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LSATs: are they culturally discriminatory?

BY JANET FRENCH

A cultural bias within the Law School Admission Test may place individuals from different cultural backgrounds at a disadvantage when applying for law school.

The test, known as the LSAT, is a multiple choice test written by all law school applicants in North America.

And, according to Carol

Aylward of the Dal Law School, the Human Rights Commission concluded that many standardized tests, including LSATs, are culturally biased.

"Is this method fair?" she asked. "[LSATs] do not accurately predict someone's ability to succeed in law school."

Aylward also says the tests are inadvertently culturally exclusive.

"You have to understand that

this test is put together by members of the dominant culture, so the questions are always based on the dominant culture."

Rocky Jones, a Halifax lawyer and graduate of Dalhousie Law School, says the tests are unquestionably culturally biased.

"[They] are based upon one's appreciation of the experiences around you. If you come from a

background of literacy and literary aids it is much easier to write tests. If you come from a community based on oral traditions, it is much more difficult to write such exams."

Jones also emphasizes that different communities have different ways of utilizing time. He says members of some cultures may experience more difficulty because of the test's rigid time constraints.

But students say cultural discrimination is just one of many problems with the entry tests.

Victor Tuomi, a second-year law student, says the exam is a useless method of determining how

prepared any individual is for law school.

"I don't see how [excelling at] a series of multiple choice questions based on analytical reasoning will help you," he said.

Third-year law student Janet O'Reilly is also opposed to the LSATs and other forms of standardized testing.

"It is a test that is devised in [the United States], so there are a lot of US biases in the exam. I think that there is probably a better way of evaluating people."

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THE SWEET TASTE OF FREE: Dal Students Tasha Richard and Melanie Kayser give away samples of Cranberry Almond Crunch in front of the SUB. Rest assured they were paid for it.

Faculty strike stops business as usual at Mount Allison

BY ANDREW SIMPSON

HALIFAX (CUP) — A faculty strike has disrupted classes at Canada's top-ranked undergraduate university, threatening to tarnish the school's reputation and leaving its 2,200 students feeling like hostages.

Professors and librarians at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick walked off the job last Thursday morning when their contract negotiations stalled over salary increases.

The professors are seeking a 28-percent salary increase over the next three years, but the university is only offering 16 percent.

Mount Allison consistently ranks first amongst undergraduate

universities in *Maclean's* annual university rankings, partly on the strength of its close student-professor relations.

But those close relations are now at risk, says Mount Allison student union president Sam Millar.

Millar says students are beginning to realize they may be affected by the strike — and are bound to object if they think their future is being used as a bargaining chip.

"The tension is starting to be cranked up," Millar said. "Students have to walk past [striking professors]... and many will now question the strength of those relationships."

Millar says the student union hasn't yet taken sides in the dispute.

George DeBenedetti, who represents the Mount Allison Faculty Association, says the university is earning its top ranking on the backs of the professors.

While Mount Allison ranks first out of 23 schools in the *Maclean's* survey, DeBenedetti says amongst the same schools its faculty ranks twentieth in terms of salary.

And in spite of this disparity, he says the percentage of the school's operating budget spent on salary has decreased steadily throughout the 1990s, while tuition fees continue to increase.

"What we are asking for would barely put us in the top ten

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Reputation of law program questioned

MacLellan's comments 'misinformed and uneducated'

BY JANET FRENCH

Disparaging remarks made by Nova Scotia Premier Russell MacLellan about a law program for Nova Scotian blacks and aboriginals has some concerned that the program's reputation will never be the same.

The Indigenous Black and Mi'kmaq program, or IBM as it is known, was

created to make law school more financially and socially accessible to members of the two communities while increasing the representation of Nova Scotian blacks and Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia's legal community.

MacLellan's comments suggested that students in the IBM program received a lesser education than ordinary law students.

It was a response to a question asking why the Nova Scotia government hires law firms which have no representation from minority groups.

"It's the fault of the people who want to make believe that they are interested in minorities, the people who want to create a different program for blacks and

aboriginals in law school so they don't get the same education or the same standard as other students do," the Premier said.

Initially, MacLellan said he had nothing to apologize for, but a day later on Dec. 4, he apologized.

"I'm sorry for any hurt that my remarks may have caused graduates, students or the program," he said at the legislature.

The Premier's remarks were met with anger — in part because it was untrue. The academic curriculum requirements of

IBM students is identical to that of other law students.

Carol Aylward, director of the program, says she was incredulous when she heard MacLellan's statement.

"When people are misinformed they make [assumptions] which are not based on reality," she said.

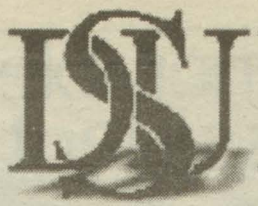
Halifax lawyer Rocky Jones, an IBM graduate who has argued before the Supreme Court of Canada, says MacLellan's remarks were made out of ignorance and arrogance.

"He didn't figure that he

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"The question [about minority hiring at law firms] put forward, the premier would never answer. I would like to see that question answered."

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The facts on IBM

BY JANET FRENCH

The Indigenous Blacks and Mi'kmaq (IBM) program was established in 1989 at the Dalhousie Law School. The program was created to make law school more financially and socially accessible to members of these two minorities. The program was also implemented to increase the representation of Indigenous Blacks and Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia's legal community.

IBM students are assessed and prepared for law school by their participation in the Pre-Law Programme, an intensive four-week course offered prior to their first year. The Pre-Law Programme introduces students to the Law School curriculum and allows them to sharpen necessary academic skills. Along with the successful completion of this program, IBM students must also write the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) to facilitate their admission into the Dalhousie Law School.

Once admitted to Dalhousie Law School, IBM students complete the same program as all other law students.

Regardless of their enrollment in the IBM program, all first year students have access to academic enhancement sessions in specific subject areas. However, IBM program participants have student tutors who can provide one-on-one help upon the request of the student.

Financially, the program provides students who were not eligible for funding from the government with bursaries. Students who pass a means test will receive these bursaries to cover the cost of books, tuition and living expenses.

IBM program participants have a solid foundation of support to assist them. Carol Aylward, the IBM Programme Director since 1991, is available to students for tutorials, student services and assistance with financial aid.

Are LSATs unfair?

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"Is this method fair?" [LSATs] do not accurately predict someone's ability to succeed in law school."

But Phillip Saunders, chair of the Dalhousie Law School admissions committee, says LSATs are only one of many tools in determining who is admitted to Law School.

"We give more weight to [a student's] Grade Point Average than we give to LSATs because it seems

to be a better predictor. We also look at personal statements, references, community experience and work experience."

To alleviate the problem of possible bias in LSATs, Aylward suggests they should be eliminated from Law School admissions criteria altogether.

Others, like Jones and Saunders, say less importance should be placed on test scores with more weight placed on interviews, academic achievement and community involvement.

The Dalhousie Law School receives approximately 3000 applications yearly for the 110 available positions.

MacLellan "uninformed"

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would have to be concerned about what effect his words would have on the graduates of the IBM program."

Jones says he is alarmed the Premier hasn't made any significant attempts to correct his mistake.

"A lot of people may be under the false impression that the IBM program is a chance for Blacks and Mi'kmaq to get law degrees which are less credible than the degrees of their white counterparts," Jones said. "This is very dangerous to the students."

Cora States, an IBM student in her second year, agrees.

"If the Premier makes an [uninformed] statement like that, what does the rest of society think?" she asks.

States says comments like MacLellan's do not help to bring down the racial barriers which exist in law.

As for the IBM program itself, students and graduates alike give it rave reviews.

Gillian Grant, a third-year student, is impressed at how the program makes law school more accessible.

"I think that it gives people who might not otherwise consider law school a chance to check it out."

In the end, Aylward says she would like to see more action come from the Premier's comments.

"The question [about minority hiring at law firms] put forward, the premier would never answer. I would like to see that question answered," says Aylward.

Aylward would also like to see more lawyers from the Black and Mi'kmaq communities in the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society, the organization responsible for negotiating the contracts between law firms and the government.

Currently, about 30 people are in the IBM program and 52 students have graduated from Dalhousie Law School through the program.

Campus residences not covered under act

BY KELLY PEDRO

TORONTO (CUP) — Students living in residences at Ontario's colleges and universities should be protected under the province's tenancy legislation, student activists say.

Presently, Ontario's Tenant Protection Act does not cover students living in undergraduate campus residences, leaving them with no formal protection of their housing rights.

While most universities have their own tenancy policies in place, critics say the fact students aren't covered by provincial legislation leaves them in a vulnerable position.

"Tenancy depends on student status and there's quite a gap there because [universities and colleges] can pretty much do what they want," said Debra Ram, director of the community and legal aid services program at Osgoode Law School.

Although graduate apartments fall under the Tenant Protection Act, undergraduate residences are excluded because they lack self-contained bathroom and kitchen facilities. This leaves Ontario universities with complete discretion over undergraduate residences.

For example, the provincial legislation requires landlords to give tenants 30 days notice before an eviction. Ontario universities, on the other hand, are not required to give students living in undergraduate residences any notice.

"It gives universities and colleges too much power and sets up an unfair situation," said Joel Harden, chairman of the Ontario component of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Harden believes a single set of rules governing students is needed to ensure they are treated fairly.

Student advocates also say they're worried that universities who aren't bound by the Tenant Protection Act can charge whatever they think the market will bear.

But not all students see the lack of formal guidelines as problematic.

Kevin Baker, a resident tutor at York University, says government legislation isn't necessarily the best way to protect students' rights.

