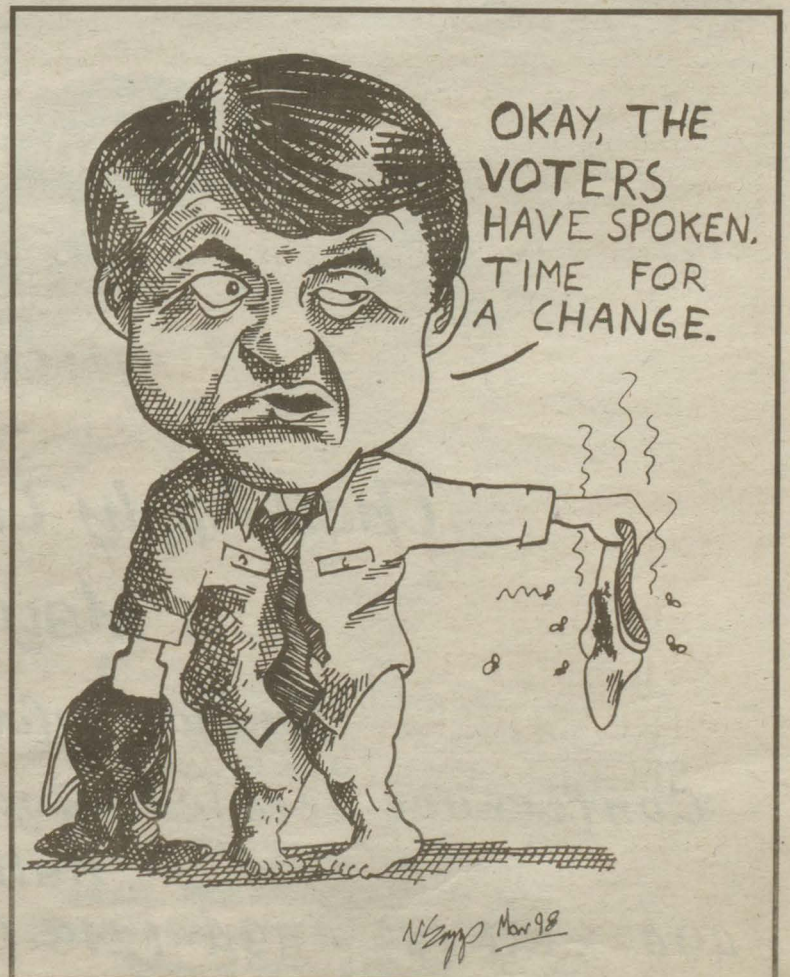
To the editor,

Is it not amazing that non-PhD negotiators like Tariq Azizz, Kofi Annan et al could sit down and reason on principles and in the process avoid a potential war? Yet with all these hundreds of PhD brains that we have on the faculty and the administration, both sides are using extortion, intimidation, and threats as weapons of reasoning.

Are these the same people who are supposed to teach the students reasoning skills?

Where are the sixties-style activists when you need them?

ABBIE HOFFMAN,
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The neo-Chicago 7 of Halifax



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Untangling self interest and student interest

As the DFA strike looms, there has been much talk about "self interest" and "student interest". The DSU, the DFA, and the administration all claim to be representing the "student interest" in different ways.

According to the DFA, student interests are best observed by demanding that Dalhousie University maintain current numbers of tenured professors, and that those professors be paid wages in line with those at comparable Canadian universities.

According to Dalhousie's administration, student interests lie in keeping professor's wages below market standards and continuing to eliminate tenured positions in order to hold tuition to present levels.

According to the DSU, student interests are best defended by avoiding a strike, whatever the outcome of the negotiations between the DFA and the administration.

Seeing as the DSU has uncritically accepted the administration's claim that meeting the DFA's demands — even part way — will necessarily result in a tuition hike, and seeing as the administration, like the DSU, is more concerned about avoiding a strike than examining the concerns of the DFA, it is possible to consider the positions of the DSU and the administration as, for all practical purposes, identical.

The question is, then, whether the interests of Dalhousie's students are best protected by avoiding a strike at all costs. In my opinion they are not. Although a strike is obviously harmful to students currently enrolled at Dalhousie, it is important to consider the larger issues at stake.

According to the information put out by both the administration and the DSU, the DFA's primary aim is to get more money for professors. Both DSU president Chris Adams and Tom Traves, Dalhousie's president, downplay the issue of maintaining current numbers of tenured professors at Dal.

Nonetheless, this appears to be the issue which is primarily responsible for the breakdown of negotiations between the DFA and the

administration. Moreover, it is an issue which is fundamental to the interests of present and future students at Dalhousie.

The preservation of tenured positions at Dalhousie is essential to maintain the high standards of teaching and research which our university has attained in the past. However, it has been Dalhousie's policy to eliminate tenured positions; 113 have been done away with over the past ten years, while at the same time substantially increasing enrollments at Dal. What have been the results of this policy?

Most obviously, increased class sizes. These larger classes necessarily reduce the ability of professors to have quality, one-on-one interactions with their students, or to have productive in-class discussions. Furthermore, they have increased the teaching and grading workload of our professors, reducing their ability to engage in academic research.

Second, individual departments have been forced to repeatedly cancel certain classes, as they no longer have the professors to teach them. This means that there is a considerable gap between the courses which Dal's calendar says are offered, and those which students may actually take, creating a situation where students have to rearrange their schedules or drop out of certain programs altogether in order to cobble together the courses they need to graduate.

Third, Dal is becoming increasingly reliant on part-time professors who are inadequately remunerated, even by the terms of their new contract with Dal. Part-timers often have to take non-academic second jobs or work at several universities simultaneously in order to earn enough money to survive. This means that the needs of Dal's students can not always be the foremost concerns of a sizeable body of instructors working at Dal.

Furthermore, the varied responsibilities of part-time instructors severely reduce their ability to continue their own academic research, making it

difficult for them to keep abreast of recent scholarship. The preservation of a full complement of tenured professors at Dal has little to do with the self-interest of the individual professors currently working here.

The university has not threatened to lay off tenured profs — it is reducing their numbers by attrition only. No tenured prof need fear for his or her job from this university's administration. The DFA's stance on this issue is determined primarily by their desire to maintain the quality of research and instruction at this university. They are acting to protect the interests of Dal's present and future students.

The other major demand of the DFA, that Dal's profs be paid at rates similar to those of profs at comparable Canadian universities, should not be simplistically dismissed as an example of professors placing self-interest above student interest either. The establishment of market-value wages at Dalhousie is essential to preventing a "brain drain" of Dal's presently high-quality faculty, and to ensuring that innovative, dynamic scholars are attracted to Dal in the

future. While there is a clear self-interest for DFA members to strive for wage parity with the rest of Canada, this does not mean that it is not also an important student concern.

Perhaps it is the DSU executive who are confusing "self-interest" and "student interest". This generation of Dalhousie's students must look beyond their own self-interest, and accept that the harmful effects of a DFA strike may be essential to the preservation of quality instruction and research at Dalhousie. And don't kid yourself, this strike is not just about Dalhousie, but about the future of higher education in all of Canada.

You can be sure that if Dalhousie's administration is successful in pegging the wages of Dal's profs below market standards, and in having a free hand in the elimination of tenured positions, other university administrations will follow suit. As a result, Canada's leading academics will head south in increasing numbers. Dal's students must look beyond their immediate concerns and stand up for the student interest, not just their own self-interest, but the interest of all students — present and

future.

Finally, there is the administration's, and the DSU's, threat of tuition hikes. As the DSU has repeatedly stated, and as was made abundantly clear at their "information session" a couple of weeks ago, this is a complex issue which the DSU does not fully understand. The DSU has neither the information nor the authority to determine whether there will or will not be a tuition hike next year. And while they accept the administration's self-interested statement that the DFA's demands would necessarily result in a tuition increase, it is worth noting that Dal's tuition is already among the highest in Canada — despite the fact that Dal's profs are paid significantly less than national standards, despite the appalling elimination of tenured positions at Dal over the last decade.

If other Canadian universities — including other Maritime universities — can afford to charge students less, protect tenure and pay professors (including part-time professors) more, why can't Dal?

GREG BAK

The killing of medicine

Jack Kervorkian used to call what he does "medicine" until it was pointed out that the term literally means "the killing of medicine". Many feared that killing the medical profession was exactly what he would accomplish if he succeeded in turning physicians into agents of death who were authorized to put the sick out of our emotional and financial misery. But it already appears to be too late.

Although partial-birth abortion has been condemned by the medical profession as never justified, the profession has taken no action against its practitioners. Consider what kind of mind it takes to hold a perfectly formed human child squirming in one's hands and then

puncture its skull and suck its brains out. Do people such as these really qualify to be called medical doctors? Then why are they still members of the profession in good standing and allowed to continue this horrific practice?