"The university is preoccupied with its reputation, so it works to protect students in some respects," he said.

Yet Baker concedes that students could be easily victimized if they found themselves in a negative scenario while living in a university residence.

York University says that student tenants aren't covered under the provincial legislation, but the school follows its guidelines anyway.

"We operate as if we were completely under the act," said Norm Noddle, manager of York's apartments. "I feel we're bound to operate under those guidelines, and that's what we've done."

But Noddle admits the guidelines are not enforceable. "Believe it or not, we don't have to do anything," he said.

It's not clear why dorm-style housing isn't subject to Ontario's Tenant Protection Act.

According to Kevin Sullivan, manager of existing housing policy for the Ministry of Housing, student groups didn't lobby to have

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20 years ago this week

NSCAD council fights apathy?

In a move described as protest against student apathy, all but one member of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design student council resigned their seats. A spokesperson for the quitters asked not to be

identified, but said the apathy of the students hindered any representative form of government. "If [the apathy] was just too much to continue working with the students," he said, "elections for a new council were set for the following week. Few were expected to vote."

Chronicle Herald and Mail-Star accused of discrimination, censorship
20 people held a protest outside the Halifax office of Canada Customs to fight censorship and discrimination against gay people. The demonstration was organized by the Gay Alliance for Equality (GAE) and protestors demanded changes to Canada's Human Rights

Code that would outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. GAE spokesperson Robin Metcalf accused the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) and Halifax's two daily newspapers of discrimination against the gay movement. "CBC radio refuses to run public service announcements for gay groups, and the Chronicle-Herald and Mail-Star even refuse to put our announcements in the classified advertising section," he said.

Burn baby, burn...

The widespread popularity of disco dancing was reportedly responsible for a rash of ailments

which disabled thousands of disco patrons. Foot specialists reported that many women who frequented discos were running the risk of chronic foot problems because they insisted on wearing platform shoes or spiked heels while dancing. Disco-goers also suffered from what was called 'disco ear' — long-term hearing loss resulting from the excessive noise levels in many clubs. And growing participation in disco roller-skating was blamed for a gaggle of bumps and strains classified as 'disco butt'. Plastic surgeons were also reporting an increase in the number of patients requiring reconstructive nasal surgery due to problems caused by excessive cocaine use — a condition dubbed, of course, as 'disco nose'.

Get in the fucking car

Thirty-six Dalhousie students crammed into a Datsun Model 310 in front of the SUB. The students were participating in the Datsun 310 University Championships — a travelling contest to see how many students each university could cram into the tiny Japanese car at once. Dalhousie's 36 passengers reportedly broke the standing record in Eastern Canada, with only one school left to compete. If students at Queen's University in Kingston failed to top 36, two Dalhousie students would be heading to Toronto for the National Datsun 310 Championships where, if victorious, they would win their very own Datsun 310.

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Millennium Scholarship board under fire

BY ALEX BUSTOS

OTTAWA (CUP) — The newly appointed board of the \$2.5-billion Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation had to wait only a few hours before being criticized by student leaders.

In a press conference Monday in Montreal, foundation Chairman Jean C. Monty announced the makeup of the 15-member board.

Also revealed was a separate 15-member panel group that will act as a liaison between the public and the foundation directors.

But the low level of student representation — only four students, divided equally among the panel and board, were chosen — immediately raised eyebrows across the country.

"To have more university presidents than students on the board is totally wrong," said Brett Dawe, vice president external of Memorial University's student union in St. John's.

"Where are the students who are going to get the scholarships? And who better to distribute it than the ones who are going to get it?"

Nine university and college presidents — three on the board and six on the panel — were appointed.

Also nominated were four chief executive officers, former New Brunswick Premier Frank McKenna and an executive vice-president from BCE Inc.

Together, the board and panel are responsible for implementing Bill C-36, a federal bill requiring the privately-run millennium fund to provide roughly 100,000 students with an annual average scholarship of \$3,000 beginning in the year 2000.

The strong presence of university administrators and corporate leaders made some question whether student concerns will be properly addressed.

"The students who were chosen [to sit on the board and panel] were chosen because they fit

the criteria of a privately run, pro-business agenda," said Simone Saint-Pierre, communications coordinator of the Canadian Federation of Students, which represents 400,000 students across Canada.

But a student sitting on the panel wasted no time in rejecting this assertion.

"That statement is ridiculous," said Heather Wilkey, president of Calgary's Mount Royal

College Student Association. "The [CFS] doesn't know me. I am a single mom and have \$30,000 in student debt."

But according to CFS National Chairperson Elizabeth Carlyle, what's at issue is not the good intentions of the student representatives, but whether they have the necessary resources to implement student concerns.

"I don't doubt that these students have important personal

experience, but I'm not sure if they have the institutional background to support them," said Carlyle, noting her disappointment that none of the CFS nominees were chosen to sit on the board and panel.

"It is going to take a year for these [student representatives] to be brought up to shape on the available resources, and this is ridiculous when there are dozens of people working in grassroots student groups nation-wide."

Mount Allison faculty strike

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for salary on that *Maclean's* list," he said.

But Mount Allison's vice-president administration, David Stewart, says the university simply cannot afford the salary increases.

He says the difference

between what the university is offering and what the faculty are demanding constitutes four percent of the university's total operating budget.

"It is unfortunate that the professors have chosen to withdraw their services in support of a demand of that magnitude," he said.

He says the professors'

demands are unrealistic and potentially damaging.

"We are very concerned that the salary demands are going to put a strain on the university, and what we are trying to offer students."

This is Mount Allison's third strike since 1990. Faculty went on strike in 1991, and support staff went on strike in 1994.

Tenant act

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undergraduate residences covered by the legislation when the province revised it in 1997.

But Harden says the Canadian Federation of Students submitted proposals to the Progressive Conservative government asking that residences be included in the act.

The lobby group also submitted a research paper showing how hard students were hit by rent increases, he says.

"Basically it was ignored," said Harden.

Students living in Ontario residences aren't the only ones with no formal housing protection.

Students living in undergraduate residence apartments in Alberta, Newfoundland and British Columbia also lack formal protection under their province's tenancy legislation.

Even though they're not covered by provincial tenancy law, however, these students still have options.

They can't lodge complaints with the provincial housing tribunal, but students living in undergraduate residences can still turn to small claims court if they have problems, Ram says.



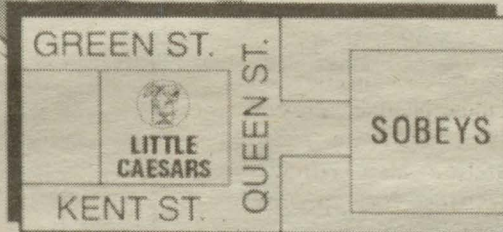
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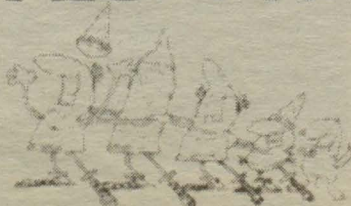
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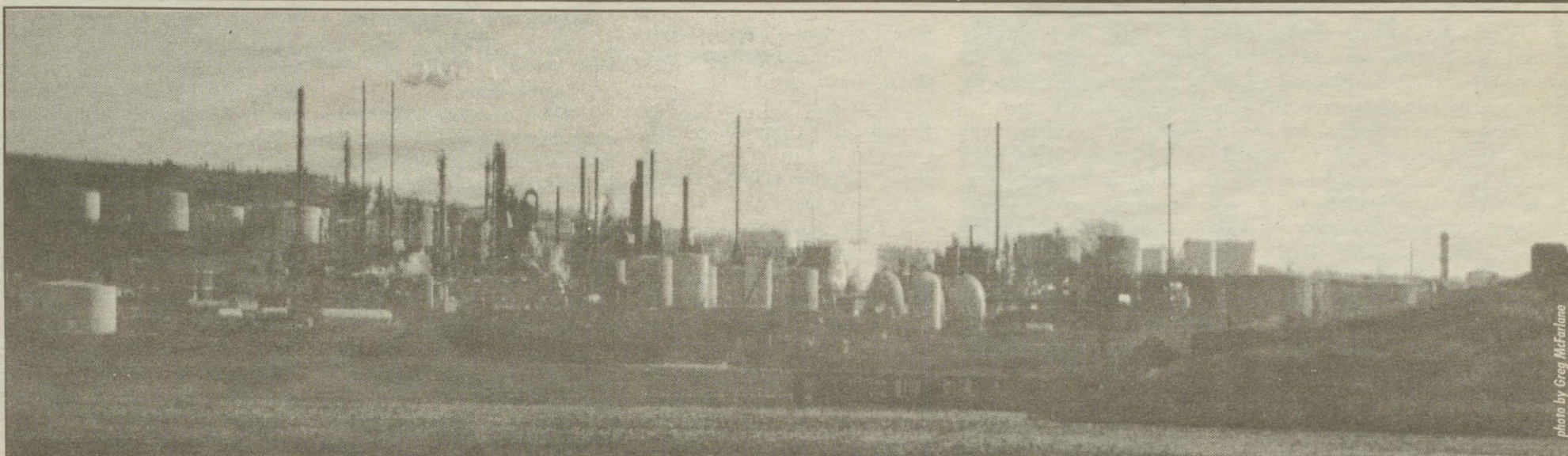


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Universities get slick donation from Imperial Oil

Student groups worry that corporate influence will govern curricula

BY DEREK CHEZZI AND
KAREN FOSTER

TORONTO (CUP) — A Canadian oil giant will donate \$3.25 million to four universities across the country in a move that's being met with both gratitude and harsh criticism.

The Imperial Oil Charitable Foundation will distribute the cash over the next five years for projects that improve math, technology and science curriculums at the schools.

The University of Toronto, the University of Alberta and York University will each receive \$1 million. The remaining \$250,000 will go to the University of New Brunswick.

Barbara Haduke, president of the foundation, says half of its donations are geared to education.

"Math, science and technology appeared as a real need and that was a good fit with Imperial Oil," said Haduke. "We recruit from these kinds of disciplines, and in general for our country, we are going to need people with these skills more in this global marketplace."

Officials from each of the four universities said they were pleased by the news.

"Because it's focused, I think it's going to have a great impact in the long run," said Dr. Larry Beauchamp, dean of the faculty of education at the University of Alberta, of the donation.

University officials were also quick to point out that the donation comes with no suspect obligations.

"We just don't take a donation from any company with strings attached," said Stan Shapson,

associate vice president of York University's strategic academic initiative. "They didn't put strings attached. We think it goes to a good education purpose."

Representatives of the other recipient universities agreed accepting Imperial Oil's money doesn't compromise their integrity.

"It's obviously fabulous because there are really no strings attached," said Michael Fullan, dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

But student groups aren't convinced the universities won't have to give something up in return for the cash. They say large donations like the one from Imperial Oil are an indication of corporate influence on universities.

"These deals are really dangerous," said York Federation of Students president Dawn Palin. "They allow corporations to have control over what will be the best-funded programs at [the] university."

She and other student leaders argue that as more university programs become funded by private dollars, the government will become less committed to funding post-secondary education.

Diane Naugler, president of York's Graduate Student Association, also criticized the universities for approaching Imperial Oil for the money instead of lobbying for more government dollars.

All four universities approached Imperial Oil separately in 1998.

"The fact that the universities approached the Imperial Oil

foundation means our infrastructure is putting money into finding money," said Naugler.

"We could be spending that same money to find money by approaching governments as well and trying to change the tide at the same time."

Still, Naugler says she understands why the universities approached Imperial Oil in the face of significant government cutbacks to post-secondary education.

"I can appreciate the bind the university is in," she said. "I think that they need to be careful that they don't singularly focus on industry to rectify the funding crisis."

The University of Alberta will use the money to fund its centre for the sciences, which it plans to rename the Imperial Oil National Centre for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education. It will operate as a linking agency for

similar bodies across Canada and continue to develop new programs for Alberta's elementary and high school teachers.

A member of Imperial Oil's management will sit on the centre's executive decision-making board.

But director David Blades says the centre's goal is not to provide Imperial Oil with employees, although he can understand the company's interest in it.

"We do not exist to promote skills for the oil sector, but people do want to hire students with basic science skills," he said.

Barbara Haduke is also adamant that Imperial Oil will have no direct influence on the centre's projects despite the representation it will have on the board.

"It [will keep] us in touch with what they want to see in the centre," she said.

At the University of Toronto, Imperial Oil's donation will be put toward developing a clearing house of teaching materials and establishing the first Canadian journal of education in science, math and technology.

Through York's new Imperial Oil Science Education Program, the donation will go toward facilitating the Internet component of the Pan-Canadian Science Curriculum Project.

Moved to York last September from Industry Canada in Ottawa, the project was created by the Council of Ministers of Education to develop national education standards.

York also plans to use the funds to establish a York-Seneca Institute for Sciences, Technology and Education and monitor the performance of students in elementary and secondary schools.

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Curious George the Terrorist

The Earth Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a \$12-million fire set in Vail, Colorado last Oct. 18. The fire destroyed a 33,000-square foot restaurant, ski-patrol headquarters and four chairlifts. The group, termed radical by the media and militant by the FBI, says it set the fire to protect Vail's expansion into 885 acres of prime Lynx habitat.

In setting the fire, the group disregarded the routes of due process taken by local Vail activists and the state of Colorado's wildlife division statement that Lynx hadn't been spotted in the area since 1973.

It is sad but predictable that an expensive act of vandalism in a place where the beautiful people ski is the

event that makes this form of ecological defense popularly known. 'Monkeywrenching' is the name of this indictable action to Earth Firsters and other radically-termed environmental organizations. To the victims — the corporations, the fishermen, the loggers, the farmers — this action is called Ecoterrorism.

The Ecoterror Response Network defines Ecoterror as "any crime committed in the name of saving nature". The FBI definition of terrorism is "the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof, in furtherance of political or social objectives."

The problem with this definition is justification. Who can justify the lawful use of force or violence, and who can say what social objectives are acceptable. I know in society you should be able to swing your arms only so far, but some people — radical

environmentalists, thank them or hate them — don't agree with the idea. The fact this continent is a democracy remains to be seen.

When conservation groups and ecology groups can't achieve by due process what they desire, what should their reaction be? Apathy as the Earth they strive to protect is torn asunder?

According to the FBI's law of terrorism, does the United Nations not have an active body to enforce the laws it deems justifiable when they are not sufficiently resolved by due process?

Political parallels are weak,

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but does Mother Nature not deserve to have her own active body to protect herself when due process fails?

Does this justify the Monkeywrencher?

Tough question.

In a piece of literature entitled "Monkeywrenching: What's up with that?", it says "[Monkeywrenching] is the final step in the defense of the wild, the deliberate action taken by the Earth defender when all other measures have failed, the process whereby the wilderness defender becomes the wilderness acting in self-defense". In the same piece of literature, it acknowledges Monkeywrenching (lest we not forget Ecoterror), specifically the practice of tree spiking, "has the potential to injure".

Something is wrong with this picture.

A sound environmental conservation ethic should not condone the loss of life, humans included — especially when these

radical environmentalists profess that "the movement is unified by a philosophy of respect for life."

I wonder if these Eco Terrorists are the stewards of time? I wonder if they see a "bigger picture" that corporations and many others fail to see?

There should be no need for justification, or at least clarification, for Monkeywrenching. Monkeywrenching is an extreme case of children protecting their mother. I don't question for a second protecting my own mother. My mother though is not owned and shared; and tilled, and reaped and harvested by billions. The contrast is interesting. We all share the responsibility and need for the earth, but all have different ideals of give and take.

During a testimony by Barry R. Clausen before the American House Subcommittee on Crime in the matter of Ecoterrorism, Clausen described his infiltration of the Earth First! movement. During the testimony Clausen cited that the group "advocated revolution, anarchy and terrorism to [America's] youth." Clausen concluded by stating he was a six-year military veteran that believed in his country, freedoms and rights, and asked the committee to preserve those freedoms and rights.

Some people live in the now, living it up until their end, not caring about their effect on future generations. Others live in the past, the future and present, considering what footsteps they take, and how the beat of a butterfly's wings in one place will affect the earth in time.

I don't condone or reject Monkeywrenching. I hope to raise more questions than I've answered (if any). After hearing these stories, I rethink my basic rights and freedoms in this millennial world.

AVI LAMBERT

LETTERS

Clinton not wagging the dog

To the editor,

News coverage justifies the recent bombings of Iraq, claiming no-fly zones as legitimate. The no-fly zones were not created by the United Nations; they were designated by the US and Britain under the pretext of protecting the Kurds in the North and Shites in the South after the failed CIA attempt to start a civil war in Iraq.

They are simply another excuse for the US and Britain to destroy Iraq. The US and Britain have raised no objection to the Turks killing Kurds in record numbers, nor are objections raised when other nation-states use military force to put down civil rebellions and kill their citizens within their national boundaries. The US has continued to provide arms and support for the genocidal actions of other nations as long as those nations served the US multinational corporations.

The news media must get beyond the point of parroting back the hypocritical rational behind the destruction of Iraq. Analysis of US and British actions to destroy Iraq does not reflect data from UN humanitarian aid groups in Iraq, the findings of the International Action Centre, Voices in the Wilderness and other groups who have an in-depth knowledge of the Iraqi perspective.

I have gathered thousands of signatures on petitions to end the sanctions. Those who refuse to sign always explain their actions by citing Saddam Hussein as the greatest villain of all time. They express fear of Iraq or any other Arab nation being a major military or economic power.

The "repression" and brutal treatment ascribed to Saddam Hussein is the norm in countries the US supplies with weapons and calls allies. There is no mention of Kuwaiti atrocities against Palestinians and Iraqis in Kuwait.

There is no question about, and certainly no challenge to, the injustice and insanity of the conditions placed on Iraq after the Gulf War. The punishment exceeds the crime. There seems to be no consideration of the fact that the weapons inspections are at best a hypocrisy and at worst a means of gathering data to help destroy Iraq.

It is unjust and insane to expect one nation to disarm in a world filled with nations armed to the teeth. The US is peddling weapons of mass destruction all over the world. While civilized nations are struggling to end the plague of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction through UN actions, the US blocks these UN actions and refuses to comply with international law on land mines and chemical weapons.

Dr. Ingrid Swenson

Beautiful men: show your faces

To the editor,

I would like to respond to the 'beautiful bodies' opinions piece that Walter Derengoski cleverly concocted in the Jan. 21, 1999 Gazette.

Easier road to education, you say? I think not. University is not a pageant where we do a song-and-dance routine and parade around in

our swimsuits to find out who will get the A+. We didn't have a beauty contest to determine who will get accepted to the university. For me, like every other Dal student I know, I sent my transcripts from the last university and high school I attended. And unless I'm mistaken, the information I submitted was interpreted numerically — it said nothing about my genetic make-up or cup size.