The byword of the medical profession used to be "above all do no harm," and the Hippocratic Oath used to say "I will give no deadly medicine." It also included an explicit prohibition against committing abortion (perhaps this has something to do with why it has quietly disappeared from many medical schools). What has become of the medical profession when it welcomes into its ranks those unethical practitioners who have

prostituted their skills to destroy human life, accepts abortion when there is no medical indication, and intrudes itself into families by condoning surgery on minors without parental permission or knowledge?

Yet many, duped by the wedge issues of pain and personal autonomy, want to trust this thoroughly corrupted brotherhood with end of life decisions for the weakest and most vulnerable among us. We are not far from the experience of the Netherlands where euthanasia is legal. The Dutch now fear entering their own hospitals where many lives are involuntarily ended in spite of so-called safeguards.

ALFRED LEMMO

DALHOUSIE SCIENCE SOCIETY

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The other side: a dean speaks out

In an article in your March 19 edition, Professor Andrew Wainwright is quoted as saying, "Management aren't in the classroom. They don't teach...they manage money". Or, as he implied, they "mismanage" money.

I would like to point out that, while I am dean of Arts and Social Sciences, I also teach a history class — one of the largest undergraduate classes in the university. Virtually all of the other deans and associate deans also teach. The Academic Vice President co-teaches a class in biology. So it is simply not true to say that "management don't teach".

I have not used my classroom as an opportunity to advance the "management" view of current collective bargaining with the Dalhousie Faculty Association, although I have always been willing to respond to questions or comments from students on these issues, inside or outside class. I think it would be inappropriate to take up class time discussing these issues. But I am prepared to meet with any students who may wish to do so to discuss my perspective on these issues. I can be reached at 494-1439.

I am concerned that many students are only hearing one side of the story, and I would like to make several points that relate to views I have heard expressed by students and some faculty members as well.

In another story in the March 19 edition, Professor Michael Cross, who is the DFA's chief negotiator, is quoted as saying, "Why is there a mania for downsizing?...It's the managerial philosophy of the day". This statement implies that the university's administration is deliberately reducing full-time faculty numbers in keeping with some kind of "management strategy". This too is simply not the case. I have spent the past six months seeking to design a budget strategy that would enable my faculty (Arts and Social Sciences) to make eight new appointments over the next two to three years; we will have eight early retirements this year.

My great fear is that the salary

settlement will be so large that we may not be able to make the faculty appointments we want, and may need. Other cuts may also be necessary. This is not because of some "grand design"; it is simply because we will not have the money to avoid making cuts. In the last four years I have had to reduce our budget by close to \$1-million. Even with the supposedly "inadequate" salary offer of the Board of Governors, I am looking at cuts that are almost that large unless government funding levels (or student tuition fees) are substantially increased.

The real "strategy" of the university is embodied in the much-misunderstood "Strategic Decisions" document that we developed with President Tom Traves. Contrary to the mythology, this strategy does not propose to "transform" the university.

I am a third year student at the University of King's College, enrolled in the Honours English program at Dalhousie. I write the following out of a profound sense of concern for the state of affairs at Dalhousie today.

On St. Patrick's Day, hundreds of students from Dalhousie, Daltech, and King's marched in mass protest of the current state of labour talks between the Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) and the University's Board of Governor's (BoG). This protest was an important event, the implications of which stretch far beyond the campus grounds, so I hope that you will hear me out.

I went into the rally with a sense of hope; finally the students of this institution were going to slough off their oft-maligned apathy and make some noise. Although by no means an activist by nature, nor so naive as to think that a group of students can change the world (or even a university) in an afternoon, I was nevertheless encouraged. I helped make signs and marched at the front of the King's contingent to the Student Union Building (SUB) and then to the

Rather it proposes to find new kinds of revenue so that we can rebuild the central parts of the university, and most particularly, to rebuild the faculty in the Arts and Sciences.

At the Board of Governors meeting last Tuesday, several students complained of overcrowded class, long waiting lists for classes, cancelled classes, etc. Then they urged the board to increase faculty salaries to the levels demanded by the DFA. Now, I support increasing faculty salaries; we have all had to deal with salary freezes and rollbacks (imposed by government, not the university) over the past several years. But, as I noted above, if salary increases exceed your ability to pay them, we may not be able to make new appointments and may have to make even deeper cuts.

In that case, classes would become

even more crowded and there would be even fewer classes available. It seems to me students should support a salary settlement that is reasonable and enables us to maintain the faculty and classes that we need to meet students' needs.

Some students also urged the board to accept the DFA demand to guarantee faculty replacement appointments. But without substantial and permanent increases in revenues, this would create an impossible situation. Over 80 per cent of the university budget is committed to full-time faculty salaries. We would have to forego repairs to buildings, reduce part-time faculty and support staff. The library would have to further reduce purchases of new books or journals. Labs and computer facilities would suffer. No university could function effectively in these

circumstances.

Some students at the board meeting wondered why the university could not choose to increase faculty salaries rather than build new buildings. President Traves has explained that the new buildings, including the Arts and Social Sciences building, are only possible because we raised funds from the government (and students) and private donors specifically for that purpose. We cannot choose to spend that money on salaries; and it is unlikely we could persuade donors to give us money for salaries. The money is not available for that purpose.

But I want to also point out that we desperately need new buildings. The houses in which many of the Arts departments are located now are deteriorating. They provide limited

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Self-absorption at Dalhousie

Arts and Administration Building (sic), where the BoG was meeting to hear the opinions of students.

The events which followed on that chilly March day soon soured my perception of what we were doing at the SUB — a group of student politicians addressed the crowd from the balcony, whipping up their fervour and uttering repeated platitudes and gratuities. Purple pamphlets were handed out, carrying the chants that were to be shouted at the BoG meeting:

"Our choice is voice
We pay, we say,
No strike! No hike!"
"Cut the jargon, let us bargain!"
"Stuck between a BoG and a hard place!"
"If there is no us, there is no U!"
"Include us, don't exclude us!"
"Stop shutting us out!"
"Do the right thing. No walkout, no lockout!"
"Flog the BoG!"
"Hey, hey, ho, ho, this strike thing has got to go!"

Most of these I found deeply disturbing. What they indicate is the fence-sitting position that the Dalhousie

Student Union (DSU) executive, and by extension the student body as a whole, has adopted in response to the labour situation. The only difference now from past weeks was that it was very loud. Loud ignorance is an extremely dangerous thing, one need only look at a crowd in Nazi Germany for proof of this assertion.

If you don't buy my argument, consider the following. The prime concern of students who spoke at the rally, both publicly and anonymously, was that the school year would be extended, and/or credit would be lost. The result of this admittedly unattractive scenario would be the extension of apartment leases, loss of credits, loss of revenue from summer jobs, and the breaching of employment contracts by graduating students. I could go on, but I'm sure all these thoughts have been running through everyone else's minds during the course of this crisis. The only problem with approaching the situation from this angle is that it is completely unrealistic. As I'm quite sure future events will demonstrate, the academic year will not be extended; credits and money will not

be lost. It simply doesn't make any kind of sense, be it business, education, or just plain good sense.

By focusing their collective attention on these non-issues, students went a long way towards undermining democracy and impoverishing the future of education in this school and in this country. The right to strike is fundamental in a modern democratic society such as ours. In taking the position that it did, the DSU, however unintentionally, said, "We're not interested in democracy". They blindly allied themselves with the BoG and turned themselves into the very bargaining chips that they claimed they did not want to be.

Many would attribute this stance to what has been called the prevailing neo-conservative mood of our generation. I don't think that this is so. This is not to say that there does not exist any sort of conservative mood, but simply that it does not deserve any of the credit or blame for the events of March 17. To attribute any ideological basis to the non-position of the DSU is pure wishful thinking, as it would imply that there was at work a belief or thought that quite simply did not, and does not, exist. What was at work was emotion untrammelled by reason, self-interest unmitigated by good sense or any understanding of the common good and long-term implications.

The only exception to this that I noticed was the speech delivered by Penny McCall-Howard (President of the King's Student Union) to the BoG. Penny was the only student to speak who demonstrated a sense of perspective and well-reasoned thought. Her speech was eloquent and intelligent (a sharp contrast to the would-be pithy wit of the slogan engineers). It was emotional, but the emotive aspect of it was well-balanced by lucid thought. To me this was encouraging, if only because it told me that I was not the only one who saw things this way. Unfortunately, I got the impression that the weight of her speech was lost on the crowd, many of whom seemed more interested in hot dogs and cocoa than in the issues at hand.