Now, as for your taste in women at Dal. Are those standards defined by the latest *Hustler* magazine or are they more stylized towards the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit edition? Next time you come across one of the "beautiful people" frequenting Dal, you should maybe tell her that her talents as a student are clearly being wasted and she should drop out of school (because she is only getting the grades based on her cup size, certainly not her actual brain-power) and pose for Larry Flynt's team of reputable photographers because the women are getting a little too familiar. Who knows, she may not have thought about that career choice.

Unfortunately, the proportion of "beautiful people" does not apply to the male population of Dal. They do exist in almost every other university in the country, however.

So if your piece is anything to go by, you boys better shape up, clean up or send us some miserable pea-brained Hollywood star to lap up those so-called opportunities we've been parading campus for. Otherwise, at this rate, Dal will become the newest male college — all the beautiful women will leave in search of the beautiful men.

Annelise Johns

Biased reporting

To the editor,

I only read your Nov. 12 issue recently. I live in Ontario and have copies mailed to me in bulk, so my response is unfortunately tardy.

This letter is regarding your story on the front page with the heading, "Forum brings *Playboy* out from behind closed doors."

I found this article extremely biased against the two *Playboy* reps and therefore question the accuracy and quality of the reporting. Because I am not on the Dal campus to experience the attitude towards these two men, I am forced to rely on what I read in the Gazette.

The headline suggested these two men have been having secret parties where the people are welcome by invitation only. However, in the article itself, it is stated parties are open to anyone.

Reporter Sally Thomas also adds the following to her story, "After the forum, Wildsmith, but call him 'B.W.' please because it 'goes with the flow...'"

This is an example of the subjectiveness displayed by Thomas. It seems to be the newspaper's style to use last names after giving the full name for the first reference, but Thomas throws a smart alec remark in to supposedly toss shame on the two *Playboy* reps.

I read the story to learn what was happening regarding the two *Playboy* reps on campus, but was left only thinking it will now be hard to trust Sally Thomas' capability to report without opinion.

Mathieu B. Yuill

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What are your three favourite words in the English language, and what is your favourite word in another language?



"Coffee, infinite-money and sleep. I don't know how to speak any other languages."

Steve Gates, 3rd year
Biology/Psychology, New Ross NS

"Let me think... how about surreptitious, serendipitous and dope, man? I also like the word behagig."
"I like supercilious, superfluous and stupendous. I like the Spanish word Arbol."

Brian Leary, 3rd year
Philosophy French
River NS
Jaggi Marcok-Pal, 3rd year
IDS and CSP,
Toronto ON

"Ask someone else... no wait, I have it. Back off, or come on. Can you say mixed signals? I like this Arabic word, digil. I think that is how you would spell it in English."

Mjad Sleh, 2nd year
Commerce, Iraq

"Turnip, B.A.M.F. [Bitch-ass-mother-fucker] and brewsky. I like the Spanish word cerveza."

Curtis Archibald,
2nd Year
Biology, New Glasgow NS

"Oh man, this is hard. Can I say expression, cool and hilarious? I also dig on Zanahoria."

Dzifa Awunyo-Akaba, 4th year
Spanish and IDS,
Washington DC

"Mmmph, mmmph, mmmph, nd mmmph"

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"I love chocolate, hangover and blizzard. My favourite foreign word? Madhur Chooth."

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FOCUS

Talking to freedom

Dissident Tibetan monk speaks at Dalhousie law school

BY AARON DHIR

Seven years in Tibet? How about 33 years in occupied Tibet as a prisoner of conscience under Chinese rule?

On Dec. 13, during the middle of the craziness that is exam time, room 105 of the Weldon Law Building was filled with people anxiously waiting to hear the Venerable Palden Gyatso speak about issues of torture, brutality, human rights, and compassion.

On Dec. 10 the Tibetan monk, who was adopted as a prisoner of conscience by Amnesty International during his incarceration, received the John Humphrey Freedom Award from the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. His speaking engagement in Halifax was the second stop in a North American lecture tour that was part of the

award.

At the age of 10 Gyatso took monastic vows, and later began living in a monastery in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. In 1959 he participated in the Tibetan National Uprising, which led to a violent Chinese crackdown on Tibetan dissenters and the subsequent flight of the Dalai Lama to Dharamsala, India to set up a government-in-exile.

During the uprising Gyatso was captured by the Chinese army in the Tibetan city of Panam, and was to endure over three decades of torture and brutality in Chinese prisons and labour camps for "counter-revolutionary propaganda and agitation".

Speaking through a translator,

Palden Gyatso told a story that often left the crowd silent — and in utter disbelief.

During his first interrogation by the Chinese, he was kicked,

"There are some prisoners who are very stoic, who never say a word. Compared to them, I am nothing. I begged [the Chinese] to kill me several times." - the Venerable Palden Gyatso

punched and beaten with a stick with nails at the end of it. The first two years of his initial seven-year sentence were spent entirely in chains.

Gyatso escaped from prison in 1962, but was soon recaptured by Chinese soldiers. This would be the beginning of a descent into a physical, psychological, and emotional hell.

With admirable poise and dignity, Gyatso spoke of the various forms of torture that he and many other Tibetans endured at the hands of the Chinese. Particularly horrendous was the experience of having his body suspended from the prison ceiling by his own arms, which were tied behind his back. Around him, his fellow prisoners wasted away — many committing suicide. The prisoners were often compelled to witness the execution of their fellow Tibetans. Severe hunger reduced Gyatso to survive by eating a boot. Other times, in order to live through the prison policy of malnourishment, he ate mice and worms.

Perhaps the most striking part of the presentation was the display of various instruments of torture which were used on Gyatso.

Shortly before his release from prison in 1992, the 67-year-old monk arranged for prison guards to be bribed into selling him these instruments, so that he could provide the outside world with a glimpse of the objects which are used upon Tibetan prisoners.

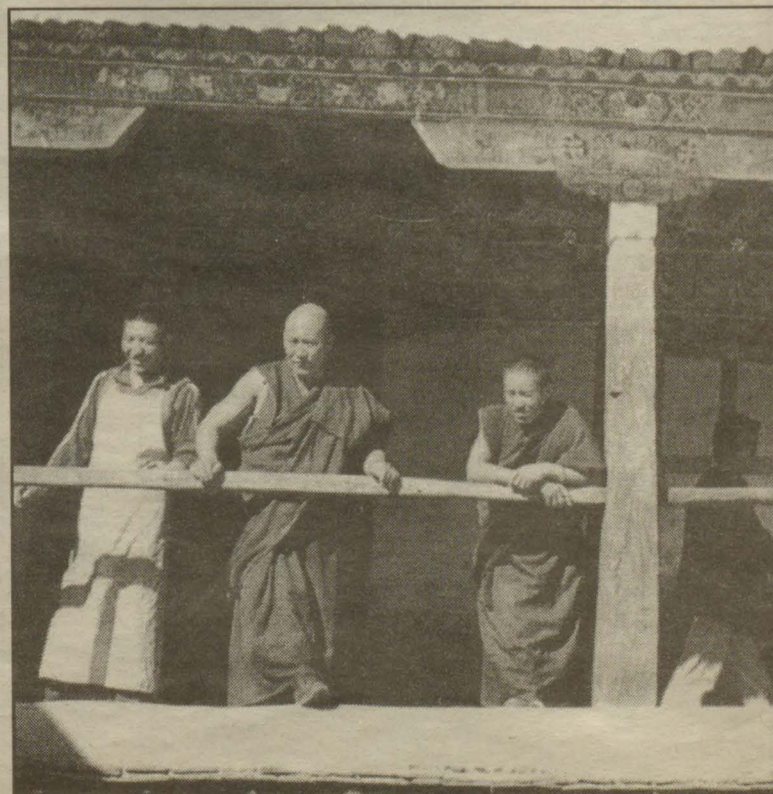
The audience stared in disbelief as Gyatso raised a large electric cattle prod in the air which had been shoved in his mouth, breaking his front teeth and causing permanent damage to his inner mouth.

Gyatso now works with Tibetan refugees in Dharamsala. In addition to lecturing and publishing a book on his life story in order to

spread awareness of the plight of his people, he has testified about his experiences before both the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, and the United States Congress.