The rally on St. Patrick's Day was not a demonstration of public social action. It was a display of mass individual self-absorption. So this is the form that social action takes at Dalhousie in 1998. You can call me a cynic, but I merely observe.

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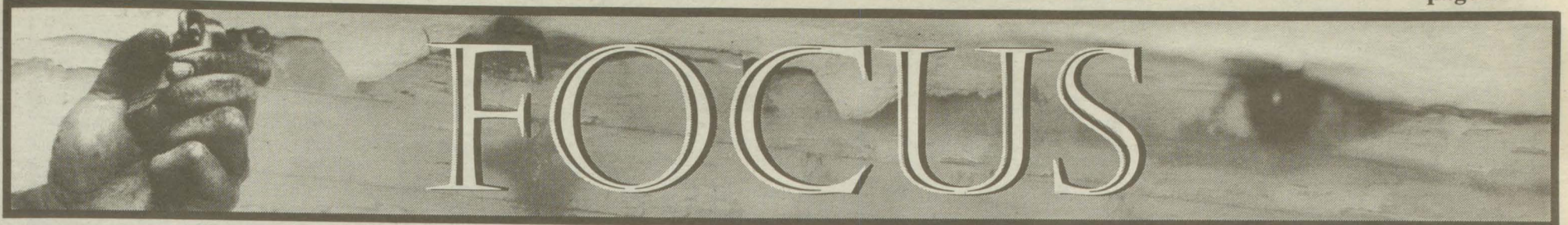
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The requisite raising of the placards

Students came out in large numbers to protest the faculty strike. Should they be protesting everything else?

BY GREG MCFARLANE

A throng of students stand in front of a stone building screaming, booing and hurling insults as a voice coming over a loudspeaker tells them that nothing can be done.

But this is not 1967 and this is no hippie movement. It is Dalhousie University, Mar. 17, 1997, and the 500 students standing in front of the conservative, grey-stone face of the MacDonald Building are protesting the standstill in contract negotiations between the Dalhousie Faculty Association and the Dalhousie Board of Governors.

But is protesting such as this the best way to get things done? The 500 students who drowned-out Dalhousie president Tom Traves' words with chants of "bullshit" may think so, but the answer differs depending upon who you talk to.

According to Kevin Lacey, the Dalhousie Student Union [DSU] vice-president academic/external, the most effective way to make governments and university administrators take notice of students is through effective lobbying, not protesting.

"The DSU has a new, changed voice," Lacey said.

"If students want to reform the system or change the way that people think about the needs of students, we can't be so inwardly focussed. We have to consider the public perception of what we are all about."

But some students feel that protesting is a valuable tool for exerting pressure on governing organizations. And many students, including DSU counsellor Adel Iskandar, feel that the DSU rally against the contract dispute was not enough.

"The rally was late. It was definitely late," Iskandar said.

Although he agrees with lobbying, Iskandar says that student unions have to be more willing to take more radical measures and "show that students do matter".

"I don't see why student unions across Canada shouldn't take a strong stand in support of the students they represent," he said. "If the only way they can do so is by being activist, then so be it."

Paul Black, the Student Union president at Acadia University, agrees. He organized a protest against a faculty contract dispute at Acadia earlier this year — a deal was reached shortly before the strike deadline.

"Student leaders should not be

as afraid or wowed in the face of university presidents or members of the board of governors who may

The Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group [NSPIRG] joined the DSU in the Mar. 17 protest. Jennifer Reynolds, of the NSPIRG executive, believes that protesting is a legitimate way for anybody in society to voice his or her displeasure. NSPIRG has held numerous protests this year over a variety of issues.

"A protest serves to mobilize," Reynolds said. "It brings people together who believe in a

The media also tends to focus on protests. Whenever there is a mob of angry people, you're likely to find a large contingent of reporters in tow. The spotlight is then usually shifted to the people whom a protest is directed at, and Black says that can create change.

"It's obvious that whenever [a lot] of people come out to protest something, and are vocal about it and have the media involved, it can't help but exert pressure."

story related to student debt," he said.

And the work the CFS did before the Day of Action made it all the more successful, says Lavigne.

"I had a meeting with the minister of finance a week before the demonstration. He knew it was coming up because of the lead-up media attention. This was nearly a month before he was set to release the national budget. One could not help but realize that student debt would be a big issue with the public's mind.

"Students know about debt, but we only make up a tiny fraction of the population. What about getting middle class parents with children on board? That's what we need to do. They are a much more politically influential strata of society."

Although lobbying is done outside the media spotlight, Lacey says it is still an effective way to make the media and the public take notice.

"That is the one big misconception — that protest gets you attention," he said before the Mar. 17 rally. "I haven't protested this year, and I am one of the most quoted sources within the local media. CFS simply doesn't get the coverage I get."

Lacey says that CFS may have caught the ear of the public with the Day of Action, but they haven't solved any of the problems facing students.

"[CFS] may make noise once or twice a year, but that's not the kind of effective voice that students need," he said. "What they need is a student union that speaks about solutions, not problems."

But Lavigne says that by complementing lobbying with protesting, an organization has a better chance of causing change.

"The Day of Action demonstrations complemented the work we had done beforehand," Lavigne said. "When an official of CFS is meeting with a federal MP, and there are students coming out in great numbers to back up what the official has said, then it is complementary. It is part of a calculated strategy. You cannot disassociate one activity from the other."

In the end, however, Paul Black believes that student unions are there to act upon the wishes of their students, whether that means being an 'activist' union or a 'lobbying' union.

"Student leaders should realize that they are there to lead and to lead means that you do not act solely on your opinion," he said. "What you are there to do is inform, take direction and act upon what it is that students want."



Photo by Ryan Lash



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be imposing," Black said. "You have to stand up and say 'I know I'm right, because the students have told me this is what they want."

"I'll bring those views forward no matter how many times I am told they are wrong. When that doesn't work, I'm not afraid to take things to another level where it is merited."

However, Black admits that

common purpose but come from a variety of backgrounds.

"It isn't to antagonize, it's to draw a line and say, 'you can't push us any further'."

Reynolds also believes that staging demonstrations helps to

This was evident on Jan. 27 when the Canadian Federation of Students [CFS] held their National Day of Action rally in Halifax. The next night, CFS rallies taking place all across the country became the lead story on

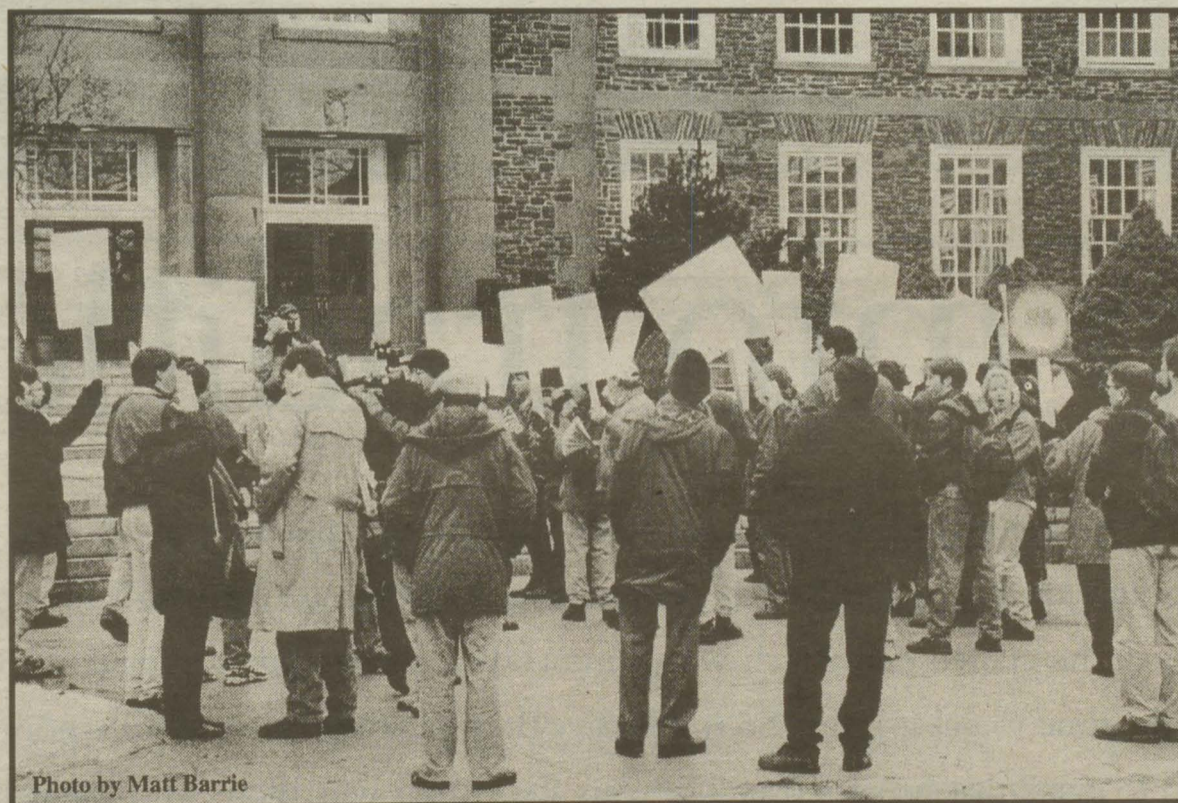


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lobbying is the first approach to solving any problem.

"You can't automatically protest something without getting the facts straight and trying your best to convince the other side of the merits of your side. If you try until you're blue in the face and they are unequivocally saying 'no', then you move to other things."

get students more involved in the world around them.

"It solves a problem of apathy," she said.

"There is room for more political activism on campus. I don't know if the DSU should be doing more protesting, but there is a lot of room for students to get involved in every level of politics."

national newscasts.

CFS president Brad Lavigne says that the media blitz surrounding the Day of Action served to make student debt an issue for all members of society, not just students.

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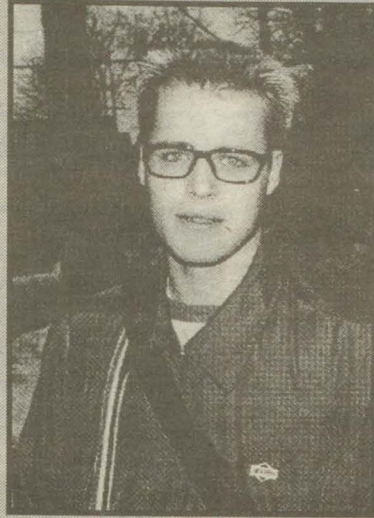
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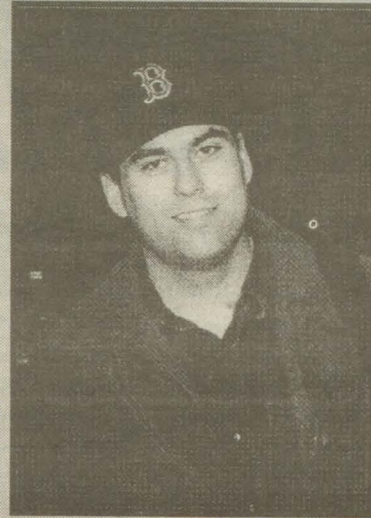
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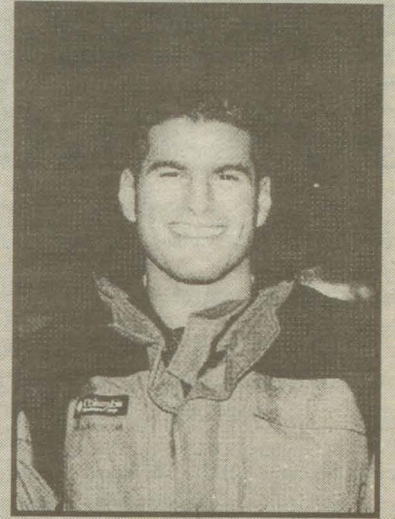
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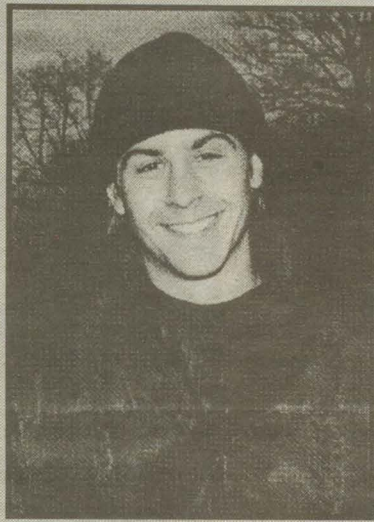
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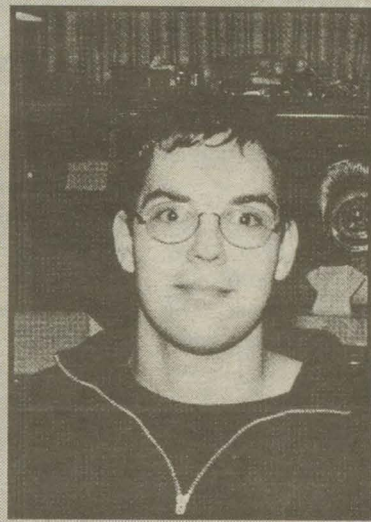
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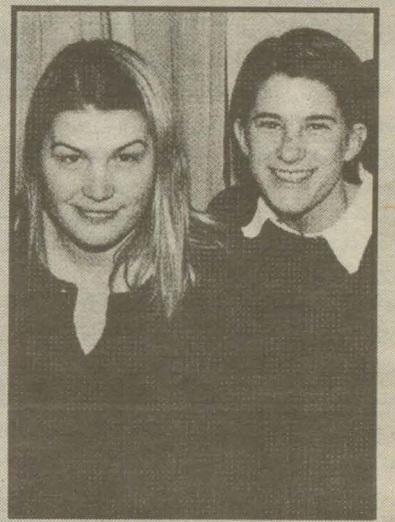
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I've thought of that many times and
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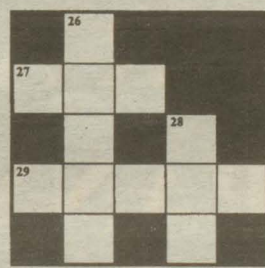
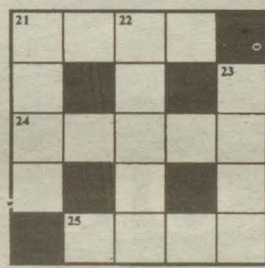
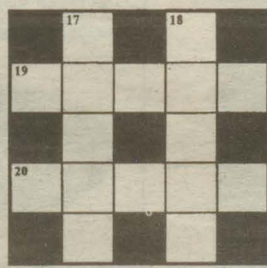
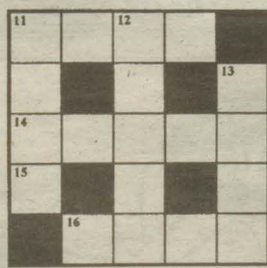
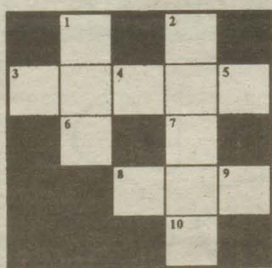
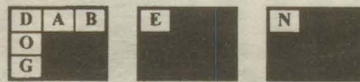
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3D Crossword Puzzle # 15 — by Eric Fielding

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



Across

- 3. Scottish Lakes (5)
- 8. Fish Like A Snake (3)
- 11. French Father (4)
- 14. Aviator (5)
- 16. Knock About (4)
- 19. _____ Infection (5)
- 20. Less Common (5)
- 21. Screw Up (4)
- 24. Less Experienced (5)
- 25. Scottish Broth (4)
- 27. English Father (3)

- 29. Opposite Of "Avant" (5)

Down

- 1. Steep Rocky Hill (3)
- 2. Average Roll Of A Five-Sided Die (5)
- 11. Individual Markings On A Five-Sided Die (4)
- 12. Serious Childhood Paralysis (5)

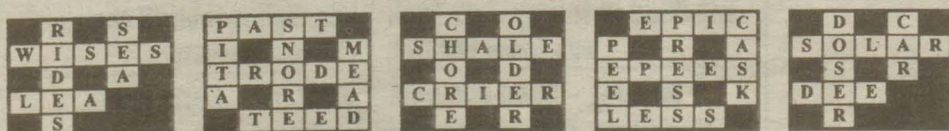
- 13. _____ Bomb (4)
- 17. It's Atop The "n" In "Señor" (5)
- 18. Appraiser (5)
- 21. Mental Faculty (4)
- 22. Cesspool (5)
- 23. Drive Up A _____ (4)
- 26. Speaks With A Scratchy Voice (5)
- 28. Katharine Hepburn's Nickname In The Philadelphia Story (3)

Deep

- 1. Stompin' Tom's Favorite Vegetable (5)
- 2. The Atlantic Groundfish Strategy (4)
- 3. Infuriated (5)
- 4. Removed The Center Of An Apple (5)
- 5. Common Condiment (4)
- 6. "It _____ Them To Believe That You

- Perceive The Web They Weave" - Moody Blues (5)
- 7. Name For A Cartoon Rabbit (5)
- 8. Northern Duck With A Very Downy Body (5)
- 9. Traditional Beliefs (5)
- 10. Apt Description Of A Rabbit (5)
- 15. American Pop (4)
- 16. They Lost The American Civil War (4)

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ARTS & CULTURE

Descendants *Rollin'* across Canada

Small crowd shows up at McInnes Room show

BY KAREN PARKER

The Irish Descendants may have been born and raised in Canada, but they are firmly rooted in the Irish tradition.