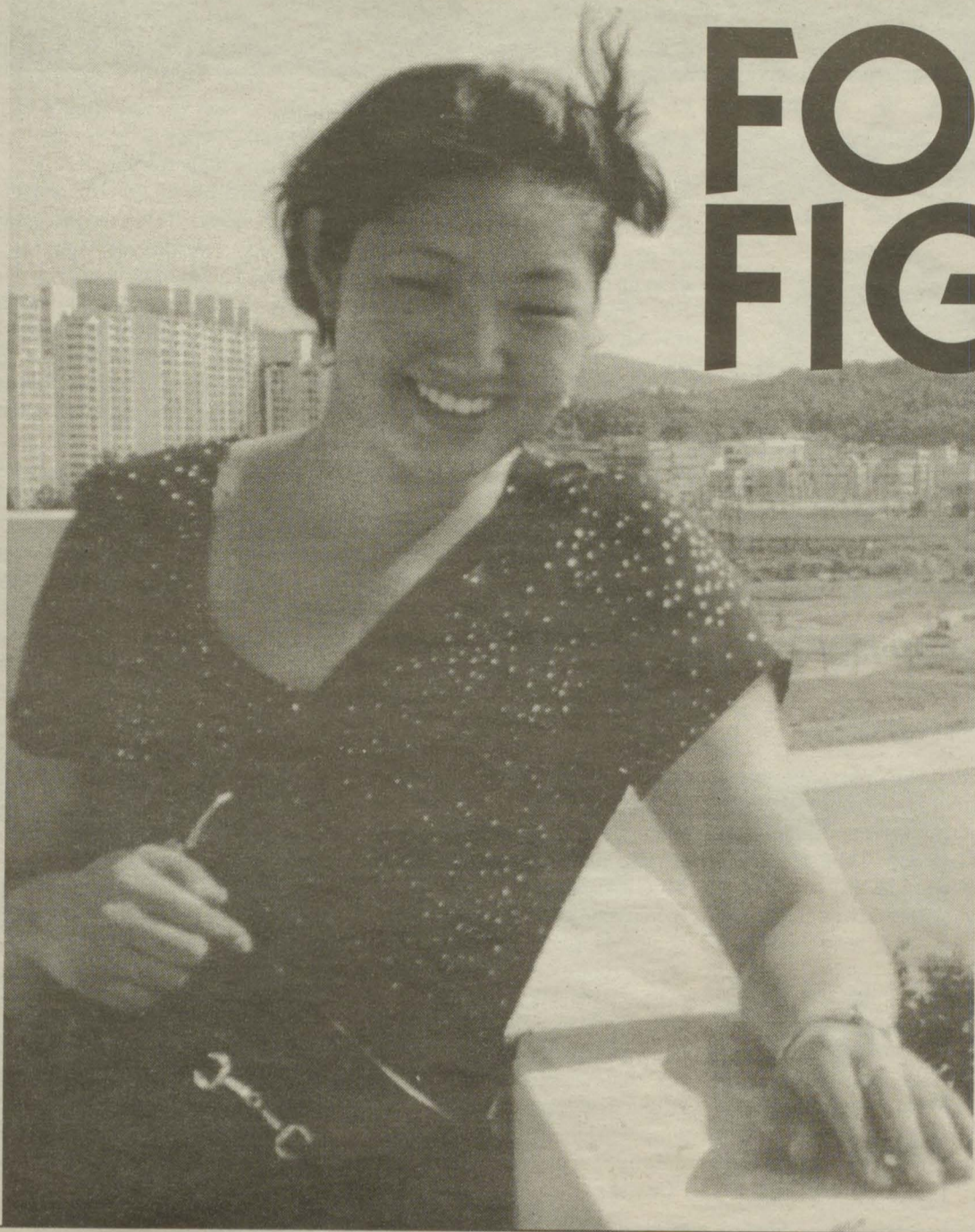
Gyatso emanates a presence of warmth, gentleness and kindness. His statement of harbouring no resentment towards his Chinese oppressors, only compassion, absolutely confounded me.

To speak with, and listen to, a human being so committed to the peaceful resolution of a conflict that has taken the lives of over 1.4 million of his people, was truly humbling. If nothing else, it caused me to re-examine the cynicism that I often have about the potential of a benign end to the Chinese occupation of Tibet.



FOOD FIGHT

January 31 to February 6 is Eating Disorders Awareness Week. To shed light on an issue that affects many students, Dal student Jeanne Ju writes an account of her own struggle with an eating disorder.



BY JEANNE JU

I have been dealing with an eating disorder for the past four years. However, it has only been during the last two that I acknowledged the issue.

I was sitting in my intro-psychology class when it happened. Everyone was listening with half-hearted interest as the professor described the symptoms of anorexia nervosa and bulimia. I, however, was shocked because he was giving an exact description of me.

I too, like the examples in the text, was intensely and continually preoccupied by the fear of becoming fat and my life revolved around controlling every aspect of my life so that I wouldn't be fat.

It all began in 1995. While playing college volleyball, I tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in my knee. The injury required that I have reconstructive surgery on my ACL, which would keep me from playing. I desperately wanted to return to volleyball, but the recovery process was excruciatingly slow.

My orthopaedic surgeon explained to me how the knee has to sustain a lot of pressure from the weight of the body, which I understood. However, I wanted to do everything I could to quicken the recovery process. My solution was simple — I could reduce the pressure on my knee by losing weight. I'd be the most dedicated athlete imaginable.

Although I was injured, I trained three hours a day at the gym. I did not want to gain weight.

My volleyball coach reinforced my sensitivity to weight by encouraging my teammates to watch their weight. She would weigh the girls before and after Thanksgiving weekend, Christmas

break and reading week to monitor whether they gained weight or not. If they gained weight, the training increased.

At the time, I was so caught up in my own training that I never questioned my coach's intentions. In fact, I quite blindly agreed with her — as dedicated athletes, we should make it a priority to be fit and athletic.

And so began my days of strict dieting, although I never really called it that. I considered the low-fat food, vegetarianism, and religious exercising a *lifestyle* change. It was a permanent change that would not fade like a short-term diet.

In my eyes, I was successful

at being dedicated. I became even more perfectionistic than before — and increasingly self-critical. These characteristics were the tools that motivated me in all my endeavors. But in actuality, the perfectionism, the self-criticism, the competitiveness and over achievement fed my eating disorder.

They went unacknowledged for four years, until now.

Looking back on the past four years is painful. It is only now that I realize to what extent the eating disorder became my identity. Many of my behaviours and actions were caused by the effects of restricting myself from certain foods and being preoccupied with exercise. My high

grades began to slip because I could no longer concentrate on things anymore.

I exercised for four hours everyday. When I started running, I would run for two hours, even if it meant running on a sprained ankle.

I spent more time in the gym than I did my classes.

I felt old and alone.

The feelings of torture I put myself through were like little victories for me. I chose to do arduous things — like rowing for Dal in 1996 and tree-planting in northern Ontario during the

issues to write this article.

Despite what people may think, eating disorders are not solely about food. Eating disorders are about control and ineffectual coping mechanisms. People with eating disorders are everyday people with average-to-extraordinary abilities; people you probably know. We may not be completely emaciated like the images portrayed by the media, but we are probably just as absorbed by the eating disorder, and feel the same never-ending sense of feeling fat.

The stigma attached to eating disorders most likely causes sufferers to feel guilty, and prevents them from even getting help. To tell people you are struggling through an eating

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Eating disorders are falsely considered as a weakness in willpower. My mother thought that if I survived the hard things that I chose to do, I could defeat the eating disorder by way of will.

Although I survived a summer of tree-planting in northern Ontario and did reasonably well, my success was largely due to the fact that I was perfectionistic and competitive, which was a result of the eating disorder.

I came back from tree-planting exhausted with life and tired of having to think about the food I chose to eat — or rather, not to eat.

Eating disorders are the 'tip of the iceberg,' so to speak. There are underlying issues which need to be resolved and attitudes that need to be changed during the process of recovery.

Once I started treatment at the Queen Elizabeth II hospital's *Eating for Life Program* at the end of August of 1998, and after I realized that there were underlying issues that were troubling me, I felt as if my problems were not at all about an eating disorder.

For me, the biggest obstacle of surviving an eating disorder is getting over the denial.

Perhaps promoting awareness about eating disorders will be a part of actually acknowledging what I've been through — and a part of my recovery.

I have learned that recovery involves not simply learning to accept different foods back into my life, but more importantly being ready to make some changes in thinking and beliefs, learning new coping mechanisms — and making a lifestyle change for the better.



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ARTS / CULTURE

Sweet tunes

Burt Neilson Band lulls Grawood into a dream-like serenity

BY CHRIS LEPAN

Friday Night proved to be an exhilarating experience as the Burt Neilson band shook the foundations of the Grawood. Though the bar wasn't packed to full capacity, it was obvious those who payed the eight-dollar cover were more than content.

At the beginning of the first set the dance floor was scattered with only a few ambitious fans, but after only a couple of songs it became evident that dancing is an inevitable response to the music of the Thunder Bay, Ontario-based band.

After that, the floor filled quickly with folks gettin' their groove on, hanging off every note. To be sure, this enthusiasm cannot be attributed to an increasing level of drunkenness — instead of dancing it up with the object of their lust, the bulk of the audience (myself included) was dancing with the band. Eyes were either focussed on stage or closed, as visual contact wasn't needed to maintain the connection between performer and musician.

The band's energy was dominant, particularly in the case of guitarist Dan Dennome. His soulful translation of each screaming guitar note into an equally extreme facial expression assured me the band was having just as much fun on stage as the crowd was on the floor.

Made up of six members, including Mike Filipowitsch (lead guitar), Dennome (rhythm guitar), Jeremy Little (Bass), Jeff Heisholt (organ and keyboards), Gavin McGuire and Jeff Kornblum (percussion), the Burt Neilson Band combines a variety of sounds and styles reminiscent of such great classic rock acts as the Allmans — whose influence can be traced to the band's taste for extended jams.

Climactic guitar solos were strong as Dennome complimented Filipowitsch's supreme lead with catchy fill-ins. Hendrix's "Crosstown Traffic" was treated

justly, as was Steve Miller's "Jet Airliner", which was covered in especially high-spirited fashion.

Heisholt and Filipowitsch rotated on lead vocals and provided balanced harmonies when they sang together. Credit must also be given to Heisholt's keyboard and organ playing, which at times led the band into a dream-like serenity. It was at these moments that the band most effectively captured the mood of the music.

The Burt Neilson Band bears a striking similarity to the band Phish, whose music, coincidentally and simultaneously, was showcased at the Blues Corner last Friday night.

When asked about the band's Phish roots, Mike Filipowitsch was quick to name them his favourite band, but was also quick to point out a Brit-Pop influence on a couple of band members. He concluded that the scope of his band extends well beyond that of a mere Phish spin-off.

"We can't escape our roots, we're just trying to be as different as we can," he said.

The band had no problem putting off their studies at Lakehead University this year in favour of a cross-Canada tour. The main thing for the band right now is honing their own style by playing together every night. As Filipowitsch explains, "what's the point if you can't play live?"