Their appearance at the McInnes Room on Saturday night was part of the first leg of a cross-Canada tour promoting their new album. *Rollin' Home* is a mix of traditional, original, and cover songs — many of them fan favourites from the band's live show.

With the departure of founding member D'Arcy Broderick last year, the Irish Descendants found themselves in search of a new member. Eamonn O'Rourke, a renowned New York session musician originally from Donegal, Ireland, stepped in to fill the gap. His Irish style of playing — most notably on the fiddle — adds much to both the new album and the Descendants' live show. There are two superb fiddle sets on *Rollin' Home* which showcase O'Rourke's talent.

In addition to regular band activities, the Irish Descendants will be spending some time in Toronto this summer. In Toronto they will be featured performers in "Needfire", a celebration of Celtic

culture which opens at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in June.

With the release of *Rollin' Home* and their busy tour schedule, the Irish Descendants are one of many Canadian Celtic musicians who are successfully putting themselves on the map.

Unfortunately, few people arrived at the concert in time to enjoy the Celtic-folk music of the first opening act, BC's Jeremy Greenhouse. Even when the show was well underway and the Mahones had taken the stage, the crowd at the McInnes room remained sparse. Perhaps this concert would have been better suited to a smaller venue such as the Grawood.

University students, many of whom were obviously there to see the Mahones, mingled with older Irish Descendants fans. The Mahones fans were not disappointed. The Kingston, Ontario band played a fairly long set of the fast, loud drinking songs that they're best known for, and a fair number of people took to the dance floor and moved about in a fashion that seemed to combine moshing and jigging.

After a short break, the Irish Descendants took to the stage. They played a lot of material from the new

album, and also threw in a few old favourites, such as "The Rattlin' Bog". The song reached a manic pace towards the end, as the Descendants rattled through lyrics faster than Sharon, Lois and Bram ever could.

Lead singer Con O'Brien says of a recent Toronto gig, "It was like a big rock concert. People were moshing and body surfing." Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on how you look at it) there was no bodysurfing at the McInnes room on Saturday night. With a drum kit and a smoke machine in their live show, though, it's obvious that the band is trying hard to widen their appeal.

They also performed an amusing arrangement of the song "Peter Street," which was an a cappella number on one of their previous albums. The new live version has a steady drum beat behind the vocals which makes it sound more like a contemporary dance hit than a traditional Irish tune.

The Descendants already have two gold albums under their belt, and though O'Brien admits that their 1996 CD, *Living on the Edge*, was "a bit of a sleeper", they have great expectations for the new album. *Rollin' Home* hits the streets on April 14th.



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DRIFTing about aimlessly in a foreign country?

BY DAVE MACDONALD

Thinking about going overseas? Down to Central America? Or anywhere else in the world? If so, you might want to check out the Dalhousie Resource Information For Travellers (DRIFT). DRIFT is a brand new group from whom people can find out what to do and what not to do in foreign countries.

DRIFT was created in January by Jenna Devine and Lisa Moffat when they were visiting Cuba. They figured that it would be nice if people knew where to go to have a good time, where to shop, where to meet fun and interesting people, and definitely where *not* to go.

Devine and Moffat are there for people who don't necessarily want the 'tourist' experience, but instead want something more personal and rewarding. They feel that the idea of staying at a dirty hostel or a stuffy hotel is not even close to the experience people would get by staying with locals. Imagine getting first-hand insight into a culture to see what makes it unique.

They would also like to lend a hand to people who are not just leaving, but coming to Halifax. Just imagine the shock a travelling family would get if they went to the Lighthouse and found out that it was not a monument to fishermen. These are the types of things

DRIFT would let you know in advance.

However, they have a slight drawback. DRIFT needs more people to come and give information about their personal voyages. What they eventually want to have is a place where a soon-to-be traveller can go look at files from trips that other people have taken, get in contact with them and see what course of action they took and how it worked out. The information they already have is mostly from books, travel guides and maps, but they want the personal experience aspect to weigh in just as heavily, if not more so.

DRIFT does not want to be

confused with a travel agency. They won't design a trip for you, but instead will help and guide you. The most they want is a \$1 drop-in fee, or a \$5 yearly fee. In return you would have access to their files, experiences and knowledge that will make your trip the best it could be. This charge is to help procure more contacts and information.

Also, they don't want to limit themselves to Dalhousie. DRIFT wants anyone who is going anywhere to drop by. The group is currently talking with a similar organization at the University of New Brunswick and are trying to set up a web of resources to get as much information as possible.

At the moment, DRIFT is being operated out of the homes of Devine and Moffat, but they are hoping to set up base in the SUB next year. Their main goal is to help people, and to give them an idea of what to expect when travelling afar.

DRIFT already has some people who are involved, but they need more people to help get it off the ground. If you would like to join, help out with your own experiences, or are just curious, write to Lisa Moffat or Jenna Devine at: drift@is2.dal.ca. They would be more than happy to entertain any questions, comments or ideas.

BOOK REVIEW

Rollins book aggressive and impulsive

Many people know of Henry Rollins, either from his days with the crazy punkers Black Flag, from his socially maladaptive Rollins Band, or from his other twelve books. If you know of him, you know that he's hard, dark and very screwed up. All you have to do is listen to some of his lyrics to realize that.

The Portable Henry Rollins

Henry Rollins
Villard

The Portable Henry Rollins contains all of his best writing plus some pieces that have never been released. At least that's what the book jacket told me. Throughout the book there are his personal diary entries, poems and short stories, many of which were written from touring all over the world, and others while he slowly slipped into the world of insanity in the comfort of his own apartment.

From his "Black Coffee Blues" (never being able to get a decent cup of coffee anywhere in Europe) to the audience throwing beer bottles because he won't play the tunes they want, Rollins lets you know that he's pissed off and doesn't give a shit if you know it or not.

His short stories and poems are twisted and dark but at the same time make perfect sense. In order to fully understand what Rollins is trying to say, you have to take the view that these stories are his thoughts and are written that way, as free-associations. His stories are written as if in a dream-like state; he fucks human-sized cockroaches, pigs out on his father's heart and watches his mother blow her brains out. These dark nightmares are morbid and graphic enough to make Stephen King an insomniac, but Rollins seems to relish telling them.

After reading for a while you can not tell if Rollins is telling the truth or is making up another one of his stories. One of the most vivid short stories is of a woman who commits suicide behind a 7-Eleven by sticking a gun in her mouth. What is perhaps really difficult to imagine is the fact that Rollins went to the scene and found a piece of the lady's brain, picked it up, put it in a wrapper

and kept it. It makes you wonder if Rollins is mad or just a very good story teller. Maybe he's both.

This book made me feel that I was actually wandering around Rollins' mind trying to piece together what he was thinking. If you can find the figurative meanings behind the intense and extremely thought-provoking literal images painted by Rollins, you can grasp the message

he wants you to hear. According to Rollins, the only person you can trust is yourself and the world is a very scary place indeed.

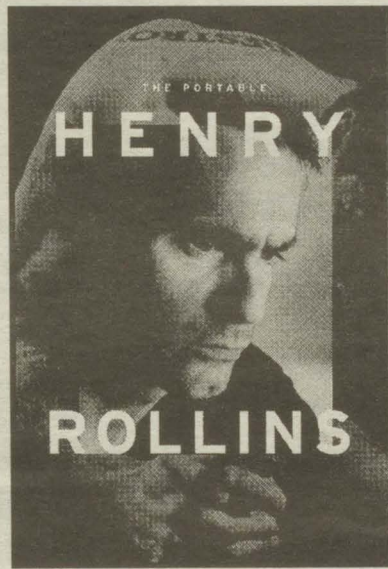
Rollins knows how to keep someone reading and how to get someone to realize they may be reading a manifesto of a potential

lunatic. In other words, if you listen

to any of Rollins' music and would like to find out what the hell happened to him to turn him into what he is, or just like to read

material written by a psycho, go pick up this book. Otherwise don't bother.

BY DAVE MACDONALD



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Track and Field relay team bronzed at CIAUs

BY CARMEN TAM

Fresh from winning double AUAA track and field titles, the Tigers went to compete in the National Championships hosted by the University of Windsor at the St. Denis Centre March 13-15.

The Tigers kicked off the competition with a bronze medal performance by the third-ranked men's 4x800m relay team. The relay team consisting of Scott Fowler, Matt Richardson, Jamie Blanchard and Richard Menzies captured a bronze on Friday night with a time of 7:44.01, a full minute faster than their AUAA win. The Western Ontario Mustangs took home gold at 7:41.24 and host Windsor

needed to be."

"It was really exciting," said teammate and onlooker Jessica Fraser. "We didn't know what to expect at nationals as they

to run our best out there and, if we did, it doesn't matter if we get a medal," said Menzies, last season's AUAA MVP.

What is promising for

Prendergast, Amy Higgins and Angela Ripley finished ninth in the 4x400m relay with a time of 4:02.63.

"It was a pretty good season," said Ripley, an Amherst native. "It's unfortunate that we are going to lose Terri but we look to have a strong team for next year."

in 16th place for Dal with 6.28m.

Fifth-year veteran and co-captain Fraser was ranked 12th and last place going into the women's 3000m finals and moved up by shaving seven seconds from her personal best to finish with 10:29.39 to place 10th.

"I was very fortunate to compete," said Fraser who has never run in a CIAU track final before. "It was a true race and I am very happy with my result."

Fraser, who finishes her eligibility this year, is a veteran in several varsity sports including cross country (five years), swimming (three years) and track



Scott Fowler hands the baton to speedster Nick Soh in the 4x200m relay semi-finals. (Photo by Dan Hennigar)

haven't really been tested at AUs. There were individuals at the meet asking how they could be ranked third in country since we didn't have qualifiers in the 600m

Dalhousie is that there were three second-year runners on the relay team that will be returning next year for another crack at the national title. Richardson gives a strong indication of what to expect by stating "You ain't seen nothing yet".

The achievement in Windsor is the benchmark future Tigers teams will be judged by.

CIAU RELAY RESULTS

The men's team finished 16th out of 20 universities in the team standings won by Sherbrooke. The women's standings were topped by the Toronto Varsity Blues who gave a dominating performance.

The 4x200m relay team of Nick Soh, Mike Manuel, Peter Bienkowski and anchor Fowler did not qualify for the finals, and was ninth overall with a time of 1:35.8.

The 4x400m relay squad of Manuel, Fowler, Soh and Menzies finished eighth out of 12 teams in the finals with a time of 3:26.29. The event was won by Sherbrooke at 3:16.87.

AUAA MVP and co-captain Terri Baker with teammates Kelly

CIAU INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

In individual events, Truro native Blanchard was ninth out of a field of 12 for Dal in the men's 1500m final on Saturday with a time of 4:03.70.

AUAA Rookie of the Year Mike Manuel finished tenth on Friday in the 300m final with a time of 35.75.

"It was good competition for the team," said Manuel of the meet. "The bronze at CIAU is a major accomplishment."

"Next year, we will be stronger and have a chance of placing higher. I think there could be potential CIAU champions," he predicts. With more universities competing in the AUAA next year, Manuel is looking forward to a new season.

"We can get away a couple of more times [to compete] before nationals to hype things up."

In the long jump final, AUAA champ Peter Bienkowski finished

(two years), and has much praise for long-time cross country and track head coach Al Yarr.

"We owe him so much...he is always there for us," said Fraser who adds that the reason for the teams' success is Yarr's dedication. "Al is fantastic, he is so passionate about the sport and his athletes."



Women's relay team of (l-r) Terri Baker, Amy Higgins, Angela Ripley and Kelly Prendergast. (Photo by Dan Hennigar)



The men's 4x800m relay team show off their CIAU bronze medals (l-r): Matt Richardson, Richard Menzies, Scott Fowler, Jamie Blanchard. (Photo by Dan Hennigar)

Lancers silver with 7:42.79. The Tigers were a full second ahead of the fourth-place UBC Thunderbirds, the defending national champs in this event.

"It was a big thrill [to win]," said Menzies, who was quick to give praise. "Scott was the key reason why we did so well. He led off and ran with supreme confidence and put us where we

and 1000m."

However, the team ignored the naysayers and dug deep, with Fowler giving a courageous run and Blanchard running like he was possessed to get within striking distance of the top teams. An all-out effort by AUAA All-Stars Richardson and Menzies secured the medal for the Tigers.

"The team promised each other

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Dalhousie men's varsity hockey team will be holding their annual awards dinner to celebrate Tiger hockey. The event will take place on Friday, April 3 at 6:30pm at the University Club.

This year's guest speaker will be Earl Jessiman who is a former player and coach of the Dalhousie Tigers. Mr. Jessiman also coached in the WHL and AHL, and is a successful financial consultant with Midland Walwyn Capital Inc..

Tickets can be purchased at the Dalhousie Hockey office, from Dal hockey players or from the Committee. Prices are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under 12 years.

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Mark Alexander ends Dalhousie Hockey career

BY SCOTT HEPDITCH

Mark Alexander is a 23-year-old senior with the Dalhousie hockey team. The forward/center from Bedford, Nova Scotia is graduating this year with a Bachelor of Recreation/Sports Administration degree.

Gazette: Why did you come to Dalhousie, and were there any other universities that recruited you?

Alexander: I was originally recruited by Mount Allison the year before I came to Dalhousie, but that year I ended up going to Ottawa to play for a junior team.

The following summer I was talking to coach Young and he suggested that I should consider Dalhousie. Basically, I figured that there would be a better chance of winning by coming to Dalhousie. I guess I could say that I was sort of recruited, but at the same time I was not a big recruit. No guarantees were made about making the team.

Before coming to Dalhousie to play

for the Tigers what was your previous hockey experience?

Growing up in Bedford I played in their Minor Hockey until the Bantam level. After that I played for the Halifax MacDonald's Triple A Midget team for three years. When I was done with the Triple A team, I moved to Ontario for a year where I played for the Kanata Valley Laser and the Cumerland Grads Jr A team. After that year I came to Dalhousie and played for the Tigers.

Besides hockey, what other interests do you have?

Even though hockey is a big part of my life, I do have other interests. I enjoy sailing and surfing, and I also like theatre and the arts.

When you came to Dalhousie what were your expectations of your career?

Simply put, I wanted to get a good education and I wanted to win a CIAU National Championship.

What were your favourite and worst moment(s) at Dalhousie?

My two favourite moments at Dalhousie were our trips to Ottawa during my first year and our trip to

Alaska during my second year here. My worst time was the disappointment of this past year, my final season.

Comments on this year's playoffs? What can I really say...

What have you learned from your experiences at Dalhousie?

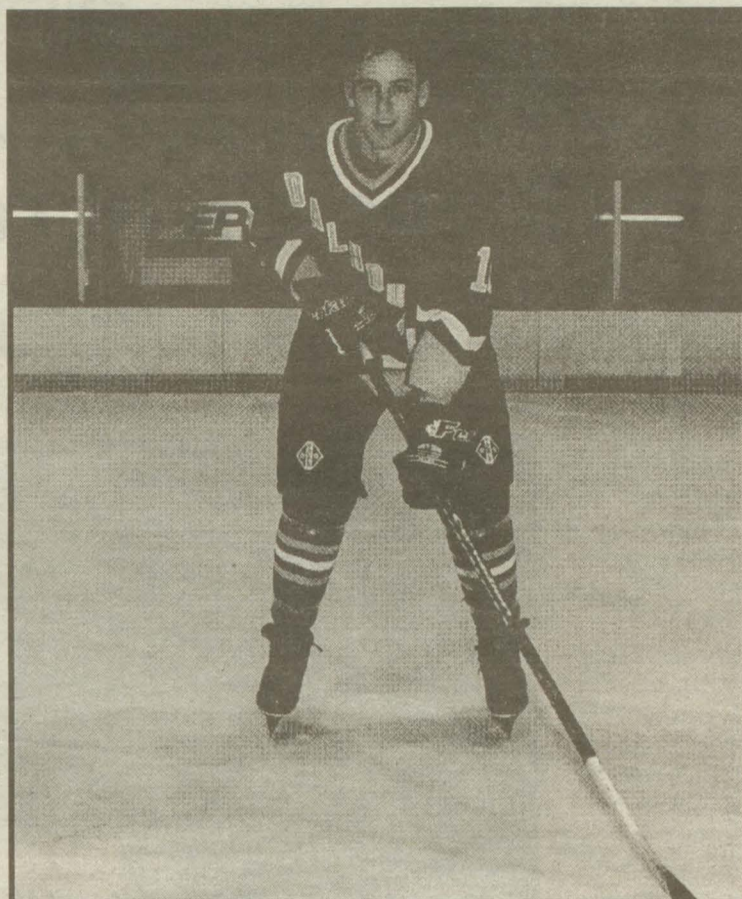
I think that I have grown up a lot during my four years at Dal. I learned that there are those that you can trust and those that you can't.