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Big things in sight

Big Wreck taking new found success in stride

BY KARAN SHETTY

Toronto-based rock group Big Wreck isn't your typical band.

Instead of running away to the States to "make it big", the band, which is three quarters American, decided to head up north in what turned out to be a very shrewd move. Indeed, Big Wreck is already a huge success in Canada and success south of the border is within their sights.

"We're working very hard," says guitarist Brian Doherty, who maintains that the band's focus is on conquering North America, not just Canada. "We played about 300 shows in the States and we've

toured twice around Canada."

A lot has been made of the band's rich musical background - all members having attended the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. Even more has been said about the band skipping classes to jam and play gigs. Doherty insists that attending college was a fruitful experience in spite of skipped classes, as the musical environment of which they were a part helped them hone their skills as musicians. "Also," he adds, "it's always good to get the basics."

Big Wreck is currently on a big college tour — doing all the necessary grunt work required to snare new listeners. Asked whether the band prefers the larger venues

as opposed to the smaller university crowds, Doherty responds by saying that it really depends on how participative the crowd is.

"Big venues are great but you can have an equally great time in a small room with 50 people," says Doherty.

With a MuchMusic Video Award nomination already under their belt, the band is not letting their sudden success obscure their goals as musicians. "We're just taking all this in stride," says Doherty, who sees all the new found recognition as a step towards bigger things.

Big Wreck will play the McInnes Room in the SUB Saturday, Jan. 30.



WRECKIN' THE JOINT: Big Wreck soon to pose in McInnes Room.

From Slutt to country

Professor nominated for music award

BY KAREN PARKER

Professor Mick Sullivan has been nominated for a prestigious award. However, it has nothing to do with his work as an Associate Professor in Dalhousie's Psychology Department, nor his job as the clinical director of Fenwick Psychological Services. It has to do with folk music.

Sullivan recently recorded the CD *Common Ground* with fellow musician Stephen Read (a graphic designer by day), and the effort has garnered the two men a nomination for a 1999 East Coast Music Award in the country music category.

The recording was spawned from a series of jam sessions aboard *The Acadia*, the ship on which Read lives. The jams were host to such accomplished folk musicians as Dave Stone, Margo Carruthers, Melanie Ross and Cheryl Gaudet, and became known as the "Acadia Saturday Nights". The success of these sessions inspired Sullivan and Read to record an album.

The result was *Common Ground*, featuring five songs written and performed by Sullivan, and five written and performed by Read. Although the two have been making music together for years, they've found that when it comes to songwriting they each prefer to write by themselves, resulting in an effort that is collaborative, and yet at the same time separate.

An impressive list of musicians backs up the duo on the CD, including Dave MacIsaac,

Doris Mason and Jeremiah Sparks. Their talent helps create what Sullivan calls a "country gospel-ish kind of sound".

Common Ground was produced by Bruce Jacobs, who has worked with artists such as The Rankins and The Barra MacNeils. Sullivan and Read had originally set out to make a pure folk album on

"Guys are always whining about their women leaving them... women are always leaving... and everyone drives pick-ups trucks."

their own, but Sullivan says Jacobs was a valuable advisor in making the CD successful.

"He told us if we wanted to appeal to a wider market, it would be good to give the CD a bit of a country sound," said Sullivan of the producer.

The "gospel-ish country sound" obviously paid off, giving the tandem their ECMA nomination. Still, Sullivan says his music is far from the typical Top 40 Country of today. When a local country station told him *Common Ground* had been put into their rotation, he listened for a couple hours in the hopes of hearing it. He didn't hear himself on the radio, but he did draw some conclusions about most country music.

"Guys are always whining about their women leaving them... women are always leaving... and everyone drives pick-ups trucks,"

Sullivan said.

Sullivan grew up in Quebec with the ambition to become a professional musician. Upon completing CEGEP he joined a heavy metal band called Slutt ("with two Ts," he's quick to point out). But after two-and-a-half years of performing, the group had made little progress, and Sullivan decided to pursue higher education.

He completed his undergrad at McGill and did graduate work at Concordia University. He then worked for several years in Ottawa before coming to Dalhousie in 1990 to join their Clinical Psychology program. He currently teaches undergrad Social Psychology, as well as some PhD level courses.

Even though he now has a successful academic career, Sullivan hasn't totally given up on the music biz. He helped run the now defunct "Get Folked" nights at the Grawood.

Although Sullivan's busy schedule doesn't give him much time to tour or play regular gigs right now, he and Read are planning to perform at some local folk festivals this summer. Their recent nomination has also inspired them to record another album.

For now, if you'd like to hear Professor Sullivan's music, *Common Ground* is available at most local record stores.

Sadly, Slutt didn't put out too many albums.

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Alcohol, dead animals and the art of extreme comedy

Canada's Tom Green Show poised to capture American audience

BY PAUL MALONEY

You may have heard people talking about something weird on TV — something involving a decomposing raccoon or scuba gear. You probably smiled and thought to yourself: "What the hell are they talking about?" Well, it's time you were let in on a little secret: *The Tom Green Show* is the funniest show on TV — in both Canada and the US.

The Tom Green Show is the new word-of-mouth phenomenon on the Canadian television landscape (and no, it has nothing to do with another Canadian comedy staple, *The Red Green Show*.) Truth be told, *The Tom Green Show* is not that new. It is already in its second season on cable TV and has been airing in Ottawa (where the show was based) since 1995.

Green began his career in entertainment as a member of the short-lived Canadian rap group Organized Rhyme, who were signed to a record label after they opened for the Dream Warriors in Halifax. Green's focus now, however, is on comedy.

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streets of Canada to lay waste to good taste.

Some of his past stunts include humping a dead moose, sucking milk directly from a cow's udder and hijacking a children's soccer game. It may not sound like much, but the results of his antics are often side-splittingly funny.

What is so convincingly hilarious about the show is that while watching you realize these guys are genuine and that they're having a blast. Joining Tom in studio segments is his sidekick and pal, Glenn Humplick, whom I had the pleasure of speaking to.

Glenn is the straight man to Tom, and so he is often the victim

"I know something is going to happen," he says, "but not how extreme."

Extreme is a word that has come to characterize the show. There are no rules and nothing is sacred. Recurring elements in the show are the use of dead animals and alcohol, sometimes together.

According to Humplick, "Dead animals are funny." The truth is, dead animals are not as funny as people's reactions to dead animals and that is the secret to the show's success. The humour is all original, and virtually none of it is staged.

In one particular segment, Tom drinks himself into a stupor and pukes all over his bathroom. Of

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of humiliating and disgusting guerilla comedy. On one episode Tom poured urine samples on his buddy and in another he stuck his fingers down his throat in an effort to make him throw up. It worked.

Humplick doesn't mind, though, and insists that it's all in good fun.

course it's all caught on tape. Later, he ventures into the street to interact with the locals. Hilarity ensues.

When I asked if Tom was really drunk, Glenn answered unapologetically, "Oh God, was he ever! He drank a whole 26-ouncer of rum." Now that's *extreme* comedy.

Another secret to the show's success is that it is hilarious to see someone else get pissed off — really pissed off. While most of Green's comedy bits are good-natured, some people fail to see the humour, especially when they are the butt of the joke.

To my surprise Green has not gotten into much trouble with those



HA HA HEAVE: Comedy that defies good taste.

he offends. According to Glenn, Tom has been kicked out of many places, even banned from one shopping centre, but he has never been in serious trouble.

"Tom has a way of talking himself out of it," says Glenn. He went on to say, however, that one day he expects that Tom will get a good "pounding" and he hopes to be there with a camera to record the event.

Extreme and offensive comedy is hot right now. Look at the popularity of shows like *South Park*, and movies like *There's Something About Mary*. People are willing to laugh at almost anything, even things once considered taboo — like humping a dead moose.

The Tom Green Show, capitalizing on the popularity of other gross-out hits, is carving a niche for itself on the Canadian scene. And now, with Canada already in the palms of their hands, Green, Humplick and friends are setting out on their most daring

adventure yet: conquering MTV.

Monday, Jan. 25 marked the first of ten episodes that will air on the American cable powerhouse. Whether or not Americans buy into Green's outrageous humour remains to be seen. In the meantime, Humplick is just happy and amazed to be where they are.

While it all may seem surreal for the boys from Ottawa, it's a breath of fresh air for television comedy. To capture the youth market, shows have to keep pushing the envelope, and nobody pushes better than Tom Green.

The good news for Canadians is that there are no plans at this time to stop airing the show in Canada, even if the show does take off in the States, which it most likely will. One thing that Humplick did make clear was that Tom and crew are very happy doing their show on the Comedy Network, and will continue to do so if things don't go well down south.

The Tom Green Show airs Friday nights at 12pm on *The Comedy Network*. If you don't get *The Comedy Network*, make friends with someone who does. Trust me, it's worth it.

Roach Motel opens doors in Halifax

BY AVI LAMBERT

In a cab travelling through Montreal trying to get to Rue St. Laurent, lead singer Julien Fuego of the Roach Motel had a chance to talk to me.

Fuego and his band are in the middle of a 10-night Eastern Canadian tour to promote their newly re-released album *Free Fooze and Bood*.

For the last year the Roach Motel has been playing small town gigs across the country to build a national fan base. Their distribution company, Page, phoned the band a year ago to say they really liked their music, but couldn't talk business until the band had national appeal, hence the eastern swing.

Fuego says the Motel is "really looking forward to [coming East]." He read an article in *Vice* magazine describing Halifax as a hotbed for hiphop, a style he's

influenced by, and he wants to check out the scene.