What are your plans when you finish school?

I leave for Australia in June to play and coach roller hockey in the Northwest Inline Hockey League for the Adelaide Wizards. After that I hope to pursue a career in Sports Marketing. As for where, I am not quite sure of that yet.

Based on what you have learned over the past four years, what advice would you give to first year students?

Don't let your years pass you by thinking that the next year will be better than this one. Take hold of what's happening at the moment.



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TEAM	POINTS
Halifax Breakers	28
SMU	25
Dal (10-3-2)	23
Truro Pro Cresting	22
St.FX	20
Acadia	15
Sackville Sportswheels	8



PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

GAME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TEAMS
1	Friday, March 27	5-7pm	Alumni Arena (SMU)	Truro vs. St.FX
2	Saturday, March 28	6-7:30pm	Memorial Arena (Dal)	SMU vs. Sackville
3	Saturday, March 28	7:30-9pm	Memorial Arena (Dal)	Dal vs. Acadia
4	Saturday, March 28	9-10:30pm	Memorial Arena (Dal)	Halifax vs. winner of game 1
5	Saturday, March 28	10:30-midnight	Memorial Arena (Dal)	winner of game 2 vs. winner of game 3
6	Sunday, March 29	8:30-10pm	Memorial Arena (Dal)	winner of game 4 vs. winner of game 5

BLACK & GOLD AWARDS BANQUET

The annual Black & Gold Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 1 in the McInnes Room of the Student Union Building. There will be a reception at 6pm and dinner at 6:30pm, followed by the presentation of awards to this year's outstanding varsity athletes.

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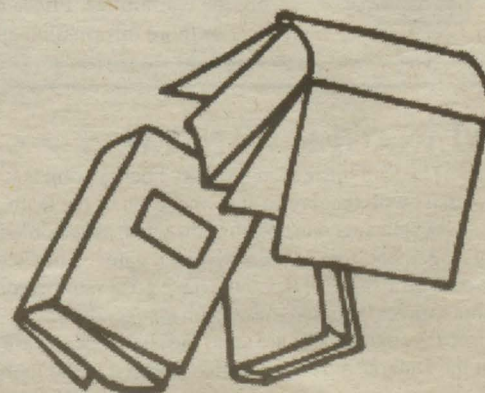


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Gaiters capture CIAU crown in Halifax

BY SUMANT KUMAR AND MATT FELTHAM

No one believed that tiny Bishops University, the smallest CIAU institution in

Canada (1800 students), could come away with a national crown in one of the biggest events. However, they surprised everyone except the 800 Bishops fans who made the trip

by defeating perennial national power, the McMaster Marauders, 74-71 in Sunday's CIAU final at the Metro Centre in front of 6,379 fans.

Early on, it looked like the

Bishops Gaiters would have no chance versus the Marauders, as the Hamilton school jumped out to an 8-0 lead. After 4 minutes, due to smart passing and the fine shooting of point guard Steve Maga, the Marauders found themselves with a 15-5 lead and, before long, it was 25-8 leaving the Bishops faithful speechless.

In desperation, Gaiter coach Eddie Pomykala called a second time-out to get his troops going. This seemed to inspire the Gaiters team, especially fifth year forward Stuart Clark, who led his teammates on a 26-6 run to end the half, giving them the 36-31 lead going into the locker room.

The Gaiter momentum continued as they began the second half with a 7-2 run and a commanding lead over the bewildered Marauders. They led 60-47 with 10 minutes left in the game. However, the Marauders had no quit in them as they mounted a comeback due to the strong play of Rodney Baptiste and Maga.

They went on 13-4 run to pull within two points with 35 seconds remaining. With 15

seconds to play and Bishops still up by a deuce, Stuart Clark was fouled by Mac forward Darren Spithoff. Clark missed his first shot but made his second putting the Gaiters up by 3 and giving Mac one last chance. Luckily for the Gaiter fans, Mac 3-point specialist Mark Maga missed the tying attempt and the Gaiter fans rushed the floor in jubilation, trampling everyone in sight, including a TSN cameraman.

For his strong play from the point, Gaiter guard Ryan Thorne was given the Player of the Game award as he notched 15 points and four assists, while Clark notched 16 points and 10 rebounds. Vojo Rucic led the Marauders with 21 while Moser Award winner Titus Channer notched 20 points, shooting a miserable 6 for 16 while garnering only five turnovers and zero assists, in his final game. Clark was named tournament MVP for his balanced scoring, rebounding and leadership. The tournament All-Stars were Victoria's Eric Hinrichsen, McMaster's Steve Maga and Titus Channer, and the Gaiters' Thorne and Patrice Lemieux.

1998 MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CANADIANS

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	Kevin Gilroy	Regina
	Danny Balderson	Lethbridge
	Titus Channer	McMaster
Second Team:	Brian Parker	Dalhousie
	Mano Watsa	Waterloo
	Shawn Gray	Brandon
	Ted Dongelmans	Laurentian (former Dal Tiger)
	Micah Bordeau	Western
Mike Moser Award (supposedly the best player award):	Titus Channer	McMaster
Rookie of the Year:	Dean Labayan	York
Coach of the Year:	Eddie Pomykala	Bishops

First annual Munroe Day snowboard contest successful

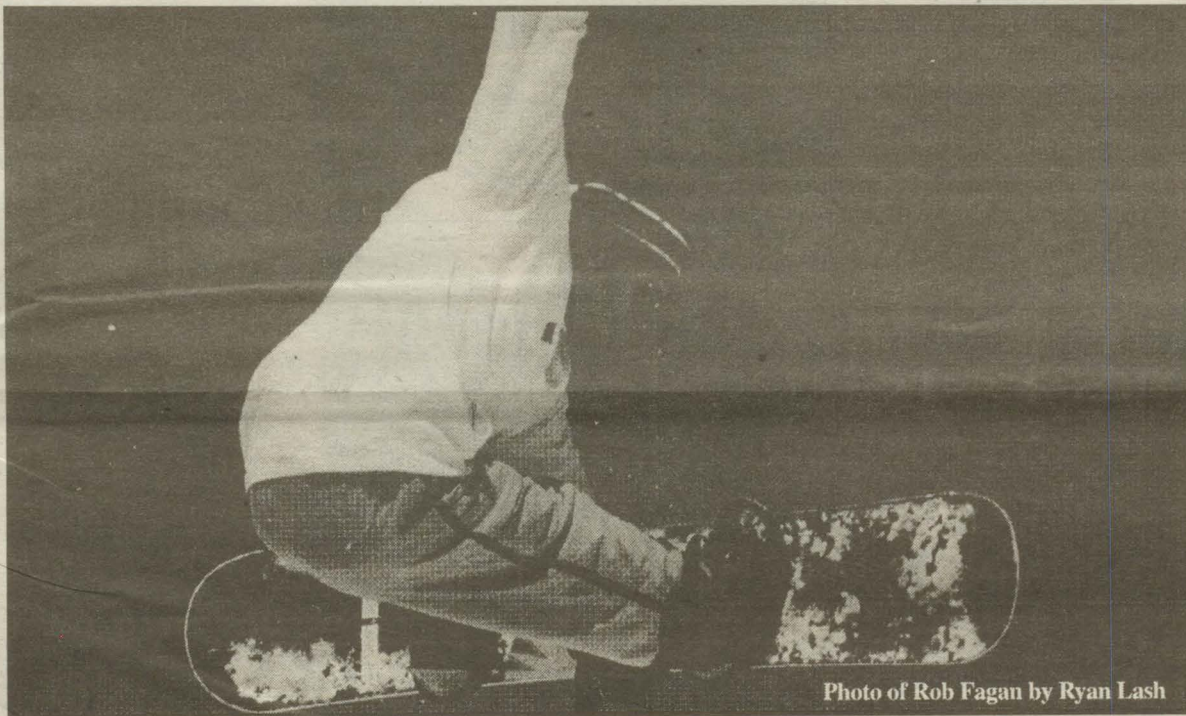


Photo of Rob Fagan by Ryan Lash

BY IAN MACASKILL

The first annual Munroe Day snowboard contest was a great success. The contest was held at Ski Wentworth on Munroe Day.

The competition consisted of a half-pipe event in which the competitors had two runs each and their combined score determined their placement. There were over 20 competitors from all different skill levels, ranging from first-time snowboarders to veterans of the sport. There were many prizes donated from various companies around the Metro area, including A1 Snowboards, G. Woodhill Enterprises (Ride Snowboards), Play It Again Sports and

Pro Skateboards and Snowboards.