The Roach Motel's sound is like an abstract mix somewhere between Sublime, G. Love and Ben Harper. Fuego says the record is a lot more subdued than their live shows, which he says "are kickin'".

Fuego said his music tries to send a positive message, unlike the sometimes negative feelings associated with hiphop. He says his music sends the message that you should elevate yourself and change your situation if it's not right. To this end, Fuego calls his music elevation music. Not to be confused with elevator music.

The band features the relatively common recipe of beats, bass, keyboards and guitar, with the tasteful addition of turntables.

Originally from Toronto, Roach Motel has a colourful stage history. Their name comes from a bunch of nights in the basement of a downtown bar. The story goes that the DJ booth was part of the stage. During their 10-night stay they had a variety of guests that came to jam with them every night — folkies, DJs, rappers, the whole lot. As Fuego says, "different guests spend the night".

The guest thing became a feature of the band, and helped create the name Roach Motel.

The Hotel should be hoppin' and the bugs should be buggin' this Friday and Saturday night. Stinkin' Rich is supposed to open for the Motel at the Marquee Saturday. When asked if a jam with Stinkin' was possible, Fuego sounded positive.

I'll see you down at the Roach Motel.



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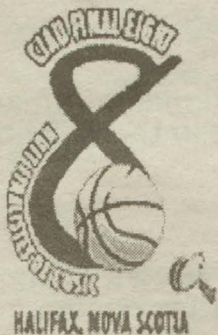
Festivities planned for championship weekends

BY PATRICK BLACKIE

For the 16th consecutive year, the CIAU Final 8 national championship basketball tournament will be held here in Halifax, despite stiff competition from places like Hamilton, Ontario.

The announcement, made earlier this year, is not a huge surprise. Halifax has successfully made the event more than a tournament in past years. A festival of events has been planned for the week falling between the AUAs (Mar. 12-14) and the CIAUs (Mar. 19-21), and the Final 8 is looking at hauling in roughly 25,000 crazed basketball fans to the Halifax Area, as well as hundreds of athletes, coaches and volunteers.

In all, the Halifax Final 8



Advisory Council optimistically estimates that the week will bring \$3-million in revenue to the local business community.

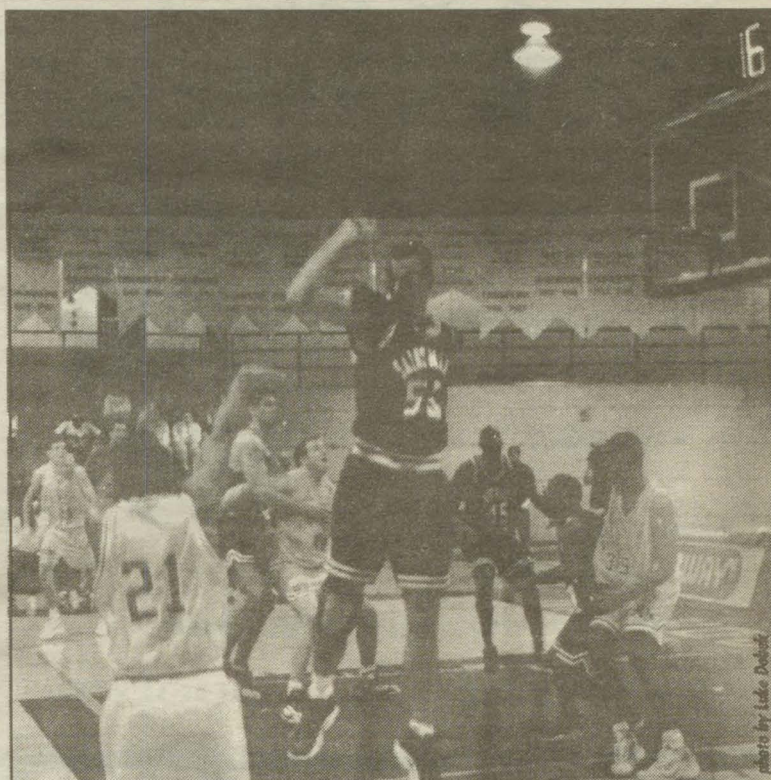
Featuring eight nights of free concerts in the Grand Parade, downtown Halifax will come alive throughout the 10-day stretch.

During the AUAA and CIAU

Final 8 Championship weekends, Argyle Street will be closed off from Duke to George Street to make room for the festival.

And the Final 8 continues to grow. At the tip-off of the November NCAA game held at the Metro Centre, a banner was unveiled celebrating the announcement that Halifax will not only be holding the Final 8 in 1999, but will be holding the tournament for two more years after that.

"We're focused on getting student athletes, universities and basketball fans across the country excited about the tournament," says Peter Halpin, chair of the Halifax Final 8 Advisory Council. "This will undoubtedly be a celebration to remember."



Several gentlemen engaged in the popular pastime known as "basketball."

Dal loses pair in AUAA Hockey

BY TERRY HAWES

Talk to any member of the Dalhousie Tigers hockey team and they'll tell you that everything is progressing smoothly — despite a current rough patch that has now seen the club go winless in four games.

The Tigers dropped a 6-0 decision to the Acadia Axemen on Jan. 19, and followed that effort with a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to cross-town rivals Saint Mary's on Sunday.

Acadia 6 Dal 0 — Josh St. Louis starred for the Axemen with two goals and two assists as Acadia recorded a comfortable victory over the Tigers.

Although the recent injury problems of the Tigers could be used as an excuse, it would be hard to convince the estimated 900 fans that a fully-healthy Dalhousie team could have coped with the tight checking of the Axemen.

Acadia's other goals came from Mike Sim, Eric Hunter, former Halifax Moosehead Chris Peyton and Russell Hogue. Goaltender

Donovan Nutweiler turned in a workman-like performance, stopping 23 shots for his first shutout of the season.

Saint Mary's 4 Dal 3 — In a match hardly considered a classic, SMU forward Jim Midgeley scored with 9:40 left in the game to give the Huskies the victory before 500 fans at Memorial Arena.

Dalhousie started off remarkably similar to last Saturday's match against St. Thomas by coming out of the gate slowly. As a result they found themselves behind 1-0 at the end of the first period.

SMU doubled their lead on a shorthanded goal by Marty LeBlanc at 5:39. However, Nicholas Maheux's goal at 10:54 gave Dal cause for optimism. A late goal from SMU made it 3-1 after two periods, but the game seemed to shift in the Tigers' favour and the opening stages of the third period proved just that.

David Haynes scored just 25 seconds into the third period to bring Dal back to within a goal. And just as the crowd finished reacting

to that goal, Chad Kalmakoff brought another eruption from the terraces with a marker 35 seconds later to tie it 3-3.

By then the game developed into a cat-and-mouse battle until Midgeley's goal gave the Huskies the two points.

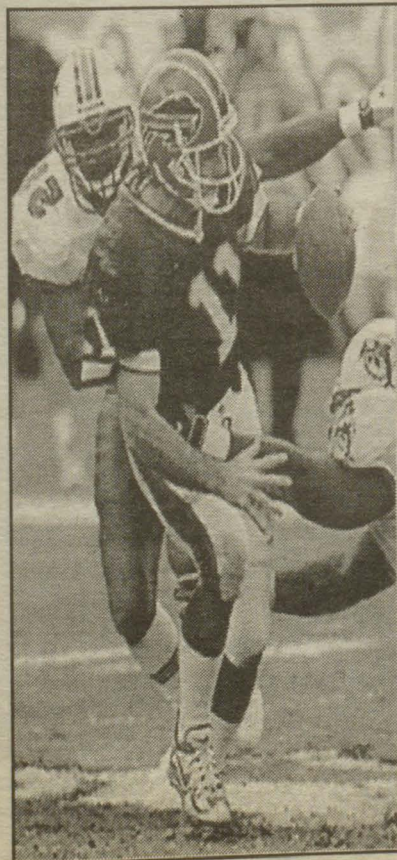
Dal head coach Shane Easter was conciliatory in defeat.

"Anytime you lose it is disappointing, but as a coach you try and look at the positives," Easter said. "I thought we showed a lot of character by answering the bell for the third period and very well could have come away with a win."

Despite the loss, Easter is confident the Tigers can learn from their slow starts as the team heads into the playoffs.

"I think down the road [in the playoffs] it will pay off because we know that our team can't take a night off and expect to earn victories."

Dal takes an 8-9-2 record, good for third place in the Kelly division, into action on Friday when they host St. FX at Dal. The team travels to Wolfville to face the Axemen on Sunday afternoon.



DAGS Super Bowl Party!

DAGS, the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students will be hosting a Super Bowl party, on January 31st at the grad house, starting at 6:00 with the game starting at 7:00. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome. Best of all, you don't have to clean up afterwards!

Visit us on the web at:
<http://is2.dal.ca/~dags/>

Dalhousie Athletics Upcoming Events

Men's Hockey

Friday, Jan. 29 — Dal vs St. FX 7pm@Memorial Arena

Saturday, Feb. 6 — Dal vs UNB 7pm@Memorial Arena

Swimming

Saturday, Jan. 30 — Dual Meet 5:30pm@Dalplex

Women's Basketball

Sunday, Jan. 31 — Dal vs St. FX 1pm@Dalplex

Friday, Feb. 5 — Dal vs Acadia 6pm@Dalplex

Men's Basketball

Sunday, Jan. 31 — Dal vs St. FX 3pm@Dalplex

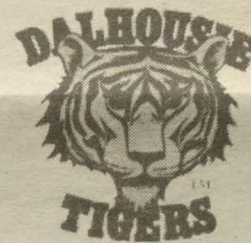
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Women's Volleyball

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Men's Volleyball

Thursday, Feb. 4 — Dal vs UNB 7pm@Dalplex



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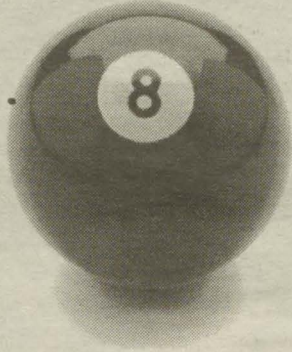
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The Chair and Faculty from the Education Department will be available to answer your questions.