The top five competitors were as follows: Ian MacAskill (1st), Jason Fraughton (2nd), Gary Joyce and Blair Radbourne (tied for 3rd), and Renee Mckenzie. There was also a prize for the best wipe-out which was won by Jason Lang who smashed his face into the side of the half-pipe to win a box of Advil. There was a draw for a snowboard package which included a snowboard, boots and bindings for all competitors who entered the contest. This fabulous prize was donated by Play It Again Sports in Halifax.

We are currently in the process of forming a Dalhousie University Snowboarding Association. The

benefits of joining the DUSA will include the arrangement of snowboarding trips during the year, as well as contests and many social functions for our members during the academic year. Our goal is to plan a trip up to Mont Tremblant in Quebec for next spring break.

We would like to thank everyone for coming out and having a good time, as well as our sponsors who made this all possible.

For anyone who is interested in joining the DUSA, please look at our website [<http://is2.dal.ca/~mlang/dusa>] or e-mail Ian MacAskill [jimacaski@is2.dal.ca] or Jason Lang [mlang@is2.dal.ca].

Dal's physical needs

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access to students with physical disabilities. And there are security problems; in the last few months several departments have suffered break-ins and have lost new computer equipment. We need better classrooms with new equipment. This too is part of a university strategy to provide a better environment for learning, which will benefit students as well as faculty.

I think it would be helpful if we could ratchet down the rhetoric in this

situation. The Board of Governors of Dalhousie is not a group of greedy shareholders exploiting the university for profit. The university is a non-profit institution and board members (many of them alumni) contribute much time and effort to Dalhousie for no material benefit. The senior administrators are not "bosses" exploiting the faculty for profit. Many of them are like me (and like Tom Traves) — academics ourselves, doing our best to cope with intractable problems as government

cutbacks erode our resources. Our faculty and staff work very hard and they deserve salary increases within the limits that the university can afford. I would urge all of us — administrators, faculty, staff, alumni and students — to recognize that we share a common goal, to have an excellent university that provides a first-rate education for its students.

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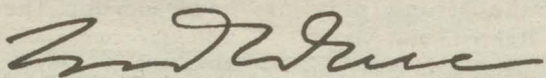
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NOTICE TO STUDENTS

At press time, the Dalhousie Faculty Association had set Wednesday, March 25 as the date for a strike and withdrawal of teaching services. In order to ensure that students receive information in the event of a strike, the following ad was placed in the Gazette. Should a strike by DFA members have actually occurred, all classes, with the exception of those listed below, will be cancelled, consistent with Senate's recommendation after the 1988 strike.

This notice outlines arrangements that have been made in the event of a strike. It also outlines information services that have been established to keep students up to date and to answer questions before, and in the event of, a strike. Updates would also continue to be posted around campus and on the university's web site (<http://www.dal.ca>).



ERIC MCKEE
Vice-president (Student Services)

Strike Information & Services for Students

SERVICES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED DURING A STRIKE

Students should continue to attend classes unless a strike occurs. *But*, if a strike occurs, the following is a list of some of the programs and services that *will be available* in the event of a strike.

- The Libraries (with some restrictions on reference and other specialized services).
- Computer and most student and administrative services.
- Dalplex and DalTech athletic facilities
- Food Services
- Residences

CLASSES WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS:

- Doctor of Dental Surgery and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Doctor of Medicine; Post-graduate Medical

Education and Continuing Medical Education. (The exception will be classes taught by DFA members. Dentistry and Medicine will notify their students of the classes that will not be held.)

- Classes *will also be held* in the Diploma in Health Services Administration; Diploma in Emergency Health Services Management; DalTech Continuing Technical Education; Henson College regular Distance Education Continuing Education classes, and classes in the Dalhousie-Yarmouth School of Nursing.
- Practicum activities, including co-op workterm placements, which are conducted or supervised by persons not members of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, will continue.
- **All other classes will be cancelled.**

Please direct any questions to the *Strike Information Centre* in the atrium of the Killam Library or by calling 494-3358.

Information is also available on the World Wide Web, at <http://www.dal.ca>.

STRIKE INFORMATION CENTRE

Information Centres have been set up in the atrium of the Killam Library and at DalTech's Student Services Centre. They will be staffed from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

STRIKE INFORMATION LINE - 494.3358

A Strike Information Line will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.



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March 26th - April 1st, 1998

Thursday, March 26

The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Association of Dalhousie will meet at 7pm in the Council Chambers, 2nd floor SUB. For more info call 494-1256.

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

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

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

"Theory as Praxis", Psychiatrist, visual art critic and curator will be lecturing at 8pm in the Dalhousie Art Gallery unless otherwise notified. Admission is free, but please remember that seating is limited. For more information call 494-2403.

"Can We Implement the National Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk?", Sherman Baotes, N.S Department of Natural Resources will be lecturing at 1322 Robie St., room #41 from 4-5pm.

Friday, March 27

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

Saturday, March 28

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

"Through Arab Eyes: An In-Depth look at the Middle East", Radio Egypt, The Dal Arabic Society and CKDU 97.5 FM invite you to tune in to a radio show with a focus on Arab countries and their cultures, histories, religions, politics, music and people. The show will start at 10am on CKDU 97.5 FM. For more info email radioegy@is2.dal.ca.

Supporting sharks at the 'wood' - Come out to the Grawood and hear Buck 65, Al Tuck and Six

Million Dollar Men perform in support of the conservation of the Great White Shark.

Sunday, March 29

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

Monday, March 30

The Bluenose Chess Club will meet at 7pm, room 307, SUB. E-mail jafraser@is2.dal.ca for more info.

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

Tai Chi classes for beginners will be held from 5-6pm in the King's College Fitness Centre. For more info call Sandra Nichols at 857-9531.

Tuesday, March 31

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

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

Wednesday, April 1

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

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

General Announcements

Peers Against Sexual Assault is a student-run peer education

group whose goal is to promote healthy sexual relationships and educate students and faculty about the prevention of sexual harassment. For more info call 494-1137.

Do You Love Animals? Elephants and Tigers need your help now. Find out more about the circus please e-mail jesmith@is2.dal.ca or call Julie at 423-5422.

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

Dalhousie Association for Graduate Students (DAGS) is looking for a secretary and treasurer for their 98/99 term. This is a paid position. If anyone is interested please apply ASAP to dags@is.dal.ca.

Theartum Mundi: The 1997 Marion McCain Atlantic Art Exhibition, an exhibit featuring the work of 25 contemporary artists from all over the Atlantic provinces is showing at the Dalhousie Art Gallery until May 16. The Dal Art Gallery is located in the Dal Arts Centre. It's open Tuesday to Sunday, 11-4pm, and admission is free. For more info

call 494-2403.
Art Show and Sale - The Contemporary Art Society of Nova Scotia is having a show and sale at Park Lane Mall, Spring Garden Road. The show will be held from Mar. 20 to Apr. 4.

JOB HUNTING? - Counselling & Psychological Services will be having a number of seminars to help you prepare a resume, learn interview skills, and most importantly how to find a job. These seminars are to take place for the rest of the month, for registration and more info call 494-2081.

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- **Engineering Professionals - ATS* Reliance Technical Group** currently requires skilled professionals and graduates with proven engineering abilities for contract and permanent work across Canada and the United States. See posting in the S.E.C. or visit website.

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Sunrise County HomeCare Services - is a progressive growing homecare provider that services Washington County Maine that is looking for part-time and full-time opportunities for graduate Physical Therapists to provide care for clients in the home. Maine license required. Homecare experience preferred. Deadline: April 1/98

If you are a Dalhousie, Daltech, Kings student or recent Alumni, please visit the Dalhousie Student Employment Centre or check out our website at <http://is.dal.ca/~sec/> for further information on the above jobs.

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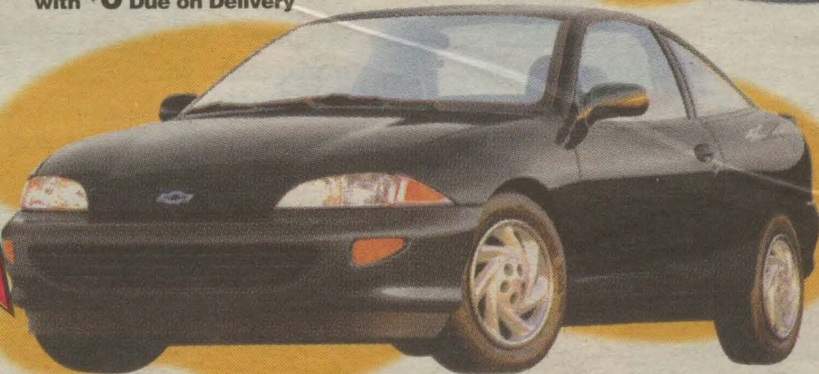
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