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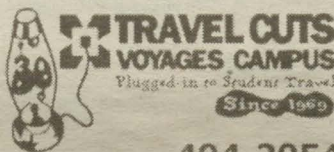
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Monday, February 1

All Day - SUB Lobby
Development and international information from campus and community groups will be in the SUB Lobby all this week - come and have a look!

2 p.m. - Green Room
IDW Video Showcase
The Body Parts Business - an NFB documentary which looks at the international black market for human organs.

Tuesday, February 2

All Day - SUB Lobby
Development and international information from campus and community groups
11:00 a.m. - SUB Lobby
International Queer News - the status of lesbian and gay rights around the world.
Co-sponsored by BGLAD, the Dalhousie Womens Centre & CKDU

12:30 p.m. - Seminar Room, Lester Pearson International, 1321 Edward Street
Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. Claude Caldwell of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and ISLE.

2 p.m. - Green Room
IDW Video Showcase > Voices of Change - An NFB film chronicling the lives of and activities of five women from around the world working for change in their communities.

9:00 p.m. - The Grawood, SUB
World Music Night
Join Salsa Picante and others for a night of international rhythms and tunes.
Sponsored by the Dalhousie Student Union

Wednesday, February 3

All Day - SUB Lobby
Development and international information from campus and community groups

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Green Room
International Opportunities Day
Want to go overseas to study, work or volunteer? Come learn about different ways to internationalize your education.

10 a.m. - Q and A with representatives from Canada World Youth, WUSC, Canadian Crossroads International, Youth Challenge International and Student Work Abroad Program
Student Exchange Information
Student Panel of past exchange students.

12:30 p.m. - A&A 319
Stephen Anderson and Jennifer Bush
The Food Economy Approach to Vulnerability Assessment

2:00 p.m. - Green Room
IDW Video Showcase
Rape: A Crime of War - this film examines the mass rapes in Bosnia during the early 1990s and follows the legal battle to have rape recognized as a war crime.

Thursday, February 4

All Day - SUB Lobby
Development and international information from campus and community groups

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Green Room
Coastal Tourism: Implications for Development
a panel discussion presented by students in the Marine Affairs and ISLE programs.

For more information, please call Dal Outreach at 494-2038.

International Development Week is sponsored by Dal Outreach. Dal Outreach is housed at Lester Pearson International, 1321 Edward Street, and is sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency's Institutional Cooperation Division.

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Thursday, January 28

Activity Settings of Occupational Behaviour for Men with Spinal Cord Injury — Social participation and well-being. Rm 301, Forrest Building 12:30pm to 1:30pm.
"Identifying Victims of a Mass Disaster - Swissair Flight 111: A Case Study". Pathology Research Seminar held by Peter Cummings at 12pm, Rm 204, Forrest Building.

Friday, January 29

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

Saturday, January 30

Euphoria, the Annual Dalhousie Medical Students' variety show, will be held at 7pm in the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium, Dalhousie Arts Centre. Tickets may be purchased at the Rebecca Cohn Box Office, or call 494-3820.

Sunday, January 31

Spirituality Group - Scripture readings for those with questions and doubts. 7:30pm, Rm 418 SUB.

Monday, February 1

Academic Dates You Should Know - Feb. 1 is the deadline for the following academic decisions: last day to withdraw from B classes without a "W" (except 4th year Occupational Therapy); last day to change to B classes from credit to audit and vice versa; last day to withdraw from R classes.

Tuesday, February 2

People For Animal Welfare is having a meeting in the SUB. To find out the room number check the information centre on the 1st floor of the SUB. Call 494-6662 for more info.

Wednesday, February 3

Want to Go Overseas to Study, Work or Volunteer? Don't miss International Opportunities Day! 10am to 1:30pm, Green Room, SUB. Volunteer Program Panel Presentations, 10am; Study Abroad Information Session, 11:30am; Student Panel of Past Participants, 12:30pm. For more info, contact the Lester Pearson International centre at 494-2038.

Museum, a play by the Dalhousie Theatre Department, will open on Wednesday, Feb. 3 and close Saturday, Feb. 6, 1999. Showtimes are at 8pm, and there is a Saturday Matinee at 2pm. Students/Seniors \$5; Regular \$10. Call 494-3820 for more info.

Announcements

People's Theatre Festival Organizers are looking for preliminary ideas and feedback from interested people. All interested, meetings will be held on Feb. 1 at the Community YMCA on Gottingen St., 2nd floor; and on Feb. 2 at the Corner of Inglis and Robie in the basement of the St. Francis Elementary School. Call Andrea at 429-1370 for more info.

The Journal for Undergrad History Students — If you have a paper, historically oriented cartoon, book review, or cover design, submit it to the History Journal Box in the Main History House by Feb. 12 at 4:30pm. Put your name, address, phone number, email, a disk copy (if possible), in an envelope and staple it to the submission. Questions, email stewartr@is2.dal.ca.

The SUB will be closing at 6pm on Saturday Jan. 30 due to a Big Wreck concert. It will also be closed at 6pm on Munroe Day, Feb. 5 for the Charity Ball.

Help a newcomer adapt to Canada. The Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association invites you to join its volunteer tutor programme. Volunteers are matched with new Canadians to provide them with language practice. Call 423-3607 for more info.

Summer Study In China or Japan 1999. Applications are now being accepted for summer study in Xiamen, China and Hakodate, Japan, and should be submitted to Dr. Charles Beaupre, Co-ordinator, Asian Studies, St. Mary's University. Email: charles.beaupre@stmmarys.ca. Contact Charlie Toth at 420-5177 for more info.

The Elizabeth Fry Society is holding its second "Rebels With a Cause" gala and will be honouring six accomplished women who have challenged society to re-think social issues. To be held on Mar. 27, 1999. Call 454-5041 for more info.

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ECMA's 24-hour Radio Station is looking for hosts for 4-hour slots and the "All Night Party Request Show" on Radio Free ECMA. Contact Tony Hann (709) 753-4040 or (709) 745-6641 or email meesh@roadrunner.nf.net. The deadline is Jan. 29.

The Review Committee is examining the department of German. There is an open invitation to all students who would like to comment on the curriculum or future development of the department, or their experiences as students within this department. Contact Dr. Greg Hanlon, Chair, at 494-3642.

Speak Easy Program. Learn how to feel more comfortable about speaking to a class, giving a seminar, or taking part in a class discussion. Program will be offered on the following dates: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 from 5:30pm to 7pm. A \$20 deposit, refunded on attendance, is requested. Pre-registration is required at Counselling and Psychological Services, 4th Floor, SUB.

Anger Management Program, consists of four sessions. The program will be offered on Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16 from 3:30pm to 5pm. A \$20 deposit, refunded on attendance, is requested. Pre-registration is required at Counselling and Psychological Services, 4th Floor, SUB.

Solutions For Men: A Relationship Loss Group. Learn how to move beyond a romantic relationship. The group consists of four sessions on Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18 from 11:30am to 1pm. Pre-registration is required at Counselling and Psychological Services, 4th Floor, SUB.

RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS NEEDED - The Dalhousie University Department of Psychiatry is conducting a research study to learn how chronic neurological disorders affect youth and their families. If you are 15-24 years of age, and DO NOT HAVE any psychiatric or neurological problems, you and your parents may be eligible. Participation requires approximately two hours (interviews and questionnaires), some compensation included. For more information, please contact Diane or Neera at (902) 473-4891.

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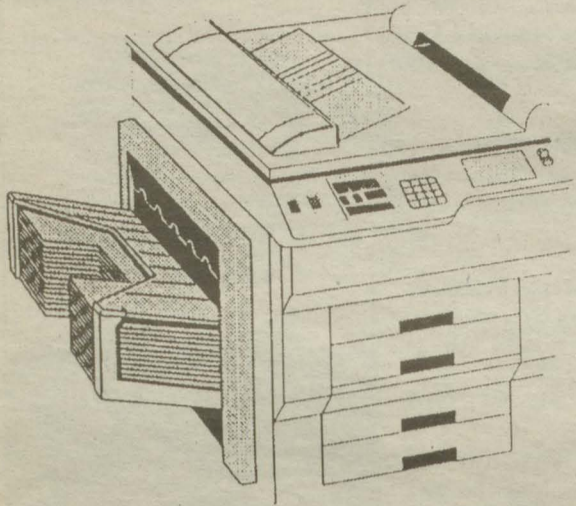
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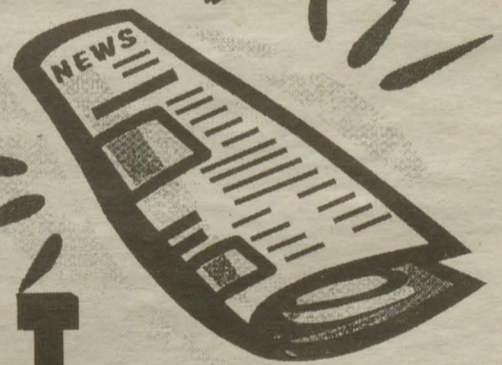
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